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TO OUR LADIES

Feminine Facts and Fancies—The Latest Fashion Tidbits—Snatches of Song and Bits of Tender Sentiment, with Fere and Fatale—A Touch of Galley—Items of Thought, Flash of Wit and Household Recipes for the Gentle Sex.

Miss Roberta M. Shaw of Chicago is said to be the only woman in the world who occupies the position of railroad treasurer. Born at Lima, O., in 1872, her parents moved to South Dakota and from there to Chicago, where little Roberta was about 12 years old. She studied stenography and bookkeeping, and on the death of her father the young woman assumed the position of sole breadwinner for the family. As public stenographer and accountant she opened an office in Chicago and was remarkably successful.



MISS ROBERTA M. SHAW.

This business she resigned to enter the employ of the Wisconsin and Michigan railway and rose to a confidential position in the president's office. On the reorganization of that company she became the treasurer of the Wisconsin and Michigan Railway company. Even in these days when women are doing so many things that have hitherto been considered the peculiar field of men a woman treasurer of an important railroad company is quite unique. The fact that she has risen to the position from subordinate posts where her superior ability had a chance to gauge her ability shows that she must have unusual aptitude for the work.

Ideals of Womanhood.

It is the opinion of a Chicago woman who has given a good deal of observation to women in fiction that the ideal of the novelist in regard to the eternal feminine is constantly and more or less rapidly growing. From a wide scope this ideal has come to divide the consideration of woman by the novelist into six periods, covering the commonplace type, the artificial type, the domestic type, the growing type, the thinking type and the living type.

Under the head of the "commonplace type" are cited a number of characters of familiar fiction, among them Richardson's Pamela and Clarissa. Harlowe. Then there is Fanny Hill. As still other examples of what is considered the commonplace woman are mentioned the wife and daughters of the vicar of Wakefield and Nancy Burney's Evelina. Jane Austen's Emma and Mrs. Bennett and her daughters in "Pride and Prejudice" are spoken of as being artificial types. Others given are Elzoin and Marianne in "Sense and Sensibility," Thackeray's Amelia in "Vanity Fair," who is referred to as "a good but silly woman," also the clever but unscrupulous Becky Sharp, Ethel Newcome, Laura Pennington, and Lady Castleton.

Sir Walter Scott and Charles Dickens are considered as experts in bringing out the strength and weakness of the domestic type of woman. Jeanie Deans, Rowena, Rebecca, Amy Robarts, Agnes and Dora of "David Copperfield," Lizzie Hoxam, Little Dorrit, and Esther Summerson are some of the characters brought forward in support of this particular style of woman.

When it comes to the "growing type," the idea of woman attaining a higher individuality of their own, Charlotte Brontë's Jane Eyre, Shirley and Lucy Snowe are mentioned in company with Mrs. Browning's Aurora Leigh.

George Eliot's heroines are put forward as some of the best examples of

the "thinking type"—that is, representations of women who have been and are being influenced by the era of modern culture. Dinah Morris, Romola, Maggie Tulliver, Dorothea Brooke, Gwendolyn Harleth and Fedalma are specimens of this class of women who also figure in fiction.

The central figures of present day authors make up the "living type," and some of those mentioned are Mrs. Humphry Ward's Katharine Elsmere, Marcella and Laura Fountain, Thomas Hardy's Tess of the d'Urbervilles, George Meredith's Diana of the Crossways and Hall Caine's Glory Gyle.

Whatever may be the general opinion of the position of these women of fiction there can be little doubt that they are women of interest.

Care of the Eyes.

Nowhere is the comparison between an ounce of prevention and a pound of cure more applicable than in the care of the eyes. For the neglect of seemingly trivial affections, perfectly curable in their beginnings, may lead in an incredibly short time to permanent impairment of vision or even to total blindness. The care of the eyes should begin with the moment of birth. The new baby's eyes should be wiped gently with a piece of absorbent cotton wet with a warm solution of boric acid of a strength of about 60 grains in four ounces of distilled water. After the lids have been thus carefully washed on the outside they should be gently separated and some of the solution dropped into the eyes.

In washing the eyes one should be careful never to dip again in the solution a piece of cotton which has once been used. A fresh piece must be taken each time the eyes are wiped.

The baby's eyes must be protected from the light. Its crib should be placed where the eyes are not exposed to the full light from a window, and the carriage should have a shade raised only about a foot above the baby's head.

A squeeze in the foot, however, can generally be detected and, as a rule, is anything but a thing of beauty. The whole shape is often very peculiar when it is almost deformed at length into the Chinese variety.

Work and Nervousness.

A little woman who is in the upholstery business says that there never was a work of any other kind as good for nervousness. She is a delicate looking woman, slender and not overstrong, and she work is hard, but she is in love with it and says that in the fascination of the work she forgets all personal life and that this is a world of sin and woe. She hammers away and strikes her nail on the head every time. It is strange that the part of the work which takes her other kind of sewing machine or gives her other kind of work sewing is the most unpleasant, and she is apt to get, as other women do, to "feeling as if she should fly." But with the harder work her nerves take wings.

Upholstery is a good work for women, she says, but they must have a talent for it. She herself has always had more liking for a hammer and knife than for the needle and scissors, and the knowledge of the work apparently came to her without an effort. One great demand that there be, and for a work that does not require a special talent, is for slippability. It is a delicate task and must be done well. It takes common sense and judgment in addition to a knowledge of the work. It is almost impossible, she says, when she needs help in her work to find a woman who can make slip covers in a way that is at all satisfactory.—New York Times.

In the Nursery.

Every nursery cannot have the ideal heating of a grate or wood fireplace. Steam heating seems excellent and the fire has come to stay. There is no use of combating adverse conditions with complaints and moanings. The thing is to do something. If our houses are heated by a system which drives out the air, making it lifeless, the question is how to replace the lost moisture by artificial means. We need not ask a chemist, architect or other expert how to do it, the simplest, most natural means in the world—evaporation—gives all that is needed. Stand a shallow vessel of water on every radiator or in every register, and the air of your house will be delightfully refreshing and healthful. To avoid unpleasant effects, use ornamental vessels for radiators of metal or porcelain and granite dripping pans in registers or on radiators that are out of sight. This evaporation measure, coupled with a temperature not above 68 degrees, preferably 65 degrees, gives the ideal atmosphere for comfort and health. It is easily secured without expense and is attainable in every home.

Queen Victoria and Her Little Artists.

When her children were in their short frock and knickerbocker days, the queen made them write a little daily diary of their doings, which she passed upon nightly in the royal nursery. Often the youngsters were hard up for "copy" and used to appeal for help to members of the household. They repaid their helpers by giving them sketches made by themselves, which differed in no way from the dogs and horses and houses of the ordinary child. One of the household, now dead, preserved some 40 or 50 of these alleged drawings, and not long since an engraving magazine made his widow a handsome offer for them. The queen heard of this and sent for Lady H. "Please do not dispose of them," her majesty said. "I cannot bear to think of things that have so many tender and sacred associations passing into hands other than ours."

It need hardly be added that the queen's wishes were honored, and Lady H. furthermore gave the album which contained the sketches to the mother of the little artists.—Success.

Health and Beauty.

The first step toward clearing the complexion is to see that the health is good, and this can only be when all the functions of the body act freely and properly. The liver is the most important factor in keeping the skin in good order, but its activity should not be produced by drugs. The action of the liver is best encouraged

the stomach, above all, should be kept in good condition, as it is upon the strength derived from its nourishment that the baby has to rely to carry it through the siege. The thing which has been found to give the most relief in whooping cough is the inhalation of plain or medicated steam. This can be accomplished by an ordinary inhaler or a kettle which is kept boiling in the room at certain intervals, the child thus inhaling the moisture laden air. A piece of absorbent cotton or sponge may be placed in the spout of the kettle, on which has been placed the medication. The steam passing through the cotton over sponge vaporizes and is inhaled by the child. Creosote and creoline are considered the best substances to use for this purpose, a solution of either placed in a dish and vaporized over an alcohol lamp making a good substitute for a croup kettle. Cloths wrung out in one of these solutions and hung up in the room are often helpful.—Marianne Wheeler in Harper's Bazar.

Small Shoes, Poor Health.

Many women spoil their health by cramping and crushing their poor, unfortunate feet into shoes too small for them. This is really a most foolish thing to do, as it not only causes the most intense pain, often ruins the gait entirely, but frequently brings about, if not really serious injury to the foot, at any rate painful, unpleasant and uncomfortable results as corns, bunions and other visible disfigurements, says the Jacksonville Times-Union and Citizen.

A woman who persists in wearing shoes too small for her cannot long remain in good health, for she learns to dread exercise because of the pain and difficulty involved. A shoe that is either too short or too narrow is such an instrument of torture that one would think no really sensible woman would ever have recourse to it. But, unfortunately, many women habitually undergo this self imposed penance, and, though they are invariably wrinkled and aged before their time and a pained, anxious and even disagreeable expression becomes permanently fixed on their once pleasant features, they still persist in thinking the game worth the candle and that the possession of a "pretty little foot" atones for all the pain, discomfort and misery which are their constant portion.

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by the free use of acid fruits, such as oranges, lemons, grapes and apples. Grapes may be safely eaten in abundance if the skins and seeds are rejected. Lemon juice and hot water taken at night will correct any bilious tendency and purify the skin. The woman who strives after a clear complexion will not eat pastry, fried or greasy food of any description or nuts. When the face lacks color, eat plenty of underdone beef and take a small dose of iron after each meal. When the face is too highly colored, these things should be of course especially avoided.

Brave and Unselfish.

Louisa M. Alcott was one of those strong spirits whose lot it is to give, not to receive; to support, not to lean; to cheer, not to complain; to help, not to be helped. Such brave, self-reliant ones command no sympathy and often suffer from a loneliness which their friends little suspect. In secret they have their hours of weakness. They have moments of feeling hurt and neglected and are often pathetically grateful for some little attention.

In Miss Alcott's journal appears this sad record: "My birthday, 35. Spent alone, writing hard. No presents but father's tablets. I never seem to have many presents, as some do, though I give a good many. That is best, perhaps. I am often altered until the foot is almost deformed at length into the Chinese variety."

Mending.

Always mend table linen before sending it to wash. Provide yourself with flourishing cotton in different sizes, according to the fineness or coarseness of your linen. Paste a piece of stiff paper over the hole on the right side, and then darn very carefully with the flourishing thread on the wrong side. The darn should reach half an inch beyond the tear on all sides, and the crossing must be very neatly and accurately done. It is really more satisfactory to mend these places before they reach the hotel stage, and it takes far less time.

In oiling your floor with linseed oil use a half gallon of oil mixed with a quart of a pound of burnt sinna, and rub it on the floor with a large wooden rag. A strong decoction of the inside of red oak bark, with copperas, makes a nice dye for floors. After rubbing it in thoroughly and letting it dry, rub the floor with a waxed brush, which will give it a pretty polish.

Cover two ounces of flaxseed with a quart of boiling water, add a quarter of a pound of sugar, a pint of strained honey and the juice of three lemons. This may be taken freely in cases of indigestion, flatulency, or griping. It is one of the best cough medicines.

Medium sized carrots scraped and sliced and boiled till tender in salted water may be made into a salad with the addition of a simple French dressing. Sliced parsnips, boiled first, are also liked by some persons when served as a salad.

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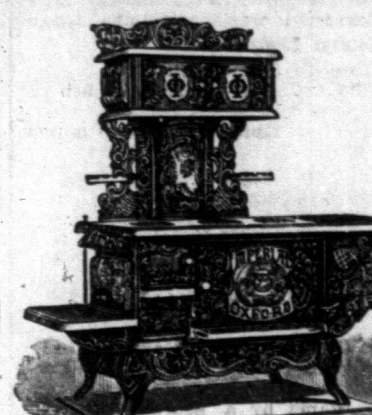
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