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the Democratic convention at St. Louis. They were there as accredited delegates, backed up by women whose ballots are to be a factor in the choice of the next president of the United States. Half a dozen years ago or less the possibility of such an event would have been derided as the dream of some visionary suffragette. To-day it is regarded as something ordinary in the natural course of events. And why not? If the war has done anything more decisively than to smash the whole structure of sophistry and prejudice against giving women equal rights of citizenship with men, we are in ignorance of what it is. Probably not until the history of the present comes to be written with clearness and authority shall we be able to sufficiently appreciate how much the whole British Empire in this time of storm and stress owes to its women.—Ottawa Valley Journal.

Summer Longings.

Oh, to be out in the wilderness!
Far from the haunts of man,
Alone—completely and utterly,
Just for one brief span.

Away from the fret and worry,
Away from carking care,
From the things that tease and flurry,
And the man-polluted air.

Out in the virgin forest,
Or in meadows with unturned sod,
Where the seedlings are scattered by
angels,
And the husbandman is God.

Where the cataracts leap for the glory of it,
With never a turning wheel,
And the glassy calm of river or lake
Lies unruffled by plowing keel.

Where the pine trees gossip in whispers
With the rustling bracken and fern,—
Of deadly axe and rending saw
In blissful unconcern.

Where the noise and tumult of commerce
Are things unknown, unheard,
And the spoils of nature are garnered
alone
By beast, or insect, or bird.

Where, from impish chatter of squirrel
To hymn of the hermit thrush,
All sounds with the background of silence
Blend in one harmonious hush.

Just to wander unpurposeful,
To linger or run at will,
And eye, and ear, and lungs and heart
With the beauties of God to fill.

Then, should the All-wise will it,
Back to the struggle and strife,
But laden with treasures no man can
filch,
And that last till the close of life.
L. M.

Some Layer-cake Fillings.

Some of the best cooks have but one layer-cake recipe, one that they can carry out well, a "tried and true friend," always likely to be up to the standard. Variety is secured by a number of fillings and icings, which completely change the character of the cake; also by baking the cake itself, now and again, in a loaf, adding to the batter chopped nuts or melted chocolate.

The very nicest layer-cakes are baked in two thick layers; each of these, then, is split in two, and the filling is put in the three places thus left for it. One of the best fillings is a boiled custard flavored with vanilla or almond, or mixed with grated cocoanut or mashed banana. A lemon custard, also, is delicious. After a cake is filled in this way the top may be iced in any way one chooses, or may be covered with stiff whipped cream, very slightly sweetened and flavored, or left quite unsweetened, if preferred.

Orange Filling.—Take 2 cubes loaf sugar, juice of 1 lemon, 1 orange, 2 tablespoons water, icing sugar. Rub the cubes briskly over the rind of the orange to extract the flavoring oil, then dissolve the sugar in the juice of the lemon and the water. Add enough of the icing sugar to make a thick filling. Put sliced orange with the filling between the layers of the cake. Sift pulverized sugar over the top of the cake and decorate with slices of orange

dipped in candy-syrup so as to glaze them.

Fig Filling.—One lb. figs, 2 table-
spoons sugar, 1 cup water, juice of 1
lemon. Put the figs through the medium
cutter of a food chopper, add the water
and sugar and cook to a pulp. When
cool add the lemon juice and beat well.

Hasty Filling.—Beat 4 tablespoons
preserves or jelly until smooth. Add
a tablespoonful of lemon juice, then
enough pulverized sugar to make as
thick as cream. Put between the
layers, and dust sifted sugar over the
top.

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Yuan had waited for me in Washington
as a sprinter awaits the pistol. Within
three hours after my arrival, a train left
for the west—the last that would connect
with the steamer for China, it was almost
necessary for him to catch. Missing
this train meant the loss of a week in
Peking. We did some quick thinking.
I encountered a really surprising pressure
of disinclination to leave him.

Huntoon wanted some of my South
America, as he stated it. Yuan and I
desired him to have it. The interest
of the Chinese in this intrepid and im-
possible boy, because their heart-interests
converged at the same point, has always
been a nice bit of human delicacy to me.
"Huntoon," said I, "it will make only a
difference of ten days or two weeks,
if we sail for Guayaquil from San
Francisco—instead of going down Atlantic
way."

He licked his lips and looked dis-
tressed. I expected Yuan to command
me not to break the original order;
and when he did not instantly—my
decision formed.

"I've got a ship sailing from Baltimore
to-morrow night," Huntoon said with
effort. "My bag's packed. I'd better
get it. I don't feel juicy enough to
cross the States again—past St. Louis.
I'll wait for you in Guayaquil—and
we'll go down to—what's this mining
town?"

"Libertad," said I.

"Together," said he.

I was too rushed to realize that he
was suffering, as he told me afterward,
from "dry-rot." The incorrigible wings
of conduct, clipped to the bone for the
St. Louis return, had grown again.
He was sick for a ship under his feet
and a smoking-room that never closed.
I hesitated a second for Yuan to speak,
and vaguely understood how he wanted
me—when he did not. And so we
arranged—Huntoon to wait for me at
Guayaquil.

Exactly fifteen hours after I had left
Mary Romany in Covent, a train pulled
out of Washington for the west, Yuan
and I in one of the night coaches.
Huntoon and his bag had left for
Baltimore twenty minutes earlier from
the same station. . . Fifteen hours
of the Year gone—I remembered the
morning—the rain, the cold and the
rending. The next night it was Chicago
we were leaving, and Huntoon was at
sea again.

That second night, departing from
Dearborn Street, Yuan asked me to
tell him once more of my call at the
Charity House in Philadelphia. The
long evening was before us, and I began
as one would tell a story to a child—a
story that the child had heard often
and approved, all the details, all the
words.

The strong elements of the man were
whipped and cowering. He lit a cigarette,
and it burned to his fingers without
touching his lips again. He did not
seem to hate China nor to blame the
Ambassador. It was his utter acceptance
of the fate of Yuan Kang Su which
tortured me. The vigorous human
nature, repressed so long, had risen
with all its accumulated might to protect
and treasure this woman. Yet he had
not gone to Philadelphia to see her,
even for an hour. I think Jane Forbes
understood this better than I—as she

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