

FOR AND ABOUT WOMEN.

WOMEN AND LIFE INSURANCE.

"Women seem to have a rooted dislike to insuring their lives." This was the assertion of one of a new firm of women insurance brokers...

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THE JULY BABIES.

The man born in July is bold, and of strong mind. He will be eloquent, and if he studies music or literature will make himself a great name.

The woman born in July will be very beautiful, courageous and virtuous. She will be pleasant in her manner of speaking, and will frequently resort to fibbing.

ABOUT PERSONS AND THINGS.

Constantly the statement is made that New York society women "make up" their faces for dinners and balls as carefully as actresses do.

A missionary at Uganda, referring to the women recently sent out to that post by the Church Missionary Society, says: "Their arrival caused great joy to the natives, especially to the women, and no small amount of comment."

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THE BABY'S CRY.

The meaning of the cry of the baby is a study which will be taken up by some young physicians who will make a specialty of children's diseases.

"Mothers can aid immeasurably, if they will," said one of the young doctors. "I was called in the other day by a mother to prescribe for 'something dreadful' that she was convinced her child was suffering from, and found it to be too warm clothing and so only discomfort. In the nurse's eyes, the only remedy for any indicated discomfort on the part of a child is the bottle. If the baby cries, it must be fed; again, more feeding; if it worries, feed it; if it is sick and nauseated, still offer it milk. It may be too tired from lying on one side, it may be too warm or too cold, or have colic from an overloaded stomach, or a half dozen other conditions may exist which forbid or do not call for feeding, but only this is offered."

"It is the nurse or the mother, whichever is the constant caretaker of an infant, who can learn if she will to distinguish the little shades of meaning in a young child's cry."

It is a fact well known to physicians that the cry of a baby suffering from cholera infantum is very indicative of the progress of the disease. A mother was much surprised to be told by her physician after the death of her first born that, as he entered the hall door on the occasion of his first visit to his little patient and heard its cry, he knew there was little or no hope, for, he said, "that cry is one which rings in a doctor's ears when once he has heard it, and he quickly recognizes it."

This mother found that the little wail of agony rung in her ears, too, for when several years after, another child suffered from the same disease, its first cry, quickly identified by the unforgetting mother, sent a hurry call to the physician's office.

If the utterance of dumb beasts can be studied and understood, there is hope for the baby, that most helpless of all living nature.—New York Times.

PERFECTION IN HATRED.

The Albany Argus tells of a woman whose hatred for men was so intense that she refused to accept a legacy left her by a male relative. Who ever heard of a woman-hater that would carry his vindictiveness to such a bitter extreme?

STRANGE SOURCE OF NERVOUS MALADIES.

A somewhat heroic French scientist is credited with having boldly declared that a large number of nervous maladies from which girls at the present day suffer are to be attributed to playing the piano. Statistics show, according to this authority, that of 1000 girls who study this instrument before the age of 12, no less than 600 suffer from this class of

THE LATE M. JULES SIMON.

Very few, even among the most sanguine Catholics, had the courage to believe it possible that when M. Jules Simon departed this life his body would be carried into a Paris church, and the Bishops, Cabinet Ministers, ambassadors, and representatives of public bodies, together with many other persons of note, would be gathered together there around a towering catafalque ablaze with tapers while Mass was being said for the repose of his soul.

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The brilliant ball is over, The guests and minstrels gone— Within her own fair bower, The maiden stands alone.

Her robe of satin trailing, Resplendent in the light; The golden curls half veiling, The lovely face from sight.

She stands,—(fresh roses falling From sparkling porte bouquet), With downcast eyes, recalling The dance and banquet gay.

Then draws the night-lamp nearer, Little high her jewelled arms, And in the shining mirror, Begins to view her charms.

O strange, mysterious image! She sees,—what sees she there? Her own sweet, rosy visage, Bright eyes, and sunny hair?

Ah, no! the glass before her Grows dim, as if with tears, And from its depths (O horror!) A bleeding face appears!

A face divinely tender, Whose brow a crown adorns; Not rich with gilded splendor, But rough with cruel thorns!

The temples bruised and bleeding, The sad and hollow eyes, The white lips mutely pleading, Before her, shuddering rise!

"Oh! pardon, Jesus, pardon!" She weeping kneels to say; And ruds her glittering garments, And casts her gems away.

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SERVANT GIRLS IN AUSTRALIA.

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they may have the afternoons and evenings off every alternate week. It is believed that the expenses of the household would not be increased by adopting this step, as domestic service under this new condition of affairs would be rendered so attractive that servants would be obtainable at half the present wages, and sweating in factories would be largely diminished by reducing the number of applicants.

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nearly at an end, and as a result, an extensive coal deposit has been discovered which will materially affect not only the district in which it is located, but also the whole country. The discovery of coal in Algona means the utilization of the iron in the district, which now can be worked to advantage, whereas it was formerly difficult to make profitable use of the iron resources of the district while coal had to be imported from a distance.

A FEAT OF PENMANSHIP.

MORE THAN 7000 WORDS ON ONE POSTAL CARD.

Walter D. Wellman, a bookkeeper in the employ of Anstacher Bros., the commission merchants, has performed the remarkable feat of writing in long hand 7068 words on an ordinary postal card.

Mr. Wellman also asserts that he had plenty of room to spare and could easily have gotten in 8,500 words. He worked on it for fifteen days at odd moments, when he could escape from his business duties. He says he could have accomplished it in six hours of steady work.

The postal card can easily be read with a glass, and a person with a good eye can read it without the help of a glass. A fellow-clerk of Mr. Wellman easily read the postal with his naked eye, but begged off from all postals being written in this fashion.

The 7068 words are written with an ordinary steel pen in violet ink. The ink is a mere matter of chance, and has nothing to do with the fineness of the work.

Mr. Wellman has never done any work of this kind before. His only practice was in writing the Lord's Prayer. Without the slightest difficulty he accomplished the feat of writing these seventy-two words in a space no larger than a gold quarter of a dollar.

A PLACE FOR BACHELORS.

Housekeeping at Bulwayway must be rather expensive at present. Reports just to hand state the price of milk at 36¢ per gallon, and many other provisions, the supply of which is affected by the cattle plague and the native outbreak at proportionally high rates.

HEARTLESS GIRL.

"Proud beauty," said he, striking an attitude he had learned by constant attendance at the 10, 20, 30 drama—"proud beauty, I go from here to the river, where I shall end my sorrows by jumping in."

ARTEMUS WARD'S COURTSHIP.

"'Twas a calm still night in June. All nature was hushed and many zeller disturbed the screen silens. It sat with Betsy Jane on the fence of her father's pasture. We'd been romping threw the woods, killin' flours and driving the woodchuck from his Native Lair (so to speak) with long sticks.

"Wall, we got thar on the fence, a swingin' our feet two and fro, blushin' as red as the Baldinsville school house when it was first painted, and lookin' very simple I make no doubt. My left arm was ockepied in ballinain' myself on the fence, while my rite was woundid invinly round her waste. I cleared my throat and tremblin'ly sed:

"'Betsy, you're a gazelle." "I thought that air was putty fine. I waited to see what effect it would hav upon her. It evidently didn't fete her, for she up and sed:

"'You're a sheep." "Ses I, 'Betsy, I think very muchly of you." "I don't believe a word you say—so there, now cum" with which observashun she hitched away from me.

"I wish thar was winders to my sole," sed I, "so that you could see some of my feelings. There's fire enuff in here," sed I, striking my buzzam with my fist, "to bile all the corn beef and turnips in the naberhood."

"She bowed her head down and commenced enavin' the strings of her sun bonnet." "An' could you know the sleepin' nite I worry threw on your account, how vitchel was seized to be attraction to me, and how my limbs has shrunk up, you couldn't down me. Case on this wastin' form and these here sunken cheeks—

"I should have continued on in this strain probably for some time, but I unfortunately lost my ballunse and fell over into the pasture ker smash, tearin' my close and severely damagin' myself generally. Betsy Jane sprung to my assistance in double quick time and dragged me 4th. Then drawin' herself up to her full hite, she sed:

"I won't listen to your monents no longer. Jes say rite strate out what you're drivin' at. If you mean gettin' hitched, I'm in."

"I considered that air enuff for all practical purposes, and we proceeded immediately to the parson's and was made I that very nite."

NERVOUSNESS AND PHYSICAL INJURIES.

A certain proportion of the cases of nervous disease which the physician sees are due to physical injury. If a man be hit on the head with a club, the inevitable result, if the blow be hard enough, will be a break of the skull, bleeding from the torn vessels beneath and crushing of the substance of the brain itself. If the blow be lighter, the injury may still be injured, but the injury will be less severe.

The Pope has just added another to the collection of portraits of distinguished persons which he possesses. This is a portrait of the young King of Spain, Alfonso XIII, which the Queen Regent of Spain has sent to Leo XIII, who is godfather to the King. It has just been presented to the Pope by the Spanish Ambassador to the Holy See, Senor Merry del Val. It is a life-size portrait inclosed in an elaborately wrought frame.

The Pope received this gift with great satisfaction, and expressed his intention of having it hung in his private study. The tenth birthday of the young king was celebrated in Rome on Sunday, 17th May, with special festivities at both the embassies, that is to the Pope and king, and at the national church of the Spaniards, S. Maria di Monserrato.

The Pope, it is reported, is about to appoint Cardinal Gotti to the position left vacant by the death of Cardinal Galimberti in the pontifical commission for the union of the churches.

MR. GLADSTONE'S PREPARATIONS.

Of biographies of Mr. Gladstone there are already an incredible number in the course of preparation. The official story of the statesman's life will be made easy for whoever undertakes it, by the fact that the ex-premier has, throughout his life, carefully sorted and arranged his correspondence with a view to its ultimate publication. He has selected altogether 60,000 letters for preservation, and has constructed a special fireproof room in which they are carefully stored and ticketed.

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