



THE eyes of the whole educational world are turned just now upon California, where, thanks to the courage and self-sacrifice of two wealthy widows, a couple of universities that are probably destined to become the greatest on this continent are growing up. The romance connected with Stanford University, it has been well said, is such as we should expect from the West. After Senator Stanford's death, there was a time when his widow was practically reduced to poverty, and the fate of the university which they had founded as a memorial to their only son was in the balance. But she sacrificed all her luxuries and took hold of things with a fine business grasp. The result of it all was that she has made the university the richest institution of its kind in the world. Now comes Mrs. Phoebe A. Hearst, widow of the late Senator George Hearst, with a gift of over \$7,000,000 to revive and enlarge the State University of California, and, doubtless, more millions will follow, if required. It was for this new institution that the admirable architectural competition, open to the world, and judged by a jury of three leading European architects, was projected and carried to its brilliant conclusion. There was a broadness about Mrs. Hearst's ideas that is without parallel in the history of this country, and she not only did great good to the institution, but she set a precedent of the utmost value.

MRS. STANFORD, in making over the last of her property to the trustees of the university, made the rather surprising condition that, no matter what the attendance may become, the total number of women admitted as students is never to exceed 500. The reason is one of singular interest. The original plan was to admit women on equal terms with men, but it was supposed that they would not form more than a fourth, or, at most, a third of the attendance. When the university opened the women were 22 per cent., but in the year since then they have increased to 41 per cent., so that at present there are 463 women out of a total of 1,153 students. Various questions have grown out of this action, and the discussion of them has been rather plain and pointed. Mrs. Stanford's limitation of the number of female students in Stanford University possesses a curious interest in view of the fact that this year all the higher institutions where women are admitted are crowded more than ever before. Some of them have not the accommodations for all the women who want to enter.

MANY people are, doubtless, ignorant of the fact that there are women Freemasons in France, and, indeed, a French lodge for both sexes, with a Grand Mistress named Mme. George Martin. There is no lodge for female Freemasons only, but the great advantage of the mixed lodge is recognized.

CALLOSITIES, or thickened and hardened portions of the skin, very often occur upon the palms of the hands and soles of the feet, or in any part of the skin which is exposed to intermittent pressure. Golf players, and women who take a great deal of exercise of any kind, are particularly liable to these troublesome and unsightly excrescences. An English paper says: "The best treatment is to bathe the parts with hot water, or put on a hot water dressing, and scrape away gently with a knife, or to apply a solution of caustic potash."

AT a recent English baby show, the Earl and Countess Cowper were patrons, and amongst those in attendance were such notables as Lord Kitchener, of Khartoum; the Speaker and Mrs. Gully, the Right Hon. Arthur Balfour, M.P.,

Lady Margaret Graham, Lady Helen Vincent, Lord Alwyne Compton, Lord Douglas Compton, Lord Revelstoke, General and Mrs. Talbot, General and Mrs. Lyttelton, Mrs. Robert Crawshaw, Mrs. Leslie, and Mrs. W. H. Grenfell. The baby show is an institution which has not flourished in Canada, except in a small way at rural fairs, but, in the Old Country, it seems to be recognized as a useful, and certainly an interesting kind of competition.

A WOMAN who is ill-mannered enough to be constantly arranging her hair, pushing her combs in and out, fussing with her veil and her collar, and twisting her glove-fingers, makes herself a target for remark and impudent observation. Our dressing should be done at home and finished there, and then forgotten.

I HATE statistics, but the following figures relating to United States women are so significant that I cannot refrain from giving them a place: "In 1870, American actresses numbered 692; they are now 3,883. Women architects have grown from 1 to 50; painters and sculptors, from 412 to 16,000; literary and scientific writers, from 109 to 3,161; pastors, from 67 to 1,522; dentists, from 34 to 417; engineers, from 67 to 201; journalists, from 35 to 900; lawyers, from 5 to 471; musicians, from 5,763 to 47,309; doctors and surgeons, from 527 to 6,882; accountants, from zero to 43,071, and stenographers and typewriters, from 7 to 50,633.

THE Cromarty title seems fated to descend in the female line, for it came to the father of the present countess (the only British countess in her own right) by special remainder from his mother, who was created in 1861, by the Queen, Countess of Cromarty, Viscountess Tarbat, Baroness Castlehaven and Baroness Macleod, in the peerage of the United Kingdom. At her death, in 1888, her second son became Earl of Cromarty; on his decease, the peerage fell into abeyance between his two young daughters, the Queen deciding the abeyance in favor of the present countess, who has just come of age.

ZINC is the latest color for skirts in Paris. A correspondent says the new color is destined in all probability to become extremely fashionable. It is, as the name suggests, a bluish grey. There are really three shades of grey equally fashionable now—the zinc grey, the iron grey, and the silver grey.

THERE is a curious exchange of work between men and women in Chicago, and the hoary joke on Paris "Where is the chambermaid?" "I am he," is becoming a reality on this continent. A dearth of maid servants, and an advance in wages suggested to mistresses the employment of men as cooks and second maids, and for general housework. Hotels also have tried male help, and the verdict is that the experiment is so successful that in many places the employers have signified their intention of dispensing with women help. It seems too good news to be true that the autocrat of the range, the tub and the broom is at last to be taught her proper place in the domestic economy. Who knows? She may learn to be civil and capable when she is forced to compete for her kingdom.

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SOME SIMPLE EXERCISES FOR WOMEN.

A WOMAN who has improved a naturally ungraceful figure says that it has been accomplished by remembering every time she is required to stand to lift herself upon her toes and let herself down gently, leaving her weight upon the balls of the feet, instead of upon the heels. "When this is done," she says, "it is not necessary to think of chin or shoulders." She has learned to walk in this way, and says that her feet grow less tired than formerly, because the portion of the foot which was intended to bear the weight is in proper use.

A glance at the position of the arch of the instep will prove