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WOMAN AND HOME.

A BUSINESSLIKE WOMAN AND HER VARIOUS ENTERPRISES.

New York's Free Art School—The Woman Who Pioneer—Teaching Repose of Manner—Train the Babe—What an American Girl Needs—Quick Decision.

A woman of business, a woman who can "run things" like a man, is a rare in the world. Once in a while such a woman comes to the front and she is regarded as a curiosity.

I had a talk with one of these fascinating curiosities. Her name is Mrs. Loretta J. Board. In a word, she is at the head of a variety of schemes. She is a promoter, and apparently an indefatigable one.

At first Mrs. Board was disinclined to say anything about herself personally, fearing that she would be "written up" in the style of some gushing journals. When she got started in her place, however, I saw that she could talk for a year and a day on her place.

She was born in Cuba, forty-six years ago. The name of her father, who was a Spaniard, was Joaquin Velasquez. Her mother was a French woman. Mrs. Board is a typical, go ahead western woman, not only in manner but in dress. She has two children, one the second western, the other, born exiled, the Spanish. She has a firm mouth, pale face and remarkably keen eyes.

She has been over the greater part of the world; has wandered over a considerable portion of South America, which whose resources she says she is particularly well acquainted, and has done some literary work for various periodicals, home and foreign.

Her husband, "Colonel" W. Board, is an Englishman, many years in this country, as she told me, who has seen some service on the Indian frontier, but was never a soldier.

According to the letters she showed me Mrs. Board has had an extensive acquaintance with public men, to whom she was known as Mrs. J. Velasquez. Some of these letters were from Senator Blackburn, of Kentucky; W. P. Hill, of Ohio; the late Senator Sabin; Judge L. Q. Lamar, Senator Gordon, Senator Blair and several congressmen and foreign officials. They all appeared to be in answer to some request, and some were commendatory of her business ability.

She told me she had given $125,000 for mines in South America, and that she was the possessor of silver mines in Arizona. Mrs. Board has a large number of "companies" from Mexico and Honduras. One is for a canal, another for a railway, another for a steamship company and so on.

One of her special enterprises is a mining investment and trading company incorporated in West Virginia.—New York Herald.

New York's Free Art School.

Just at the beginning of the historic Bowery museum the big brown building dedicated to science and art by Peter Cooper, who has a monument in the heart of every New Yorker, if no visible one in the city of his benefactions. During the lifetime of that good old man, there was no drawing from the nude done at Cooper Institute; he had a very intelligible, old fashioned prejudice against it. Now, however, it has fallen into line with the others and possesses that crowning glory of every art school, a life class.

Unlike the League or the Academy, Cooper is for women only, and the instruction is free to all intending to make a profession of art. Besides the usual classes it has classes in retouching photographs, crayon portraits, wood engraving, ornamental art and artistic embroidery, and a normal class in which young women are trained for teachers. This course only occupies a year. To appreciate the results that may be obtained in that short time one need see the fine work entered in competition for the prizes offered in this class, such as designs for silk, for stained glass, for wall paper, etc.

There is little discipline, little regularity about art schools. Cooper alone has a slight flavor of these qualities usually inseparable from the idea of a school. I do not know whether to say because of this fact or in spite of it Cooper is perhaps the pleasantest place for a young girl to pursue her studies. At the other schools no care is exercised over the students in other than school hours, and not much then. No responsible supervisor is furnished nor advice given as to board or residence. The students come and go as they please—no one takes any account of them. If they come, the gain is theirs; if they stay away, it is their loss. It is taken for granted that having chosen their career they will seize every opportunity for progress in it.—Isabel McDougall in Demorest's.

The Women Who Pioneer.

"She knows just how to talk to all kinds and conditions of men," was the representation given for a bright woman who makes her living so much by her ability to please as by her actual labors.

Seeing that woman observed, and observing her closely, one could not but be impressed with the truth of what had been said. She was gay with the gay, silent when any one she wanted to talk, talkative with the shy, always good tempered, never too animated, and never, never vulgar to pain nor in term. She was always charming, bright, sympathetic and sweet. She was witty, too, but not terribly so. She kept her wit in illusive conversation and to lighten dull spells, not to hurt hearts nor wounds sensitive feeling. Everybody went from her presence feeling comfortable in spirit and with reasonably satisfied hearts.

She was a peacemaker and a courage strengthener. There are two or three dozen of such women in the world, and when you find one she will tell you that it is almost impossible for her to rest an evening to herself, because so many dear, kind friends are not at home in of an evening. And she will add: "I'm glad it's so, for I should not be able to get through the day without the prospect of these pleasant evenings. I wish the days might be all evenings with alternations that never crept beyond the limits of 8 to 11 p. m."—New York World.

St. Petersburg must be a nice place to live in. It has a population of a million, yet there is no city directory. The government cannot afford to spend one on its side, and Nihilists on the north one on their side. All the more easy it becomes for deeds of blood and darkness to be wrought.

An Honest Man.

One afternoon James McCoe, the client proprietor, educated pig owner, etc., could have been seen leading his horse into a pallop on Market street in an endeavor to keep pace with a seedy looking sprinter who was dodging along with a fat purse in his hand. McCoe had seen the fellow pick it up on the sidewalk, and was impressed with the idea that he was trying to avoid the owner.

Just as the philanthropist pulled up abreast of the runner and opened his mouth to entertain him the seedy individual tapped a lady on the shoulder and handed her the purse. The lady had not missed it, but was overjoyed at escaping the loss, and fishing a half eagle out of a large quantity of gold she offered it to the man for his honesty. He declined it with thanks, lifted his hat and walked off.

McCoe nearly had a fit when the act was concluded, but recovered in time to hail the young man and bestow a hearty greeting on him.

"Honest man are so scarce these times," said McCoe, "that I want to testify my appreciation. But why didn't you take the reward when she offered it? You look as though it wouldn't have hurt you?"

"Well, I don't know as it would, but I don't need it just now, you know."

And the man with the seedy clothes reached into his pocket and fished out a handful of "twenties" that bore out his assertion.—San Francisco Examiner.

Spoke Fifty Languages.

The question is asked: Who is the man who has been termed the "Bismarck of languages?" Cardinal Mezzofanti, an Italian, who was born in 1774 and who died in 1849, is doubtless the man meant. Many terms expressive of his wonderful readiness in the acquisition and retention of languages have been applied to him, and if all that has been told of his powers in this direction be true the terms were deserved. The cardinal is said to have spoken 122 languages fluently, and to have been able to acquire a thorough knowledge of a language in from one to three weeks. One day when the cardinal was walking in the Vatican gardens, according to a story told about him, the pope sent fifty men, each speaking a different language, comprising all the tongues of Europe and many of those of Asia, to speak to him, one by one, and he responded correctly in every instance in the language in which he was addressed.—St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

Facial Expression.

A man's occupation has a great deal to do with making his facial expression. Studious, or scholarly professions, intellectual pursuits, when coupled with moral habits, brighten the face and give a superior look. An unselfish nature, or love of studies or arts, will make a bright, pleasant face; but, on the contrary, a man may have a face that does not please any one because of pure selfishness. It may be noticed that soldiers get a hard, severe look; laborers look tired; reporters look inquisitive; mathematicians look studious; judges look grave, and a man whose home life is unhappy looks all broken up. The business often makes the face. How often we think this man is a butcher, this one a lawyer, that one a minister, the other a doctor, and so on. It is seldom we are mistaken, for the callings show through the faces. And who fails to recognize the genuine farmer the minute one sets eyes on him?—New York Ledger.

Sulphur, Sulphuric Acid and Sulphides.

Sulphur occurs very widely distributed in the mineral kingdom, partly free and partly combined with other elements. The free sulphur is either found pure, in regularly formed crystals, or intimately mixed with earthy matters. In its native state sulphur is largely found in Sicily and Italy, and as a general rule in abundant volcanic districts. The brittleness of sulphur renders the cleavage imperfect. Sulphuric acid is an important combination, and a very dangerous one in inexperienced hands. Sulphur combined with a number of elements, such as iron, copper, lead, etc., furnishes the sulphides. In the vegetable kingdom sulphur is a small constituent of the albuminous bodies and of certain volatile irritant oils; moreover the vegetable juices contain it in the form of certain sulphates.—New York Telegram.

Sherman's Sayings.

It will be in order now for some properly authorized person to make a small book containing the wise and witty sayings of Gen. Sherman. He had more literary ability than any of the rest of our generals. He had far less reserve than Grant, and consequently spoke his thoughts boldly out. One of the most characteristic of his utterances was delivered on the verge of death itself. The general had had a premonition for some time that he had not long to live. He had watched with pain and mortification the attempts to erect a monument to Grant in New York. He declared most emphatically and solemnly that never with his permission, living or dead, would there be any movement toward a public subscription for a monument to him. He said repeatedly, "Remember, don't pass around the hat for me."

Another saying worthy to be graven on the memories of young Americans was this: "I have always kept in mind to undertake great things, leaving little ones to adjust themselves to results." Private Dalton continues to The New York Sun some of Sherman's utterances in regard to different generals. All are striking and original, but the "rising up" of Gen. Howard is most so. The conversation touched on the Freedman's Bureau scandal, "Howard," said the old commander, "is a soldier, every inch of him. Personally he is honest to a fault. Those rolicking fellows did all the stealing and let the blame fall on Howard."

An Intelligent Florida Mule.

Jupiter can boast of the most intelligent mule on record. He unfortunately is free, white (gray) and 21 years old. Every night this much admired animal proceeds to the life saving station. It is customary for the man on watch to discharge his rocket signal (a red light) when vessels come too near the beach. Now his mulership has "caught on" to what this signal means. So every night at 9 o'clock the sailor's four-legged friend proceeds to walk the beach, and if a vessel comes too near the shore his mulership assumes the attitude of a stubborn bull, when trying to be led by the horns, but, instead of a cerbian bull, he sends forth a neigh that makes night hideous. "Port or starboard side, boys!" is the order on the ship, and away and the poly tars in perfect safety, and with a grateful heart to the four legged patrolman.—Florida Times-Union.

Newfoundland, England and Canada.

The connection of England with her colonies on this continent reminds one of those "semi-detached villas" so extensively advertised in the London journals. After all these centuries of cohabitation it has not yet been determined just how dependent the American colonies are on the old country. An Englishman besides the colonies, says they are an element of weakness and that the kingdom would be better off without them. But let an unprejudiced outsider suggest that then England would better let those contemporary colonies go altogether and shift for themselves, when straightway the Briton grows red in the face, pounds the table and stalks his bloody eyes that the United Kingdom will hold on to them as long as she has a ship or a man left. So here is an unprejudiced outsider to make up his mind? Newfoundland is the only consistable possession of civilized British America that had the independence to stay outside the federation of states of the Dominion of Canada. Therefore she feels at liberty to exercise her own judgment even to the extent of making treaties with the United States, the same being subject in some hazy way to approval by the home government. But it shows supremely how much England actually leaves her American colonies to themselves when we remember that Newfoundland was just on the brink of making a treaty with the United States whereby our fishing vessels should go into Newfoundland ports and buy bait and fishing supplies to any extent, and also transship their fish cargoes in the same ports. In return for this the United States was to admit Newfoundland fish free. These are the very points about which Canada and our government have been disputing for years. The best of it is that England was about to allow the treaty to proceed, when Canada rose in arms and declared it meant loss and disaster to her—Newfoundland getting ahead of Canada in the fishing industry so far that Canada could never catch up. It is a strange situation, the interests of these two British American colonies so diametrically opposed to each other as even the interests of the United States and Canada are supposed to be.

Canadian statesmen profess to see in this state of affairs the fine Italian hand of Mr. Blaine, slyly dividing her majesty's colonies to their own destruction.

Meantime, however, it is not the fact that the whole United States government is lying awake nights to watch these quarrelsome little fellows fight it out.

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