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Breaking Down the Barriers.

By RUTH CAMERON.



her own living in almost every field of activity.

But although the barriers are down for her, they are still up for her married sister. The married woman who is not satisfied with housework as a life-long profession, is antithetical to-day with all the vigor with which the unmarried woman who wished to enter a profession twenty-five years ago and the girl who wanted to go to college twenty-five years before that, were attacked.

A friend of mine, a married woman of about forty-five, who has always detested housework, has recently taken a position as a proofreader and hired a woman to do the housework. She has two children, a girl at college and a boy who works. It is not necessary for the welfare of either that she should be at home all the time. The woman whom she has hired to do her housework is a better housekeeper than she was herself, and costs distinctly less than her employer can earn at proofreading. And yet this woman has aroused a storm of adverse criticism by her act. I was talking with one of her critics about

it the other day. "It isn't natural," he said. "Why?" I asked. "She dislikes housework and likes proofreading." "But she ought not to dislike housework," he said. "It isn't woman's natural work. Ever since the world began man has been the food-getter and woman the food-cooker."

"Man must be the food-getter and woman the food-cooker." Whenever I hear that argument, as I often do, I just boil; I can't help it. It is so childishly one-sided. At the beginning man went out and killed wild animals for food. Later he cultivated the earth. Does the average man do either to-day? And would he take kindly to the thought that he isn't doing his duty unless he is either a butcher or a farmer? Well, then, if the modern division of labor makes it right for a man to earn the money to pay others to do the actual food getting, why doesn't it make it right for a woman to earn money to pay others to do the actual food-cooking?

Perhaps you notice I am side-stepping one phase of the question—the fact that a woman's work as a mother cannot be so easily shifted. That is true, but sometimes when I see our ill-bred American children I wonder if the English way is not just as good. And in any case, that does not affect the innumerable instances like the one I have cited, in which the children's claim does not make work outside the home impossible.

I think the next age will be an age of greater occupational freedom for the married woman, and I don't think our home life will seriously suffer.

Ruth Cameron

Fashions and Fads.

Tulle is fashioned in many effective ways for the neck. It is especially pretty arranged for the new collarettes made to cover the low-cut decollete neck of some of the toilettes de course.

Many of the smartest gowns are adorned with fishwife sash of broadened silk in brilliant coloring. It should be drawn well over the hips, and the long ends are bordered with bead or silk fringe.

Frequently robes of mousseline de soie and pleated gauze are trimmed with a wide sash, embroidered in oriental style, which is turned about the hips and tied in a double knot, sometimes in front and again at the side.

The summer evening wraps are very original in effect, and are made of silk chiffon and transparent crepe. Brilliant eastern colors, embroidered with huge golden dragons or large flower designs, are lined with chiffon. The well-dressed woman turns to the black-and-white hat as the season advances, because such hats can be worn with all costumes. Just now in the shops are some very smart black hats with jaunty white wings, birds and feathers.

The contrasting coat and skirt are enjoying popularity. A pretty costume has a jacket of natter blue moire with a skirt of white serge. The jacket is effectively trimmed with buttons, and has a sailor collar of black and white chiffon.

Dame fashion is working her rage for draperies upon the evening gowns. The materials are actually twisted and tortured into place. Starting in the vicinity of the shoulder, they wriggle and wriggle all the way down the figure.

A Common Enemy.

Labor and capital alike find a common enemy in the "I. W. W." The property-holder and the worker are equally menaced by the spread of its doctrines.

The Industrial Workers of the World declare for the abolition of control over individual liberty deny the right of state or nation to impose its will upon the destruction of property advocate the overthrow of government and urge the confiscation of all sources of production.

Its leaders are demagogues without

parallel since the French revolution. Wherever they appear, the missionaries of the I. W. W. incite violence to the point of civil revolution. They capitalize the unrest of a growing nation and poison ignorance with venom.

Their wild promises of a millennium which will abolish employers, raise the incompetent and shiftless to the level of the efficient, and thereby reward the underling in equal measure to the earnest and self-respecting would be ludicrous and ridiculous, were it not that their chief activities are devoted to the prostitution of the most unintelligent, superstitious and illiterate.

There are no constructive ideas nor elevating ideals in the I. W. W. propaganda. Labor has its just causes and grievances, but he who seeks to cancel representative government and declares for the overthrow of legislative machinery, threatens to annihilate the very influences through which labor's wrongs can be most rapidly righted.

So long as human nature manifests itself, there will be weak men and strong men, leaders and followers. The greedy and the callous will always seek to benefit to the full extent of their advantages; but the progress of humanitarianism is swift; the spirit of brotherhood between master and man grows stronger every year; cruelty is rapidly disappearing from industry; wages have never been so high; hours of employment never so short; the paternalism of the employer never so broad.—Herbert Kaufman, in Woman's World for July.

The Deady Public Hair Brush.

Beware of the barber's hair brush as you would beware of the plague. It is pest-ridden, infested with microbes, contaminated, dangerous—a common carrier of vile disease.

The scalp is still a realm of mystery to the average physician. Few doctors understand the hair and the diseases which destroy it.

Baldness, contrary to a long-cherished delusion, is not an hereditary weakness. Weak scalps are often transmitted from generation to generation; but the prime cause of a "re-treating forehead" is a most insidious and infinitesimal microbe which begins to make its appearance around the age of puberty. At least every fourth man is infected with this germ, and the barber shop is its clearing house.

But the microbe of baldness is only one of the dangers transmitted by the "community hair brush." Eczema, syphilis, even skin cancer affect the scalp as well as the body. The tonsorial parlor is constantly ringing with the cry of "Next!" Besides signifying an empty chair it may mean that you are about to succeed to any one of a score of scalp troubles, ranging from seborrhea to blood-poisoning.

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We will gladly supply further details upon this subject to any reader desiring information. We suggest a crusade in every town against "Community" brushes and combs in offices, lavatories and public schools.

Ask your local newspapers to reprint this article. Editors are always glad to encourage sanitary measures.—Herbert Kaufman, in Woman's World for July.

A Real American Aristocrat.

"Mr. Walter H. Page, the new American Ambassador to the Court of St. James," comes to us as a comparative stranger. His whole working life has been spent in his own country," writes Sydney Brooks, in the Daily Chronicle; "his visits to England have been rare and brief; and while a man of real distinction and achievement, known and esteemed all over America, the lines on which his career has run have not been such as to win for him, outside the circle of his profession, an international reputation. But those who, like myself, have enjoyed his friendship for many years are very confident that he will quickly make himself personally *gratissimus* in the social and literary life of London."

"In appointing Mr. Page, President Wilson has shown his preference for the old scholar-diplomat type of representative; and in doing so he has paid a striking compliment to our national good sense. He has assumed that what we most value in an American Ambassador is not his wealth but his personality and achievements, and the extent to which he brings with him the true favour of American life; and that so far from regarding a huge income as essential to the occupant of the London Embassy, we are more disposed to find something incongruous in the spectacle of the representative of the United States, a Republic that is still officially supposed to be dedicated to 'simplicity,' inhabiting a palace and maintaining a more than ducal state."

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Department of the Colonial Secretary,
May 20, 1913, may 21, 1913.