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Woman and Her Work

"You know we always pay for what we get"—said a friend who lives happily and even hilariously on a very narrow income
"so when we haven't anything to pay with
we just don't eat and you have no idea how
it simplifies everything! When we do have
the money we eat it up because we both like moe things immensely: so perhaps it is just as well we don't have it all the time!" There was a beautiful philosophy about this sentiment which appealed very strongly to me, and though I do not know that it would be exactly practicable if one came to apply it too strictly since it is a rule in polite society that all who confess and call themselves Christians shall eat at stated intervals whether they have any money or not. In the first case it is no one's affair but our own, and in the second, why some has to suffer for our impecuniosity, that is all, and if it is the butcher or the baker, why he is probably much better able to sustain a trifling loss in cash, than we are to sustain life on nothing! Besides, we fully intend to pay him -some time, when we can really afford it, and don't want the money for something else. So we save our consciences and go on victimizing our fellow creatures, till at last we have no conscience left, and though we should be most indignant at such an imputation being cast upon us, we degenerate into mere adventurers living

self respecting man or woman into a ed that everyone is well supplied with treature devoid of every moral virtue, and them, and fashion writers are not greatly absolutely lost to all sense of shame.

greatly since then The borrower is still has been such a resolution in the matter of underclothing during the past year, that was in those ancient days, and if his slavery is less apparent it is none the less galling, on such an important subject, so that they is less apparent it is none the less galling, and the effects of such self imposed servi-tude are degrading in the extreme! There is no such thing as independence of character possible for a man who lives in constant dread that some long suncting to be mentioned in public we know and legal thumbscrews be applied there, all the same! Mr. Samson would there, all the same! Mr. Samson would have been sadly out in his reckoning had be stant dread that some long suffering crediand legal thumbscrews be approused in order to make him pay his just debts. And the 'man who is allived thirty years later because it is not just debts. And the 'man who is allived thirty years later because it is not just debts. And the 'man who is allived thirty years later because it is not just debts. ways expecting to meet someone to whom he owes money insensibly adopts a cring-ing manner and a hesitating gait, he has lost his self respect and he scarcely cares to retain the respect of his fellow men. His life is spent in making promises and theme for some more gifted pen than mine. excuses, "putting off the duns" he calls it, and he would be surprised if anyone gave been without results, and one of the very it the barsher term of swindling his neighbors. He probably suffers a good deal of inconvenience from his mode of lite since quent, relief of womankind from a great no one can possibly enjoy being constantly baited and chased like an animal, but then he brings it upon himself and has no one else to blame. But unfortunately he is not the only one who starched, and elaborately tucked and suffers. Who does not know the wife of the man who is always in debt? Her worried expression, and the apologete manner that frequent interviews with irate tradesmen who positively decline to wait any longer for their money, are familiar to all who know her. All hope and ambition seem to be crushed out of her nature, and nothing but a passive almost dogged endurance left. She is absolutely afraid to get herself a new dress or bonnet, lest the people to whom they are owing should cruel remarks about her on her back, instead of letting him pay his debts, and she feels almost as it she would like to put a label on the set of furs her brother sent her for Christmas, stating the fact and assuring all whom it might concern that none of her husband's money was squandered on them. I actually knew a woman once who went about shivering in a threadbare jacket when a beautiful new fur cloak was wasting its charms at home in her closet, and when I summoned up courage, knowing her very well, to ask her why she never wore her cloak, she answered with tears in her eyes that she simply could'nt; it was too handsome for her position in life, she could not possibly stop everyone she met on the street and tell them that it was a present, and she could not endure the thought of the remarks that would be made about her extravagance,

It is not only the wife either, who is the ufferer for the children of a man who always owes money seldom grow up quite bonest and straightforward; they become dervest. accustomed to deception all too early and

are adepts at giving evasive answers to un-welcome visitors long before they can do a sum in simple multiplication. They soon learn to distinguish the appearance of the man who has called to collect that little bill, and they can tell him that mamma is bill, and they can tell him that mamma is not in and papa out of town, with a read-iness that is simply sppalling, and which can scarcely fail to develope into eraftiness and deceit as they grow older, and probably make untruthful and unreliable men and women of them. To the man who does not pay has much to answer for, and is deserv-ing of heavy punishment.

I do not mean for one moment the strug-

gling man whose cares and responsibilities have been too much for him, and who either from sickness or some other misfor-tune has gradually fallen behind, until he finds it impossible to retrieve the ground he has lost, and almost sinks in despair. Such a man has my most profound sympathy, and if a fund is ever raised for helping such unfortunates, I will subscribe to it to the utmost limit of my ability. But I mean the man who has a habit of getting what he wants, and trusting to luck to pay for it. It is so easy to get into debt, and so hard to get out of it. It is hise a quicksand in that respect, and it would be well for us it we dreaded the one as much as the other. The person who leggings usually of suede in either gray, deliberately buys a thing without being reasonably sure that he can pay for it at the appointed time, is much the same as a thie', and I am not sure he should not be dressed] for warmth, comfort and cleantreated as such.

We don't often talk about our underupon our fellow creatures in a most un-blushing manner.

I do not believe there exists another such demoralizer as debt! It seems to lead to everything else, and change the silk blouse waists. We take it for grantgiven to speaking about them, whether Three thousand years ago a wise man said that "the borrower is slave to the lender" and the conditions against which he warned mankind have not changed from the rest of the guild. but yet there may be up to date.

Speaking of the under petticoat as a necessary part of teminine apparel, Mr. George Samson of Dickens farm, once re-marked that though it was not a garment gone out of existence except among old fashioned people who still cling to the tra-ditions of their youth; and the decline and fall of the petticoat might well supply a theme for some more gifted pen than mine. best of these has been the almost entire burden especially in wet weather.

Of course, for evening wear and with light summer dresses, nothing has been found so far, to take the place of the well authorities that however independent of the petticoat we might be in spring, autumn and winter, it was likely to hold its own in sum mer for many a day to

But apart from the necessities of the sum mer wardrobe, the ambition of every well regulated and fashionable matron and maid seems to be to have all her garments, except just her dress skirt, cling as closely to the figure as possible, thus giving her as much freedom of motion and as little weight to carry, as possible. The winter toilette of the woman of fashion consists of a vest and tights of silk stockinette, or a weave of fine wool and silk mixed. Next to these come the corset to which are attached slender single elastic cords, to hold up the stockings, When my lady is dressing for indoors she next steps into a pair of very full easily fitting bloomers which are gathered into a deep yoke fitting smoothly over the corset, and then hang full and baggy over the knees where they are fastened with bands and buttons. If a corset cover is worn at by those to whom they owed money. So the cloak actually never saw daylight until the following winter.

all, it is a very skeletonized affair and quite innocent of the skirts, which usually extend below the waist line, and crumple up into wrinkles under the dress. The corset cover is very often made of either woven

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flat on the hip, buttoning around the knees where they bag slightly. A pair of brown, or black, or else high bicycle she button up over the calt of the leg; then ed since the world began. No more wet muddy skirts to flap against her heels, without much effort; her boots last twice as long, and require much less cleaning, and above all she is perfectly warm, just as warm as her husband or brother, and al-most as free in her motions. Many of the tweed trousers which are bought readymade, have pockets in which women can keep money and jewelry when travell-

large establishments show trousers which are lightly wadded with eider down, and look for all the world like especially dainty football or hockey trousers. For women who are subject to rheumatism there are knickerbockers of red flannel, though why red flannel should be any better for rheumatism than gray or blue, is something I never could understand. When summer comes the woman of fastion exchanges her woolen or silk tights for similar ones of lisle thread, and the silk bloomers are worn all the time, instead of merely indoors. They are shown in shades

ing, and-whisper it low-for women who

teel the cold very much or are delicate the

blue, and red. The result of this wonderful innovation is a wonderful reduction in the price of petticoats, and the handsomest silk skirts

of silk, and are usually made of the new

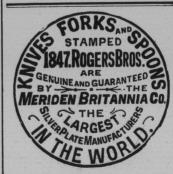
ribbon serge that washes and wears like Irish linen, and comes in dark green, dark

are being sold at bargain prices.

In fact the trouser habit bids fair to wears them because they are the newest thing out, and she can have them made as expensively as she likes, the working girl ally open to the public, and that visitors quite cheaply if she knows the right place to go, and they do not wear out as quickly

Once General Sheridan was very busy to go, and they do not wear out as quickly as petticoats, besides being so much warmer and easier to walk in. The college girl wears them because they are so little for washing comtrouble, and cost so little for washing comtrouble, and cost so little for washing companies the model of the control of the c man wears them with joy and thankfulness because of the freedom they give her limbs indeed it is well known that all the women who are daily attendants at the golf links wear garments exactly like their male opents, except that they are covered with

a skirt in the woman's case. So altogether it looks very much as if the once sacred petticoat was really doomed to become obsolete and have its place taken by the convenient, if unpoetical trouser. Here is a charmtng costume quite worthy of description. The material was silk of a delicate silver grey striped with lines of much head for his body. pink, and barred across with a darker shade of gray. The skirt was quite plain,





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but the bodice had a gumple of pale blue for the information he had given them. chiffon with a full ruche of lace at the chiffon with a full ruche of lace at the first "tip" he had ever received. throat. A lace fichu was drawn about the shoulders in bertha fasnion, below the guimpe, and knotted on the bosom, a pointed belt of grey velvet confined the full blouse front, and the sleeves of the same silk came just to the elbows, and were finished with trills of lace.

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The Washington Star prints a story which General Sheridan used to tell at his own expense, and which, according to the Star, he intended to incorporate in his autobiography. It relates to the time, to-ward the end of his life, when he was in Washington as the head of the army.

In the guide-books of Washington there spread and grow exceedingly, now that it is a description of the office of the general, or, as it is known, the headquarters of the army in the War Department. It is stated in this connection that the office is generwears them because she can buy them to the city are welcome to inspect it, at

there was no one at the door, when in marched a couple of visitors, a respectablelooking man and a lady, armed with a guide-book. The general did not welcome the intrusion, but they did not know it, for he kept steadily at work.

They examined the pictures on the walls, and especially a marble bust of the general which had just been placed in position.

'So that is General Phil Sheridan ?' said the man to his wife. 'Well, no one would ever think that man was such a fighter. To me he looks a little top-heavy—has too

Other remarks followed, all of which the general heard, and the effect of them was

to divert his attention from his work.
'How is old Sheridan?' asked the visitor, ndicating for the first time that he noticed anyone in the room. General] sheridan gave him the information, and thinking that the best way to get rid of his visitors would be to explain to them hurredly the things of interest in the room, he proceed-ed to do so. He warmed up somewhat on some of them, and his descriptions and ex-planations of the portraits, war scenes [and Indian curios and blankets were extremely

interesting.

The visitors were appreciative, and [as they turned to leave the room the man quietly slipped a twenty-five-cent piece into the general's hand, with a word of thanks

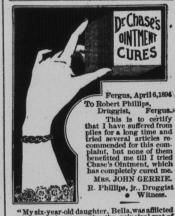
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