

## OF INTEREST TO WOMEN

**A** VERY PROPER MOVEMENT has lately been started by some English women at Birmingham to have women of mature years and established position remain in the law courts when cases of indecent assault are tried, and support the complainant by their presence.

Perhaps justice is on the way. A few weeks ago an English lady was obliged to pay \$20 as damages for having given a good "character" to a servant whom she knew to be unfaithful. Her written recommendation of the servant allowed the latter to get a place where she could not have obtained without the recommendation, and in which she proved unfaithful and detrimental to the lady who employed her; and it was on the proof of these facts that the damages were adjudged by the court.

The Japanese women, as long as they are very young, are exceedingly pretty and attractive. They have many winning little ways, graceful in the extreme, and are all of them born coquettes; but when they become matrons the customs and traditions of their country oblige them to shave off their neatly penciled eyebrows and to stain their teeth a brilliant black, so that their husbands may have no further ground for jealousy, and then they are—well, quite too hideous to look at. As a rule, the wives are faithful and industrious helpmates. When belonging to the poorer classes they assist their husbands in hunting and fishing.

## CHATTY CHEERFUL'S GOSSIP.

**D**O YOU KNOW, I feel really sorry for Vancouver. I do so dislike to see young children like her losing their tempers over nothing, and then it must be very trying on the nerves to be in such a state of jealousy all the time. A young city like Vancouver should be more dignified, and not allow even her clergymen to take part in her everlasting bickerings. If she would only stop to think and count she would find that most of her citizens were supplied by Victoria. True, they are flocking back to their old home in large numbers, but that is her fault and not Victoria's. The

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dear old mother city is not the least bit jealous of her spoiled child. She is fully prepared to wean her and let her stand alone if she wishes it; but like many another who wants to walk too early, she is sure of a tumble.

I believe it is as much as a person's life is worth to mention the Queen City in Vancouver. In fact I understand any one who attempted it last summer was quarantined for fourteen days, and yet, like the poor who are never to be got rid of, Vancouver still has the smallpox with her. Just fancy how ridiculous we would seem if we were even to race down with the fire engine and hose every time the Vancouver boat came in. I thought surely we should hear that they had turned out in full numbers—mayor, aldermen, fire brigade and police force—to souse the last Empress if she dared show her nose in the Narrows. But I suppose this new trouble has completely turned her head, and she has not time to think of the other grievance. Besides, anything belong-

ing to the C. P. R. is sacred in Vancouver.

Do you know, I quite pity the Davie brothers. They came to the city's rescue in a hard and trying time, when the hand of a general was wanted at headquarters, and when absolute obedience was the only thing that could quell the disturbance and give the people courage, and they met with nothing but rebuffs. I met Dr. Davie when only the first two yellow flags were flying, and he told me that before the end of the week there would be an epidemic of smallpox. I was in one of the infected houses then, and although the rash was only two hours old he pronounced it smallpox. My, how he flew at me when I doubted his word! He was right. He knew smallpox when he saw it, which was what some of the other doctors did not. It was a thankless job he undertook, but he saw that something must be done, and that quickly, or else we should not be free from the scourge today.

CHATTY CHEERFUL.