

Great Personage's Doings.

The young Empress of Russia, if she lived in this country, would have been a leader of the suffrage movement. She believes that most, if not all, the great reforms which have taken place in the world have been brought about, if only indirectly, by women. Under her imperial patronage societies for the higher culture of women are not only growing daily more numerous in St. Petersburg, but they are rapidly spreading throughout Russia.

Since her imperial Majesty has become so much interested in women's work and clubs the Czar has ordered that full reports of all such proceedings shall be prepared for the perusal of the Empress. One of the Czar's secretaries attends all women's meetings in the capacity of a reporter and writes down every word in shorthand, so that, should the Czarina desire it, a full account can at once be produced for her inspection. Her Majesty is something of an anglomania; she has ordained that presentations shall be made in the English fashion, the sovereign offering her hand to be kissed and not shaken, as was the custom of the dowager Empress.

Margherita, Queen of Italy, although not ostensibly in favor of equal suffrage, does all she can to encourage women's work. The gold medals recently presented to her ladies in waiting who have completed thirty years of service was designed by a woman.

Future generations may perhaps read an account of the life of the Empress of Germany as written by herself. The Empress is in the habit of writing daily in her diary. No one ever sees the contents—not even the Emperor. At the close of the year a new diary is opened and the old one, which has a lock clasp, is consigned to the iron safe containing her Majesty's domestic jewelry.

The King of Sweden sets aside every second Tuesday on which any one of his subjects may call on him. The only formality required is to send in one's card, the visitors being received when their turn comes in the order of arrival.

King Oscar of Sweden has had his life insured, the premium being 37,000 kroner, \$10,360, per year. He was 71 years old on January 21. The King still retains his love for the sea, to which he was apprenticed in his youth, and every August he makes a long cruise along the bold and romantic coast of his northern kingdom.

King Christian of Denmark loves to romp with his grandchildren and he may often be seen seated in a diminutive pony carriage, trusting himself to the care of a very youthful coachman, or he sometimes acts as the willing horse of a very young driver.

It is said that if the Sultan of Turkey were allowed to consult his own tastes he would only have one wife, instead of the 300 he now maintains in his harem. He dare not abolish the institution, for he knows that the day he saw the last of his royal harem would also see the last of his reign. Each occupant of the harem receives the title of princess, hence it is the ambition of every Turkish officer to get his daughter into it. She is given a large dower, a staff of ten servants and a coach and four. The maintenance of the harem costs the country about \$15,000,000 yearly. The Sultan is probably the richest man in Europe. He receives \$1,000,000 yearly from the country and \$500,000 from his private estates. He has \$8,000,000 invested in America.

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We wish to secure the service of families to do knitting for us in their homes. Our method is the same as adopted in England. We are the largest knitting concern in Canada. After long experimenting we have been able to produce an Automatic Machine by which all kinds of quickly learn to do the work from the Instruction Guide, thereby enabling anyone of ordinary intelligence to follow to directions. The Machine being made expressly for this purpose, and the operation so simple, it cannot possibly make a mistake in its work.

The great demand now is for Bicycle Stockings, Gents' Socks and Ladies' Hosiery; and as we are unable to supply the demand, have taken this method of advertising for more help.

The large export trade to Northwest Territories, B. Columbia and the British Colonies furnishes an unlimited demand for our goods; and, with the combined co-operation of the many families we are employing, together with the large amount of knitting we are able to turn out, by which we save rents, insurance, interest on capital, etc., enable us to undersell any manufacturers of this class of goods, and we have sale for all the knitting we can have turned out.

Machine weighs, boxed 17 pounds and can be sent only by express, which we prepay.

The price we pay for finished bicycle stockings is \$10.00 per 100 pairs; ladies' hose, \$10.00 per 100 pairs; woodmen's socks, \$5.00 per 100 pairs; mittens, \$12.00 per 100 pairs. All other work in proportion to size.

The machine can be operated by anyone of a family, and at our price any energetic family should be able to sustain themselves comfortably, and in time be a source of independent comfort.

Our plan is to send out each machine to beginners with a sock or stocking partially knitted, and remaining in the machine ready to be continued, and also enough yarn to knit one pair of sample socks or stockings, and a simple and complete Instruction Guide, showing how the work is to be done. When the samples have been finished and returned to us as we have stated, is simple and rapidly done, the machine having a capacity of ten thousand stitches a minute, will turn out a pair of socks or stockings in 20 minutes. We have many persons now in our employ who can knit from twenty-five to thirty pairs of socks or stockings a day; and where the time of a family is devoted to the work, you can readily see that good wages are easily earned.

We furnish our workers all the materials, yarn, etc., free, and everything that is necessary for the work. We are furnishing the machines only for the exclusive use of those desiring to take employment with us, who must, in order to become a member, send us this Contract Order Form, properly signed by them and at least one good reference, and remittance accordingly, to give us the necessary assurance that the quantities of valuable yarn we send from time to time will not be wasted or misappropriated. Our interests are mutual and this confidence must be established if you are to succeed. We guarantee fair dealing and prompt payment for work, so do not ask us to deviate from our terms, as we cannot make a distinction with one and not another; besides we are doing an extensive business and must be governed by business principles.

The manufactured price of the machine is \$20 and positively will not be sold to any others than those who will agree to do knitting for us. To such we are giving a discount of 25 per cent., making the price net \$15.00, covering cost of manufacture, etc., expecting to derive a profit from the production of the machines and labor of our employees. If at any time after you commence and wish to discontinue, we will take back machine, and refund the amount paid for same, after deducting cost of our expense only.

There is a Large Demand by the Trade for this class of work. Our workers can depend upon it year after year, and if you engage with us (whole or spare time) we will keep you supplied with work as long as you do it satisfactorily for us and return it promptly. We entrust our workers with large quantities of valuable yarn, and as we give references as to our honesty and integrity, we must ask you to do the same, in order that we may know with whom we are dealing.

We have, in as brief a manner as possible, endeavored to show you what our work is; and we simply say as to the machine, it is just what we represent it to be, and will positively do everything we claim for it, or refund the money. Each machine, securely packed with an outfit, is set up for work, thoroughly tested, and a sock or stocking partially knitted before boxing and shipping. Should you decide to engage with us, it will be necessary to send us Cash Contract Order Form, properly signed by you and at least one good reference, together with the remittance accordingly, upon receipt of which we will forward machine and outfit ready to commence. Respectfully yours,

## THE YORKSHIRE MANUFACTURING COMPANY, TORONTO.

Our References—EXPRESS COMPANIES, BANKS, OR TORONTO BUSINESS HOUSES.

If you wish to examine the machine and see the material before undertaking the work, you can do so by sending \$3.00 as a guarantee of good faith, and to defray expense of shipping and we will send everything to your nearest express company, leaving a balance of twelve dollars to pay the agent and 25c. for the return charges on the money to us. We are so frequently and unnecessarily asked if one can learn to knit without a teacher. We say, yes; it requires no teacher; any person of ordinary intelligence who can read the Instruction Guide can learn to knit at once.

### ORDER FORM.—\$15.00 CASH CONTRACT ORDER FORM.

To the YORKSHIRE MANUFACTURING CO., 130 YONGE ST., TORONTO, ONT.  
Gentlemen: I desire to do the work as described in this advt. and enclose \$15.00 to pay for one of your regular price \$20.00 Automatic Knitting Machine, together with material, instructions and everything necessary for the work, the same to be sent to me by Express Companies Payment.  
It is understood and agreed that any time I wish to discontinue working for the company they will take back the machine and outfit and after deducting their expense, refund me the amount paid for same.

Nearest Express Office is at

Full Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Sender or head of family (if possible) must sign here.

P. O. \_\_\_\_\_ Street \_\_\_\_\_

County \_\_\_\_\_ Prov. \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Reference \_\_\_\_\_

Mention  
Toronto Ladies' Journal.

Be sure to use this form when sending your remittance for the machine and outfit, which you must fill in and then tear off and return to us and also state here how much time you can devote to the work; also how you wish to be paid, weekly, monthly or as you send in the work.

You can send by Express Money Order by any Express Company and obtain a RECEIPT for your money, or Registered Letter or P. O. Order.

### Work For 10 Hours.

A Dainty Needle Case.—A pretty and dainty little gift recently seen is a needle case. It is very easily made, provided one has some knowledge of the art of crocheting. The top of this little needle-book should be round and should be made by crocheting knitting silk, or the crochet silk over a flat corset lace. This gives it a firm, raised appearance, and is very easily performed, as only the simplest crochet stitch is required for this purpose. The top and bottom of the needle case should be the same, being finished off with a neat fancy crocheted border, and between these crochet covers should be four or five round pieces of fine white flannel, which should be pinked out about the edges, and a neat border of leather stitching, in pale blue floss, to match color of the crochet silk, should complete these flannel leaves. They should be plentifully filled with the various sorts of

needles, and pale baby ribbon should be procured for tying the top and bottom together when not in use. This idea could be carried out by substituting for the crochet work, a pale shade of fine leather, chamois skin, linen or any material desired, when a delicate spray of flowers should be finely embroidered upon the other.

Finger Bowl Dollies.—Finger bowls were once looked upon as a luxury, only to be brought to light upon ceremonious occasions, but to-day they are to be found upon almost every dinner table where fruit is served; their usefulness having been discovered they seem inseparably connected with the fruit. In the home where refinement and daintiness dwell, pretty little dollies are usually placed under these finger towels, the dollies being removed from the fruit plate with the bowls before the fruit is passed. These dollies may be made of plain, hemstitched linen, but a little embroidery would certainly repay one in beautiful results. Bright little Dresden flowers would look very pretty scattered over the surface of each dolly, and these should be embroidered in their natural shades. The typical Dresden shades are, violet, green, yellow, pink, old blue and



old red, the flowers generally consisting of violets, forget-me-nots, roses or any small variety. The edge of the napkins should be finished by means of buttonhole work. Something newer in design would be the brilliant and decided jewel effect. When this style is employed the button-holed edge could have every alternate scallop embroidered in a different shade of floss, or outline silk, with very striking effect.

### To Make Shoes W

Take one-half pound of tallow, two ounces of turpentine, two ounces of beeswax, two ounces of olive oil and four ounces of good lard. Melt by a gentle heat. This mixture should be rubbed into boots and shoes a few hours before using them, and makes them not only impervious to rain and snow, but softens the leather as well. New shoes should be rubbed two or three times before using them.