

WOMAN'S WORLD.

THE ONLY TWO CHINESE UNIVERSITY STUDENTS IN AMERICA.

Juvenile Literature—India's Intelligent Women—Miss Julia Grant—Nanning a Girl Baby—They Don't Look Dowdy. University Degrees For Women.

The whole medical department was shocked last week when it was announced that the two who stood highest in the junior examinations at the University of Michigan were Mei-yi Shie (Mary Stone) and Ida Kahn, the two Chinese girls from Kinkiang, China. They are probably the only two coeds



MEI-YI SHIE AND IDA KAHN.

of their race in America and are noted in Ann Arbor for their ability and brightness. They came to America three years ago at the solicitation of Miss Howe, a missionary from Ann Arbor, and hardly knew a word of English. Each is 21 years old, and they graduate next year as M. D.'s. Their plan is to return to China and spread the Christian gospel among their countrywomen as medical missionaries.—Ann Arbor Letter.

Juvenile Literature. A mother, recently investigating the cause of her 13-year-old son's poor reports from school, discovered that he was reading himself stupid. She had rather prided herself on his evident fondness for books, and as all he read were from good libraries and publishers she confidently thought there could not be too many of them. Yet children may read too much, just as they may eat too much. This particular mother found that her son was taking books to bed and waking at dawn to pore over them; that his desk at school was full of them; that, in fact, he was suffering from mental dyspepsia, the result of overfeeding with story books. It will take patient supervision and long continued effort to restore the boy's mind to its normal condition.

All this, as has been said, with what are called today "good" story books. A publisher's ideas of good do not, however, always coincide with those of the child lover and child student. While juvenile fiction is very attractive and is quite different from dime novel sensationalism, it has nevertheless a strong element of excitement. This fact is quickly discovered in attempting to write for any of the leading magazines children's reading. "Strong incident and spicy adventure," is their cry, and pictures of situations thrilling enough almost to satisfy the readers of a "penny dreadful" are not wanting between the covers of high ranking juvenile literature.—New York Times.

India's Intelligent Women. Mrs. Annie Besant's observations of women in India, during a recent visit to that country, led her to think them very intelligent, and while their standards and methods of education differ materially from those in other countries, according to their own estimate of learning, many of the women are highly educated. Reading and writing are not a part of their education, however, as all their knowledge is acquired from "pundits," who go from house to house every week to give oral instruction in philosophy and literature to the entire household, so the memory is wonderfully strengthened by this process of training the mind quickly to grasp and retain all the information entirely independent of books for reference.

Indian women are peculiarly simple and childish in character, yet very different from Europeans of the same class. Northern and southern India, says Mrs. Besant, are two distinct countries in all the laws and customs which affect women. In the north the "Purdah" is in full power, and the women look upon any publicity as an outrage, while in the south their position is quite different, yet men and women do not meet freely in society. Mothers and grandmothers have great influence and authority in the family and home life, and in outside affairs as well, for an Indian will not act in a public matter against the advice of either one. In southern India very young children are married, and if the infant husband dies his youthful widow can never marry again.

Miss Julia Grant. Nobody is really aware how much truth may be in rumors of the engagement of Miss Julia Grant, daughter of Colonel Frederick Grant, the police commissioner, to a young millionaire whose father was once very prominent in national politics. The probability is that there is no truth in the story. It is an open secret, however, that the young lady's hand was formally asked of her papa by the uncle of a very rich young fellow who lives in Chicago—not on behalf of the uncle, but on behalf of the nephew.

The offer was declined, notwithstanding that the father was favorable. The reason is a familiar one. The young lady did not reciprocate the affection. A very general notion prevails that the Grants of New York are rich. This notion is erroneous, and is probably due to the fact that the general and his family have received large amounts of money in their time. But they all, and the colonel in particular, have been very liberal spenders. They give away in regular annuities to friends of the general and to old soldiers some thousands of dollars a year. Every year the colonel is

forced or feels in duty bound to subscribe liberally to patriotic causes, having appeals of the sort addressed to him constantly.

His daughter has made a decided hit in metropolitan society, but she is certainly not engaged. The young lady is a member of a well known art class and is often seen sketching in the park.—New York Correspondent.

Naming a Girl Baby. The most popular name to bestow on a baby girl at this time is Dorothy evidently, for out of 178 girls' names in the catalogues of the babies whose portraits were shown at a recent baby display 14 bore Dorothy. Next in favor was Marjorie, spelled even Marjour in Ruth, which is generally supposed to be the favorite owing to its connection with the White House, wasn't it in the race for popularity, as only three infants were so named in the returns. Helen or Helene came next in favor, Kate or Katherine holding its own, and Mary and Marie were well ahead along with Gladys and Elizabeth. Such names as Beatrice, Josephine, Anita, Eleanor, Jessica, Alice, Madeline, Florence and Rachel were twice represented, but aside from that the widest variety figured.

It is evident that much greater independence is shown now than formerly in christening the feminine portion of the population. When two or more children in a family were represented in the catalogue it looked as if there had been an attempt to select names in harmony. In one family there were Mauriel, Dorothy, Marion and Marjorie, a happy combination. The most distinctive trio possibly were Honor, Gillian and Rufus Barr. If that family doesn't turn out well then there is nothing in the effect of the name. Drenna was one of the oddest names; Serane another. There were two Bettys, one dear Peggy, a Mollie, three Virginias, one Lorna Doone and a Yolande.—New York Commercial.

They Don't Look Dowdy. The newspaper woman perhaps has had more than her share of unjust criticism in regard to her personal appearance. She has been represented usually as being somewhat like Peggoty in regard to buttons as well as needless as to boots and careless in regard to gloves, with hieroglyphics on her cuffs. There is no profession which offers so many difficulties in the way of keeping spick and span, for there is constant danger of entangling boot heels in unloosed dress bindings and facings on account of the haste which forbids the taking of "the stitch in time," but it is to the credit of women who are obliged to work from 10 to 12 hours a day that the majority of them, as among their sisters of leisure at receptions and teas without being conspicuous for careless attire.

A small coterie of newspaper women have solved the problem of preserving a neat and well dressed appearance at small expenditure by employing a genewoman in reduced circumstances to take charge of their wardrobes. The woman in question is an excellent seamstress of dress and ready at the press of their rooms, puts on bindings, buttons and braids, sews up rents and keeps everything in order and charges 30 cents an hour for this work. In this way gowns may see hard service and still present a creditable appearance.—Exchange.

University Degrees For Women. Her majesty the Queen having granted an amended charter to the University of Durham, whereby all its degrees henceforth will be open to women, all interested in the movement for the higher education of women will unite with us in congratulating the senate. We are pleased also to state that it is also about to establish a new degree in letters, with the title B. Litt., which will be of special value to those whose tastes do not incline to science or medicine. We understand that a specially reduced composition fee, for all the instruction for a whole year in the subjects necessary to it, has been arranged, and thus, together with the reasonable rates of the women's hall of residence, will place this degree within the reach of all and at less cost than the ordinary boarding school charges. We would specially commend this to the notice of those who intend to qualify themselves for the profession of teaching.

The Durham College of Medicine as well as the College of Science is situated for convenience in Newcastle-on-Tyne, and we are convinced that this new privilege to be accorded to women students will increase their numbers considerably and most heartily congratulate the university upon the acquisition of this amended charter.—London Queen.

Be Cooks First. Kate Field, the clever writer, addressed some remarks not long ago to a girl graduate, which are especially timely at this season. To be sure, they are to be taken with a grain of salt, but they are none the less valuable and suggestive:

Dear graduates, cooking is the alphabet of your happiness. I do not hesitate to affirm that this republic, great as her necessities are in many directions, needs cooks more than all else. The nation rests on her stomach depends upon them. We are a nation of dyspeptics, and Americans are dyspeptics because they eat the wrong foods badly cooked, which they drop in ice water. They are dyspeptics because our women don't know the rudiments of their business and resign their kitchens into the hands of incompetent servants, of whom they are afraid, and whose impudence they frequently endure through sheer helplessness. Be cooks first and anything you please afterward. On you posterity waits.

The Order of St. Monica. How many people of the workaday world realize that there is in this prosaic country many a thing which smacks of medievalism as an order of "consecrated widowhood"? Sisterhoods where vir-

gins become the brides of the church are numerous in the Roman Catholic church and are not unknown among the Episcopalians, but the order of St. Monica is an order of widows. It is an Episcopal organization, and its head is Sister Caroline, the widow of the Rev. Ferdinand Ewer of New York. It was formed in 1884, but its members were somewhat scarce until recently, when they have been invited to reunite at Springfield, Ill., and to take charge of an orphanage there.—Philadelphia Press.

Maude Andrews Ohl. Mrs. Maude Andrews Ohl, chairman of the Atlanta press committee for the Cotton States exposition, is the most prominent woman writer in southern journalism. She is a member of the editorial staff of the Atlanta Constitution, having charge of the woman's department. She contributes a great variety of matter, and is a woman of remarkable ability and versatility. In addition to her regular work she finds time to write a good deal of poetry which finds its way into the high class magazines, being of a very high order of merit. Indeed it is in this branch of literature that she will find her greatest fame. Mrs. Ohl uses her maiden name, Maude Andrews, in all her work. She is a member of one of the famous families of Georgia.

A Colored Women's Convention. The Colored Women's club will hold a convention in Boston during the month of August. The intelligent colored women of this country will be in attendance, and such important questions as the prevailing popularity of the lynch law and the general progress of their race will be the subject of their discussions. I understand that the methods of white women's councils have been recently condemned by the leaders among the colored women, and in the coming convention, the first of the kind that has ever been held, there will be an effort made to improve on white women's councils, and an attempt at originality and method.—Chicago Inter Ocean.

The Summer Girl's Complexion. A delightful and simple and soothing lotion for the skin is witch hazel and cold cream, and as the summer girl's complexion must be as soft and clear as her skill at athletic sports, she should carry some of the cream in a dainty china box when she goes away. One ounce each white wax and spermaceti and quarter pint of oil of almonds. Melt, pour the mixture into a marble mortar which has been heated by being immersed for some time in boiling water; add very gradually 3 ounces of rose-water and an ounce of witch hazel, and assiduously stir the mixture until an emulsion is formed, and afterward until the mixture is nearly cold.

A Riot of Colors. A letter received from Paris says that never in our generation have such vivid colors been seen in outdoor wear. Pinks, blues and greens, with the brightest of reds and violets, are to be seen on all sides. Nothing approaching the present vulgarity has been seen since 1860. The paradox, which is now an important accessory to a lady's toilet, is of immense size, and red, violet, blue—all colors, in fact. Cornflower blue, however, is the greatest rage just now for hats, and the rage is increasing. The fashions of the Louis XVI period are reviving.

Dr. Mary Putnam Jacobi. Dr. Mary Putnam Jacobi of New York is an ardent suffragist and one who ought to win converts to the cause in great numbers. She makes the strongest arguments in favor of the cause whenever she steps upon the lecture platform, and her manner is most convincing. She said at the annual festival of the Massachusetts Suffrage association the other evening that a moral squint afflicted the entire human race, and she gave proof as to leave little doubt in the minds of her hearers.—Boston Traveller.

A Great Success. The meeting of the Massachusetts State Federation of Women's Clubs in Newton recently was a great success. More than 800 women were present, many of them prominent in education, literature and society. Eighty-five clubs were represented by delegates. The reports show a vast amount of work accomplished. Mrs. Julia Ward Howe was unanimously elected president for the coming year.

A Point Gained in Maine. Woman suffrage has made a point in Maine. The right of women to vote in that state was granted at the diocesan convention, held in Portland a few weeks ago, by a vote of 16 to 14. The right to hold office in the church is still unsettled.

Her Discovery Will Pay. A woman in Maryland has discovered a means of preserving tomatoes whole, and with a strong semblance to their original freshness. A firm of dealers has made a contract with her to take her entire output for ten years at \$1,200 a year.

Make a List, in the order in which you pack them, of the contents of your wardrobe on chest and paste it on the outside. Then the articles at the head of the list will be in the bottom of the box.

The woman who sets herself up as a model of beauty, wit, goodness, erudition or anything else must expect the criticism as well as the admiration bestowed upon models.

The Canadian parliament at Ottawa voted on woman suffrage recently, and nearly half the members voted in favor of it. It is coming and nothing can stop it.—New York Recorder.

The new woman's Nonsense! Let her rig herself up as she pleases, let her talk as she will, she is and will always be the same dear old girl.—New York Sun.

ACTIVE CLUBWOMEN.

FEDERATION DAYS AT THE EXPOSITION IN ATLANTA.

Club Interests in the South—Important Meetings in the West and the East—The New Woman in a Sphere of Novel Activity.

[Copyright, 1895, by American Press Association.] Just at present the interest of the federation is centered in the federation days at Atlanta in connection with the congress of the exposition. The 1st and 2d of November are given up to the federation, and a presentation of club interests and work will be made by notable women and prominent officers of the federation. Mrs. Ellen M. Henrotin, the president of the federation, is expected, also the members of the committee of arrangements, Mrs. Samuel McKinney of Tennessee, Mrs. Elizabeth Lytle Saxon of Louisiana, Mrs. Virginia J. Berryhill of Iowa, Miss Rosa Wood-



MISS KATHERINE NOBLES.

berry of Georgia and Mrs. Eugene Heard, also of Georgia. Mrs. Jennie June Coyle, the president of the New York State federation, is also expected to be present and give an account of the famous Pioneer club of London and of the general status of affairs for women in England. The Professional Woman's league of New York city has also been invited to send representatives, and it is expected that among the prominent representatives of various clubs of Gotham will be included Mrs. Russell Sage, Mrs. A. M. Palmer, Mrs. William Tod Helmut, Mrs. Jennie de la M. Lozier, Mrs. Ralph Shawnaid, Mrs. Robert Abbe and many others, while the responses already received by the committee indicate that over 30 states will send representatives, including a number from the far west.

Not since the congress of representative women at the World's fair has anything occurred to give so great an impetus to organization for women as the congress at the Atlanta exposition, and some of the clubs of the west and southwest may well look for even greater results from these congresses. The general federation will send an exhibit of programmes, histories, pictures of clubhouses and interiors and photographs of prominent officers to the Atlanta congress. Similar exhibits are to be made a feature of the biennial at Louisville in May, 1896, and of all future biennials. All federated clubs are also asked to exhibit at Atlanta.

Although represented in the federation by only 22 clubs out of a total of 150 individual clubs, the south is rich in the material of its literary organizations, the progressive spirit of its women and the vast amount of intellectual ability as shown in its women novelists, essayists, poets and general writers. Charleston is probably the only city of any note in the south where organization for women is absolutely an unknown factor and where there is not yet a single woman's club in the city. That the Charleston of today is practically the Charleston of antebellum days is chiefly due to the extreme exclusiveness of its citizenship.

But many other cities of the south are happily progressive. New Orleans has a number of women's clubs, Memphis has a still greater number, and their strength may be judged by the fact that the Memphis woman's council embraces 48 leading women's organizations of the city. No exact figures of the number of clubwomen in the city of Memphis are at hand, but there are about 4,000, for over 3,000 are shown by the membership lists of the woman's council.

Mississippi, Louisiana and Alabama are all well equipped with women's clubs, especially the two former. In New Orleans may be found the Women's club, the Portia club, the Quaranthe, the Geographic and others, such as the Rosetta, the Arena, the Dante and the Browning clubs.

Elizabeth Bisland, now Mrs. Wetmore of New York city, founded the Woman's club of New Orleans in 1884. She was its first president, and her success have been such prominent and accomplished women as Mrs. Maria J. C. Swayzie, Mrs. J. G. Clark, Mrs. Virginia B. Thomas, Miss Katherine Nobles and Mrs. Davis Sumter Marks, who is the present president. One of the most valued workers for the club among these officers was the clever writer, Miss Katherine Nobles, who was the delegate to the convention which formed the federation committee of 11. In addition to her literary ability Miss Nobles is a fine organizer and an effective officer. She is constantly active in the literary, educational and philanthropic work of the city.

Mrs. Mollie Moore Davis, the president of the Geographic club, is one of the noted coterie of brilliant southern women whose names will be recognized throughout the literary world. Mrs. Davis is an enthusiastic clubwoman and a fine residing officer. The Geographic club has done service and thoughtful work under the title "The Religion of

the world," and the ancient civilizations of Assyria, Egypt, Chaldea, India, Persia, Phoenicia, Judaea, China and Japan have been passed in studious review by its members, who number many cultured and highly intellectual women in their ranks. Mrs. William Preston Johnson, wife of the president of Tulane university, is now the president of the Quarante club, Miss Florence Huberwald is the president of the Portia club, Mrs. Oscar Nixon is the president of the Current Topics class, and Miss Rubie Harris is the president of the alumnae of the New Orleans girls' high school.

Mrs. Frances L. Turnbull, the president of the Woman's Literary club of Baltimore, writes me a long and interesting letter, and says: "The Woman's Literary club of Baltimore is now in its sixth year, and it was the first association of its kind in the state. Our members are all associate members of the Maryland Academy of Sciences, and we have our assembly and committee rooms in the old colonial building of the academy. Our club received an award from the Columbian exposition and honorable mention from the board of lady managers for our exhibition of our own books at the World's fair. The work of our club as a whole has steadily advanced from year to year, and our committees on 'Maryland Artists and Authors,' on 'Unwritten History' and on 'Archaeology' and 'Current Criticism' have provided us with especially fine programmes.

"Among our more noted members are Mrs. Florence Earle Coates, Mrs. Christine Todd Franklin, Mrs. Olive Thorne Miller, Miss Grace Denio Litchfield, Miss Katharine Pearson Woods and many others whose literary or artistic fame has made them well known."

Miss Rosa L. Woodberry, chairman of the state committee of correspondence for Georgia, writes me an enthusiastic letter concerning women's clubs, and says: "Georgia is a great woman's club state, although all are not as yet federated. We hope to make a fair showing at the Atlanta exposition, and I hope that the sessions of the federation at Atlanta may assist in arousing in the south that interest in organization which is so greatly needed."

Miss Woodberry is a very pretty and attractive girl, and one of the youngest officers in the federation, as she is scarcely out of her teens. Aside from this great activity and interest in the south, there are important meetings in the west and in the east close at hand, so that clubwomen all over the country have a simultaneous stimulus. The meeting in Atlanta, that of the Illinois Federation of Women's Clubs, which is to hold its first annual meeting at Peoria. The courtesy of the Peoria Woman's club has placed its fine clubhouse at the service of the federation, and the 9th, 10th and 11th of October will see there a great gathering of notable and enthusiastic clubwomen. That great authority on civics, Mrs. Mary E. Mumford of Philadelphia, will be present and is expected to read a valuable paper on her favorite topic. The Illinois federation is one of the youngest in the federated galaxy, but its energetic and progressive women are already reckoned among the brightest of the organization.

On exactly the same dates, Oct. 9, 10 and 11, the Maine Federation of Women's Clubs meet in Augusta. Mrs. Ellen M. Henrotin, the president of the Gen-



MRS. CLARA P. BROULAND. (President of the Peoria Woman's Club.)

eral federation, is to be present and speak on the advantages of federation. Other important subjects relative to club life for women will be ably presented by prominent officers, and the state clubs are expected to send in interesting reports of their work, which will throw much light on the present status of women's clubs in the Pine Tree State. All in all, there is just at present an activity within the federation which it has not experienced since its organization.

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Old Time Accomplishments. The following extract from the Biddeford Times gives us an idea of the accomplishments of our grandmothers in household arts, of importance in every girl's education:

Mrs. Ann Emery of Saco died a few weeks ago at the advanced age of 98 years. When she was married, in 1828, her accomplishments were stated as follows: She could cook all kinds of food in an expert manner, sew and knit, spin and weave cloth, make her own clothes from cloth made with her own hands, make butter and cheese, make soap and tinner—this was long before the days of friction matches—dip candle, sing and dance.

All excepting the last two were considered indispensable requisites in beginning the married life, and when to these were added the last two the bride was regarded as very highly accomplished.

One southern state has taken a great step forward. The University of North Carolina has conferred the degree of LL. D. on Mrs. Cornelia Phillips Spencer. Mrs. Spencer is the first woman in the south to receive this degree. The University of North Carolina has done itself proud.

FANCY NEEDLEWORK.

RENAISSANCE EMBROIDERY WHICH ORIGINATED CENTURIES AGO.

This Style Is Prominent Now For the Embellishment of Architectural Furniture and Draperies—Design For a Bureau Scarf—How to Fringe a Circular Dolly.

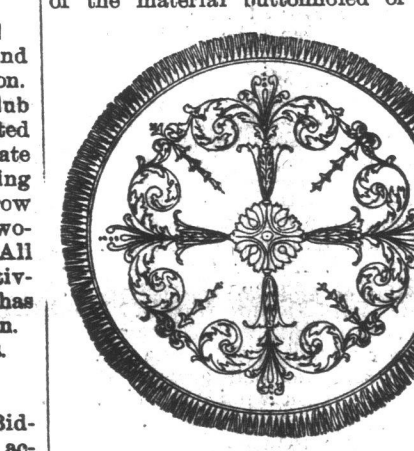
There are three classes of the renaissance style of embroidery, which originated centuries ago, but is still one of the most prominent for the embellishment of architectural furniture and draperies. These classes are the Italian, the French and the German. The accompanying information relates only to the Italian renaissance, which was the original. The renaissance embroideries chime in delightfully with the prevailing fondness for empire designs in all schemes of household decoration.

A beautiful design for the end of a scarf, originally sketched for The Ladies' Home Journal, is adapted to a width of 15 to 24 inches. This design will appear to the best advantage if worked in outline stitch, although if found practicable it or parts of it may be worked solid. If parts only are to be selected, such as the leaves to the vines, the wheat at the center and the pearls forming the garland. After deciding the size of the scarf, draw one-half of the design, and after tracing it on cloth, transfer to the linen. A good size for a scarf on which to embroider this design will be 20 inches wide, and if for a bureau, long enough to allow the ends to hang down far enough over the ends of the bureau top so the entire design may be shown. Three-quarters of an inch in from the edges draw a few threads and form a line of fagot stitching. Let this cross the scarf near either end 5 1/2 inches from the ends of the material. The same margin of plain material should be left below the fagot stitching at either end as that along the sides of the scarf.

By fringing out the linen at either end and working a line of buttonhole stitching and knotting the fringe a good finish can be obtained. Many other and more elaborate ways of forming the ends can, of course, be carried out by those who have ideas of their own, but the point of the illustration is to show a classic renaissance design well adapted to ornament the ends of a scarf or one that may be employed quite as well to adorn the lower end of a handsome portiere. Several features of the design may be adapted to other pieces of embroidery work quite as well as to a scarf end.

The manner in which a round dolly, or centerpiece, is fringed is thus explained for the benefit of readers who are not acquainted with the method by the authority already quoted:

The linen must be cut square and pinned on a smooth board; with a pencil compass describe the desired diameter of the centerpiece, including the fringe; inside of this draw another circle to indicate the width of the fringe. This inner circle must be stitched round on the machine, and after the design is embroidered the linen cut on the outer circle and fringed down to the stitching at each of the four points where straight threads are shown. When that is done, the remaining threads may be pulled round with a needle, and so the circle of fringe is formed. The machine stitching can then be removed and the edge of the material buttonholed or hem-



BOUND DOLLY WITH FRINGE.

The fringe threads should then be trimmed to a uniform length with a sharp pair of scissors or a knife. It is impossible, of course, with two designs to give a very broad idea of the Italian renaissance style, but those given will probably suggest ideas that may be carried out to form pleasing, effective and most satisfactory results.

Respect the New Broom. Of course you want a broom to last as long as possible, so always select one which has a tinge of green about it. Never mind if it has an "arsenic" cast, it shows that the broom corn was cut when it was pliant and young and tough, so it will last twice as long as one of sickly yellow hue. This item is the hint about leaving the new broom, when not in use, sprayed out to mat and get out of shape. Hang up a broom new or old, as soon as you have finished sweeping. When a new broom comes into the house, keep it always for "up stairs and down stairs and in my lady's chamber" use, leaving the old one to duty just a grade lower.

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