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meeting planned for women only at Madison Square Garden. Men were to be rigidly excluded, but on the day of the meeting one young man managed to slip in unobserved and scamped to the top gallery, from which he watched the proceedings.

Later, in the hearing of a number of women, of whom Mrs. Sankey was one, he related his experience and was asked if he had enjoyed the meeting. "What struck me most," he replied, "was looking down upon 10,000 bonnets, no two alike."

THE BLESSED PAIR

There was a young woman without any mother
Or father or sister or aunty or brother,
Who met a young man in her own walk
and station,
Who had, I am told, not a single relation.

This motherless maid and this fatherless fellow
Went courting each other, and life seemed
all mellow
And sweet, for they had to please only
each other,
And not any aunty or father or mother.

"I love you," he said, and he never diluted
His love with the hope that his father
was suited;

"I love you," she said, and she added no
other
Remark about hoping he'd please her dear
mother.

And love seemed to smile on the whole
of their wooing,
For they passed no stand of relations
reviewing,
They wanted each other and not some
odd dozens
Of uncles and aunties and parents and
cousins.

And these kinless youngsters, pray note
ye the moral,
Were married without having had a real
quarrel,
They were not distinguished or wealthy
or clever,
But, oh, they were happy for ever and
ever.

—New York Times.

WOMEN IN BUSINESS

Banking is a field that has been so little invaded by the women of this country, that it is almost with surprise that one learns the contemplation of such a project in Germany. A number of women have formed a syndicate to commence with a capital of \$25,000 in shares of \$25.00 each, to establish a women's joint stock bank. In the statement setting forth the aim and object of the bank, it is pointed out that independent women are frequently in need of small sums, which ordinary banks are not in favor of lending, and it is to meet this demand that the women's bank will be started in one of the western suburbs of Berlin.—Woman's Journal.

Prof. Emily Balch, of Wellesley, has been appointed a member of a certain commission in Massachusetts, to investigate the inspection of factories. Miss Balch is president of the Boston Women's Trade Union League, and the author of our "Slavic Fellow Citizens." John Golden of Fall River, international president of the Textile Workers, and three other men compose the rest of the commission.

GRAINS OF GOLD

Negligence left his coat on the front steps to find that Slovenliness had wiped his feet on it.

He cannot control the output of his life, who does not guard its inlets.

TINY CLUES TO GREAT CRIMES

It is amazing how often a trivial thing has led to the discovery of a great crime. The hue and cry after "Dr." Crippen was started by the addition of the letter "i" to the name Elmore. An alleged forged letter was written to a well-known music hall artiste, and it was so well done that it would have passed examination had not the writer put two "fs" in the lady's stage name—"Elmore"—instead of one.

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fact that the forgers of the drafts forgot to date the last one presented. This almost incredible blunder led to the break-up of the most dangerous band of criminals England has ever known.

MY SHADOW

(Robert Louis Stevenson)

I have a little shadow that goes in and out with me,
And what can be the use of him is more than I can see.
He is very, very like me, from the heels up to the head;
And I see him jump before me when I jump into my bed.

The funniest thing about him is the way he likes to grow—
Not at all like proper children, which is always very slow;
For he sometimes shoots up taller like an India-rubber ball,
And he sometimes gets so little that there's none of him at all.

He hasn't got a notion of how children ought to play,
And can only make a fool of me in every sort of way.
He stays so close beside me, he's a coward
you can see;
I'd think shame to stick to nurse as that shadow sticks to me!

One morning, very early, before the sun was up,
I rose and found the shining dew on every buttercup;
But my lazy little shadow, like an arrant sleepy-head,
Had stayed at home behind me and was fast asleep in bed.

THE COOK BOOK

Cranberry Sauce: Four cups cranberries, two of sugar, one of water, boil quickly till the berries are all burst. Set away to cool. Delicious.

Irish Stew: Take 2 pounds of lean mutton and cut into inch pieces. Make a broth with 1 heaping tablespoonful of drippings browned, 2 tablespoonfuls of flour and 3 cups of water or stock. Season with salt, pepper and 2 minced onions, add the mutton and simmer for an hour and a half. Then add 4 potatoes peeled and cut in quarters and simmer until they are tender. When the potatoes are almost done add a can of peas and let come to a boil, then serve.

DOMESTIC HINTS

Soap well applied to drawer sides will keep the drawers in furniture and closets from sticking. It is also good for doors that stick.

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