

FOR THE LADIES.

A Minister's Wife.

A minister's wife—well, let me see, just what a minister's wife should be: Quiet and thoughtful, and kind and good, A very queen in a generous mood; With the softest voice and the gentlest air, That will carry comfort everywhere; With fairy footfall among the sick; Considerate, pious, always quick To see the good in her neighbor's face; Quiet, comforting, full of grace, With a bright face and a loving heart, The better to act her chosen part; Averse to gossip, dainty and nice, She gives no ear to this common vice; A "lady bountiful" to the poor; Now what shall I say, anything more? She makes her home a heaven of rest To him, her chosen, whom she loves best; An elysium on earth, pure and bright, Full of sunshine; an exquisite sight; Like Cesar's wife, above suspicion, 'E'en to the most distorted vision; In truth, just a good wife; that is all, Such as may to your own lot befall.

ROBERT F. DeBELLE.

Story of the Empress Victoria.

The Empress Victoria, wife of the late Emperor Frederick of Germany, has always been a careful and keen-eyed disciplinarian in domestic life. She notices the slightest variation in the dress of a housemaid as quickly as she used to detect a fault in her children, and punishes one as inexorably as the other. Prince Henry, the brother of the present Emperor, had, when a small boy, the greatest objection to his daily bath, and the nursery became every morning the scene of a vigorous and fearful struggle, on his part, against "tubbing." His mother tried in vain to persuade him that baths were inevitable, and that he must submit to them; but she finally gave the nurse orders, one morning, to let him have his own way. Prince Henry, confident that he had gained a remarkable victory, was exultant, and when he set out for his morning walk took no pains to conceal his triumph. He indulged in snarly taunting remarks to his attendants; but on returning home he was surprised to notice that the sentinel at the gate did not present arms as he passed.

On reaching the palace he found a second sentinel equally remiss, and, knowing as well as any of his punctilious military race what was due to his rank, the little fellow walked up to the man and asked severely: "Do you know who I am?" "Yes, hoheit," said the sentinel, standing motionless. "Who am I?" "Prinz Heinrich." "Why don't you salute, then?" "Because we do not present arms to an unwashed prince," replied the sentinel, who had received orders from the Prince's mother. The little fellow said not a word, but walked on, bravely winking back the two big tears which filled his eyes. Next morning, however, he took his bath with perfect docility, and was never known to complain of it again.

A Paste That Will Adhere to Anything.

Prof. Alex. Winchell is credited with the invention of a cement that will stick to anything. Take two ounces of clear gum arabic, one and one-half ounce of fine starch and one-half ounce of white sugar. Pulverize the gum arabic and dissolve it in as much water as the laundress would use for the quantity of starch indicated. Dissolve the starch and sugar in the gum solution. Then cook the mixture in a vessel suspended in boiling water until the starch becomes clear.

The cement should be as thick as tar and should be kept so. It can be kept from spoiling by dropping in a lump of gum camphor or a little oil of cloves or saffrahs. This cement is very strong indeed, and will stick perfectly to glazed surfaces, and is good to repair broken rocks, minerals or fossils. The addition of a small amount of sulphate of aluminum will increase the effectiveness of the paste, besides helping to prevent decomposition.

Bismarck and the Fair Sex.

If in all Germany there are those who rejoice in the retirement of Bismarck they belong to that class who have come to regard Bismarck as a woman-hater. The truth seems to be that Bismarck has always had a very distinct conviction that woman had a sphere and that she ought to stick to it. It is told that upon one occasion the Countess Wadersee remarked to the chancellor that the Empress Frederick was a lady of ripe political judgment. "Yes," answered Bismarck, "I am sure of it, for the politics of the ladies lie in the nursery and the kitchen, and I am aware that the empress is an admirable wife and mother."

"But," argued the countess, with a good deal of vehemence, "a woman may have interests outside the nursery."

"Certainly," said Bismarck, "when her husband is content to rock the cradle."

The wife of Count Schouvaloff, the Russian ambassador, was always quarreling with Bismarck and amusing tales are told of the spirited disputes that passed between them. Upon one occasion Bismarck was particularly grumpy and he snubbed not only the countess but every other lady in the room in the most brutal manner. As she withdrew from the apartment one of the large Russian mastiffs in the hallway had the temerity to growl at the chancellor. Whereupon the Countess Schouvaloff ran to the door and called out, scathily: "Prince Bismarck, don't you dare bite my dog."

The Farmer's Wife.

BY LARRY GAUTT OF ATHENS.

I will not waste all of my sympathy on the farmer. There is one class even more deserving of pity and relief than you, my friends. I refer to the farmer's wife. There is not a burden that you bear but the little woman, who is the light of your home, shares it with you. Your trials and cares pierce her tender and sympathetic heart as a dagger. She bears equally with you your every load; but, I say with pain and regret, that she is at times too often deprived of a share of your pleasures. Did ye horny-handed lords of creation ever consider that while you are working in the field your wife was at the house toiling just as hard as yourself; and that while you had but one task before you she has a host of duties to perform, each pressing upon her at one and the same time? When you return to your noonday meal and find a welcoming smile and everything ready to your hand—as if the confusion of the morning had been touched by a

fairy's wand and order produced from chaos—do you ever consider the vast amount of work that these pleasant surroundings have cost the poor wife?

At night, when taking your ease, does it occur to you to look around and see if your wife is having her season of rest? You will find the old couplet verified in her case, which says:

"Man works from sun to sun,
But woman's work is never done."

We men are all too selfish and self-concerned—and I am no exception to the rule. We imagine that because we are the breadwinners of the family, the women's work is mere child's play.

Never was there a graver error. There is not a farmer beneath the sound of my voice but who, if he were made to exchange places with his wife, would be begging her to rub back in less than twenty-four hours.

At night, when you are locked in the arms of Morpheus, and your weary frame drinks in the rest that nature demands, the wife at your side is trying to quiet a fretful child lest it disturb "poor tired papa." The dear, unselfish creature! She never thinks of her own weary frame and aching brow.

By the dawn of day that poor wife is on her feet, preparing the best repast the larder will afford. You return to your work in the field, while the wife resumes the old treadmill existence that is rarely broken by a ray of pleasure.

You men can go to town and there meet and mingle with friends and discuss the news of the day. How many times during the year does the poor wife cross the threshold of her home, except to attend divine worship on Sunday? And even then you expect her to look after or prepare a dinner for your friends.

I do not believe there is a man living who appreciates his wife as he should. He loves and cherishes her; but he should do even more than this. We should resolve never to take a pleasure but the wife equally enjoys it with us. She bears her full part of our toils and trials and it is only just and right that she should also reap the fruits of our prosperity.

It should be the first duty of a good man to look to the comfort and pleasure of his wife. Before you add another acre of land to your possessions; before you build a new barn; before you purchase an implement to expedite your work, or before you improve your stock, look through your home—go into the kitchen, the wash room and the dairy, and see if there is not some utensil or invention that you can buy to lessen your poor wife's labor. Lift a part of the burden from her shoulders, that she has so long and uncompromisingly borne, and see that her remaining days are made as happy and as comfortable as your affairs will warrant.

Effect of Strikes.

The strike which has been going on in Toronto, among the building trades for the last five or six weeks, though greatly reduced, is still of sufficient strength to interfere perceptibly with the building operations of the city. That the city has sustained a great loss by this enforced holiday, few will be disposed to deny, while should the men ultimately gain their demands, the increase of wages will hardly compensate them for the loss of nearly one eighth of a year's wages. Of course it is not to be forgotten, that where a question of principle or right is at stake the money consideration is an insignificant thing, and will not be seriously considered by a true-hearted man, nevertheless the profit and loss aspect of strikes is a legitimate subject for consideration. And in this respect it is doubtful if they are ever a gain. Indeed some economists boldly assert that loss is always the result. One writer has compared a strike to the act of a man who burns his barn to destroy the rats that ate his corn. Here are some figures that may be profitably pondered by those social agitators who would cure the ills of poverty by first impoverishing society. According to the United States Reports of 1880, the total amount of wages lost by strikes during the year was \$3,711,097. The aggregate number of days lost was 1,989,872 and the number of men idle was 64,779. The loss of wages in the St. Louis railroad strike of 1886 was a million dollars, without reckoning the loss of productive labor, which is estimated at a million more. The loss of railroad property in Pittsburgh by fire and otherwise in the great strike of 1877, was from eight to ten million dollars. In the engineer's strike on the C. B. and Q. railroad in 1888, the cost was over two million dollars. The dockmen's strike in London last summer was estimated to have entailed a loss of several million dollars. From all which the conclusion is drawn that every strike, whether successful or not, is a total loss to the community as a whole, however it may effect particular individuals.

WIRELETS.

Large quantities of gin and whiskey have been seized by the Customs authorities at Quebec.

The northern part of the city of Sofia, Bulgaria, has been almost destroyed by a hurricane.

The cholera scourge has made its appearance in Southern Russia and is travelling westward.

Henry M. Stanley will come to America in the autumn and will lecture in most of the principal cities.

A fire started by an incendiary has rendered two thousand people homeless in Middlesborough, Ky.

The Argentine Republic has determined that in the payment of Customs dues one-half the amount must be payable in gold.

The Bey of Tunis has ordered that all negro domestics in his dominion must be given certificates of freedom by their employers.

An official enquiry is being made concerning the frequent cases of starvation in London, England, the object being to obtain information for the benefit of Parliament.

The Governor of Louisiana, in addressing the State Legislature, denounced the lottery as a monster evil, and said he would use his best exertions to prevent the company obtaining a renewal of its charter.

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Boat Ahoy!

The rapids are below you," cried a man to a pleasure party whom he descried gliding swiftly down the stream toward the foaming cataract. And we would cry "Boat, ahoy!" to the one whose life bark is being drawn into the whirlpool of consumption, for unless you use effective measures you will be wrecked in Death's foaming rapids. Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery will strengthen and restore your lungs to a healthy condition, and is a sure relief for coughs and colds.

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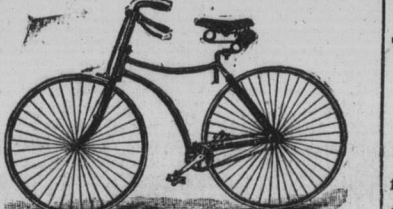
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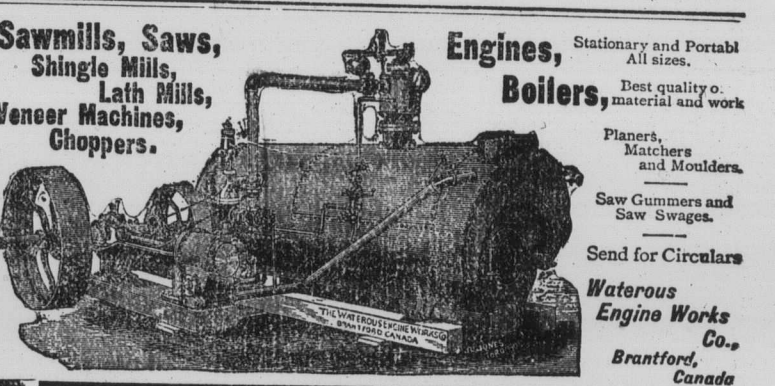
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