

## GIRLS' EMPLOYMENTS.

**GWYNNE and KATERIE (Stewards).**—You will see that information on this subject has been given in recent numbers of the "G. O. P." The best chance of obtaining such employment is to apply to the leading steamship companies. The preference is generally given by the companies to the female relatives of their own servants. Salaries are from twenty to twenty-five pounds and the tips—concerning which "Gwynne" inquires—would undoubtedly make a very considerable addition to this sum. Both our corresponders are, however, rather too young at present to obtain such appointments.

**MARGARET (Domestic Service).**—You inquire how you are to obtain a situation in London as experienced general servant or plain cook. We think you would do better to offer yourself in the latter capacity, as a cook can obtain higher wages than a general servant. You should advertise in one of the London daily papers.

**L. L. (School Board Cookery Teachers).**—Write to the Principal of the National School of Cookery, Buckingham Palace Road, S. W., asking her to be kind enough to send you particulars of the courses of training in plain and advanced cookery. After qualifying at that Institution you would have a good chance of obtaining a School Board appointment. If, however, you cannot afford at present to enter the National School, you should try to obtain one of the scholarships, which are offered to intending teachers by the London County Council. These are tenable at the Hatteress Polytechnic, FINSBY (Writers in Refectory Rooms).

—You should advertise in the *Morning Post* or the *Daily Telegraph*, or you might apply to houses where they employ a large number of waitresses in their refreshment rooms. If you are quite young, however, would it not be better to become an assistant in a confectioner's business. Messrs. Fuller, Limited, of the Strand and Regent Street can sometimes employ ladies as assistants, and probably this kind of work would be quieter and more congenial than that of the railway refreshment rooms.

**AN ANXIOUS AUNT (Opening for a Young Man).**—It is outside our scope to advise concerning the employment of young men. We may, however, say that chartered accountancy would be a good profession for your nephew to adopt. But he would probably have to pay a considerable sum to be articled to a good firm. He ought to be decidedly quick at figures, whereas for architecture—which you suggest—good draughtsmanship and taste are the primary qualifications. After apprenticeship his chances would be better as an accountant than as an architect, unless he can command a good deal of private influence.

**GWINDOLEN (Something to do).**—You are quite right to wish to utilise your time as you are fond of drawing. You would do well to develop that capacity by studying at any school of art which is not too far from your home. Afterwards, if you made good progress, your parents might be encouraged to let you study at some London institution, such as the Central School of Arts and Crafts in Regent Street, where you could learn the designing of textile and wall papers or some artistic handicraft, such as beaten metal work or gesso modelling. If we can advise you further do not hesitate to write again.

## MISCELLANEOUS.

**MARGE (Ayrshire).**—Japanese paper is to be had in London, at Liberty's, Regent Street, as the article says.

**HOUSEMAID.**—A few potato-peelings cut up in small pieces will clean the inside of decanters, or sometimes a tablespoonful of vinegar and a teaspoonful of salt mixed and put into them, and well shaken up, might answer the purpose as well.

**MILDRED FELLOWES.**—We are happy to announce to our readers that the "Girls' Friendly Society" for Northern and Central Europe has just removed their lodge to 17, Rue de Courcelles, Paris; and that there has never been any connection between them and Mrs. Lewis' (Miss Leigh's) Home in Paris, respecting which, it appears, that there has been some misapprehension, although none whatever on our part.

**NORTHUMBRIAN.**—1. Serve breadcrumbs with pheasant, partridge, grouse and blackcock; bread sauce must be served as well, in a gravy boat, very hot.—2. Put the small knives on for cheese at first, it saves trouble. All the plates should be changed before the meat dishes are taken off.

**LOAD.**—The device of the lily or *Heur de Lys* (on the national escutcheon of France) was assumed by Louis VII., A.D. 1137-1180, as his own Royal Ensign, and it was subsequently charged upon a true shield of arms. But the original device on the national shield consisted of frogs; and to this fact may be attributed the sobriquet "frogs," as applied to Frenchmen, the idea being accentuated by the fact—naturally repugnant to English taste—of eating frogs as a dainty, and is quite an acquired taste.

**A LOVER OF HISTORY, ASTHORE.**—1. Several reasons and origins are given for "April Fool's Day." There is a festival in Hindustan, called *Holi*, on March 31st, at which similar tricks are played. A recent idea is that, as March 25th was formerly New Year's Day, the 1st of April was its octave, when the festivities culminated and ended. There seems some reason to believe that it is really of Greek origin.—2. For everything connected with the Battle of Heliac, you should read Freeman's *History of the Norman Conquest*. We think Haco was probably a fictitious character.—3. There is, we believe, only one species of daffodil, said to be indigenous to Great Britain, and that is better known as the Lent lily. Several others may be found, but they are invariably the outcast of gardens. It is called "butter and eggs" by country people.

**MARGE, REES, MOGG.**—The origin of our puppet-show, "Punch and Judy," seems to be found in Italy; and the name "Punch" (or *punch*) a diminutive and corruption of the Italian *Policinello*, or *Policinella*, called after Puccio d'Aniello, a buffoon of Acerra, whose eccentricities were a subject for dramatic treatment in Naples. The drama of *Policinello* owes its origin to Silvio Fiedelo (an Italian comedian), who, about the year 1700, made Policinella the perpetrator of a domestic tragedy, followed by supernatural retribution. "Punch" is a burlesque, in his personal appearance, on his original representation, distorted in the transmission of the drama through France to England. His popularity amongst the street loungers, and lower classes in general, rose to its highest in the reign of Queen Anne.

**DOLLY.**—The meaning of the phrase "rank and file" as applied to soldiers—each word taken separately—"rank," a line of private soldiers standing shoulder to shoulder in a line; and "file," when they stand one behind another, yet still facing the same way. The double term means to include an entire body of troops.

**A LITTLE NONOXY** asks us to give her advice on getting married, forgetting that we are quite in the dark as regards her future husband's character and position, and her chances of happiness in their union; nor does she tell us her age, nor whether she has parents, or a home of her own. All these points would have considerable weight in making such decision. But if she has found a sensible, sober and good-tempered man, industrious, and able to support her, and of a suitable age, she had better marry him at once, as she seems to be fond of him, and to be dependent at present on her own exertions for a living, getting the very small pay of £12 per annum only!

**MARGERY PRATT.**—We keep no registry of situations of any kind for young women. You had better apply to the Y. M. C. Association Employment Agency, 17, Old Cavendish Street, London, W. There is another such society in Berners Street, No. 22—copying, addressing, and issuing circulars, and writing of various kinds are done at this office. Perhaps, if you got a typewriter and a learner to work well, you might obtain employment from some of the offices of lawyers and commerce, which you could do at home. As you write backwards, you would not easily get employment in copying MSS.

**S. M. L.**—We recommend you to apply to Wm. Van Praagh, Esq., Director of the Association for the Oral Instruction of the Deaf Mutes, at 11, Fitzroy Square, W. There qualified teachers are trained. There is, or was recently, a public lesson given every Wednesday afternoon at 3 P.M., excepting during the vacations. Send Mr. Van Praagh a large stamped envelope for their prospectus.

**A JERSEY GIRL.**—The words engraved on the old ring may be rendered thus in English—

"Unlike the mad Moor,  
I know not how to change my faith."

**LAMBKIN.**—A mother's jewelry goes naturally in equal shares amongst her daughters, the eldest having the right of choice. This, of course, presupposes that the mother left no special directions as to its distribution.

