

The SCRAP BOOK

Women and the Franchise.

MR. STEPHEN GUYON, a New Zealander, in a recent issue of *The Englishwoman's Review*, champions the cause of woman's franchise more strongly than the women do themselves. New Zealand was the first to enfranchise women, where they were a success from the start.

Speaking of the last general election in New Zealand, Mr. Guyon says: "The number of women who voted was only two per cent. less than the number of men who recorded their votes; that they took pains to prepare themselves to vote with knowledge and judgment. Every political meeting held before election consisted largely of women of the voting age, all of whom took a keen and intellectual interest in all the subjects under discussion."

New Zealand women have proved beyond the possibility of a doubt that women can use the vote with judgment, with calmness, and with dignity. It is scarcely too much to say that they have furnished the best argument women could use for the vote, namely, that women would raise politics to a higher level and introduce sweeter manners, purer laws. The first Australasian women to receive the franchise were also the first to conceive and adopt a practical scheme for stemming the appalling death rate of babies, which is common in all civilised countries to-day, and is due to the strain and stress laid upon parents by existing moral and economic conditions.

Women's sphere in life is undoubtedly like man's—to rise, to elevate, and to-day we find that women are holding very high and responsible besides lucrative positions.

Women in England were much interested when cables reported that Mrs. E. H. Harriman had taken over a controlling interest in the Night and Day Bank in New York City. But now they proudly affirm that London has gone a step farther through the opening of a bank for women exclusively. This new financial institution, though really a branch of Farrow's Bank, Ltd., is conducted solely by women and to all intents and purposes, will maintain its individual unity as an establishment in which mere man will not be a factor. There is a safety deposit vault annex, while an insurance business also is handled and the bank will buy or sell stocks or bonds for those members of the fair sex who may care to risk a "flyer" in the realm of speculation. Miss May Bateman, author of a number of poems, and a handful of novels, who has had journalistic experience extending from London to South Africa has been deluged with congratulatory telegrams on assuming her position as pioneer woman bank manager in the United Kingdom.

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The Art of Matrimony.

BETWEEN sixty and seventy bright English girls passed through Toronto last week for the West in search of fortune and husbands, and hope to inaugurate their careers in Canada in a charming variety of occupations—governesses, helps, companions, nurse girls, nurses, teachers, etc. They have independent ideas and are not wholly without means. This was the first party of the season sent out by the Women's Immigration Association of London.

This probably means matrimony; as there are still a good many lone-

some bachelors on the prairie, baking their own bread and running their own washboards, as was depicted on a page of the *Courier* last week.

Over in Boston there is a school of matrimony, in which the prime essentials of wedded life and happiness are now being taught—to both sexes. In this academy girls, including many from the best families in the city, are being trained five days a week in the arts which will equip them to become ideal wives, mothers and housekeepers. This institute is under the direction of some of the most distinguished educators in Boston and is strictly of a practical character. The matrimonial course includes the following subjects: Literature, ethics, child study, household arts, house-building, textiles and sewing, hand work and design, music, dental hygiene, home nursing, and care of delinquent children.

Young men have given their ideas upon matrimony, which are based upon a financial calculation. The average consider marriage impossible under \$1,200 to \$1,500 a year. Others go as high as \$5,000.

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Incandescent Mantles.

INCANDESCENT gas mantles, although a boon to householders, have tried the patience of individuals more than any other invention of recent years. So flimsy in fabric, it is no wonder that their manufacture is somewhat of a delicate operation. Made of the finest quality of cotton which undergoes many processes to clean it of all chemical impurities, it is woven into tubular lengths, the standard finished mantle being 3.5 in. in length and 1 1/4 in. in diameter.

These short lengths of fabric are saturated in a bath of nitrate of thorium. This process of immersing cotton webbing in nitrate of thorium and subsequently burning off the cotton is a basic invention of the mantle industry.

The thorium bath is termed the "lighting fluid," and is composed of approximately 99 per cent. of nitrate of thorium and 1 per cent. of nitrate of cerium in solution of distilled water. After a thorough saturation of the pieces of webbing in "lighting fluid" they are run through a second set of rubber rollers, piece by piece, which removes the superfluity of lighting fluid and also distributes a uniform amount of nitrates into the webbing texture; these are then stretched upon glass tubes to dry.

The next operation is the forming of the head loop. This is accomplished by folding in one end of the tubular fabric and plaiting the folded portion and sewing an asbestos cord through the plates. The cord serves to support the mantle on to the wire in the finished product. The plaiting and sewing of the cord is performed by machinery in medium grades of goods, but in the high grades of mantles it is done by hand and requires skilled workers.

Thus is your mantle completed, and while its use is universally acknowledged, it is eminently regrettable that incandescent mantles cannot be made from steel.

Of course there are all sorts of gas mantles. Some are made to read by; others to be sworn at. Some burn out in two weeks and some last a few months. Some increase the amount of light. Others don't—so that gas mantles may fairly be put down as one of the worries of civilisation.



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