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Cases.

are written primarily out of experience and conviction. Every one of them the writer fondly hopes contains at least a modicum of practical sense philosophy or truth applicable to real life. Yet, for the most part, this has to be taken on faith, and really it might in many cases be difficult, if not impossible, despite the utmost sincerity of conviction, to cite actual everyday instances exemplifying propositions set down as axiomatic. Moreover, the rapport between writer and reader is vague, considering the oftentimes intimate nature of the subjects discussed between them. Writings for the press are but scattered leaves, or, to indulge in a very ambitious comparison, seeds tossed to the wind, to fall upon good ground or rocky, as the wind listeth. Are one's ideas really disseminated to any purpose? Does the good article do any good? And obversely, in the case of the article we were dubious about, are out worst fears realized? Who can tell? Nobody unless it be now and again a chance acquaintance who reads and then "answers back." That is what a correspondent has done apropos of some recent remarks of mine about unhappy marriages, and he does it in so happy a vein-to say nothing of his corroboration of my own opinions-that I feel it | way?" Yet most of us have witnessed a privilege to embody his letter herewith. The writer is an established and prosperous merchant of New York city.

"In a spare moment today," he says, "I read in a newspaper a letter written by you and headed 'Idols Made of Clay,' referring to the infelicities of married life. It should be read by every young man of 15 years and over, as it gives the reason for so much unhappiness. If every man were as pure in his life as he expects the woman to be, there would be a marvelous difference in the health of children, and that alone would add his wife. A domestic quarrel, then, much to the sum of happiness. When I was at the bottom of it all! As to the sat down to dinner on Christmas day precise nature of this quarrel, common with my ten children around me (from report is as yet discreetly silent, but 6 months to 24 years old), all well and judging from the laxity of the French



probably does not exist in a majority of THE EASTER BONNET. Their opinion, in the exact words of one of them, is that "the IT WILL BE NEAT, DAINTY AND DEcause of divorce in the very large ma-

LIGHTFULLY FRENCHY. jority of cases is the petty quarrels between the parties." And whoever has

paid any attention to the matter knows How to Make Handsome Tea or Breakfast that there is a great deal in this latter Caps-New Imported Gowns-Popularity sause. Byron's significant remark to of Black Chiffon-White Satin For Danc-Moore apropos of his own celebrated ing Gowns. case was that the real cause of his sep-

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Almost hourly now some new fabric If men generally set up for the womor design in dress materials for early en they marry a far higher standard than they ever think of applying to spring is presented, and some new modal is shown after which other garments themselves, it is also true that the common error of these wives is to expect will be copied. The ingenuity of the detoo much of marriage. Too often they signers is taxed to the utmost, but the seem to think that as soon as this Ruresults are unusually good. Just about now every one is wondering what the bicon is crossed everything will go magically right, and they will "live happi-Easter bonnets are to be. I can answer the anxious ones that they will be of infily ever after." Why, disillusion is one of the first conditions of conjugal connite variety. There are cozy little toques tentment! If ideals were grasped at the to sit closely down over the shining hair, close bonnets with a Marie Stuart outset, they would furnish no incentive to that aspiring struggle and self dip in the center, tiny foundations not sacrifice which are the inspiration of much larger than a dollar to hold a every true life, married or single. The bunch of crush roses or some other closeideal must ever be beyond and above ly massed blossoms, and perhaps a bow us, while we push on and do the best and a feather or two. And there will we can with the real that surrounds us. be no end of big bows mostly after the Alsatian style and sharp little bows like It is the misunderstanding and revolt against conditions natural and just, or grass blades, all standing out stiffly. The blessed osprey will lend its lightat least universal, that cause sulks,

NEW HEADWEAR

pouts, sharp words, jealousies, "idle tears"-in short, those petty quarrels-The little rift within the lute That renders all the music mute

aration from Lady Byron was "tootriv-

ial ever to be found out."

Ambitious rulers have divorced their consorts because they had no children, but what shall we say of disunions growing out of quarrels over the naming of a child, or its education, or because either father or mother is jealous of the baby, or because the baby is a "nuisance anyjust these things, and not for the last time either unless the world be suddenly grown better. The whole world was startled recently

by the news that M. Casimir-Perier. the president of the French republic, had suddenly resigned his exalted office -deserted his post in a time of danger, his more relentless critics said. And ness, and grasses will also grow luxurithe severity of criticism upon this abrupt antly. From what I hear, grasses will action has augmented a hundredfold, play a very important part in spring now that it is explained by the coincimillinery, alone and as backgrounds for dent separation of the ex-president and the unusual display of flowers. The violet is a greater favorite this season than

In one very exclusive establishment I a lovely bonnet. It was of m blue velvet, the brim made of double code in regard to such matters, and in box plaited velvet, and the crown was will be seen, and buckles and clasps of Oh, not view of the motto noblesse oblige so conspicuous by its absence. In its place proudly exemplified in many an old was a puffed crown of blue silk net. In world anistocracy, it may safely be said the front were set two large variegated gold, or often of both combined. Pearl cream and red carnations, and standing compared with the gravity of the scanup sharply above these two stiff bunches dal. Examples of proud reticence and of the frosty green leaves of the plant. forbearance on the part of men and This dainty bonnet was quite too decostumes. The white pearl is preferred. women of noble or high social rank are lightfully Frenchy. A very neat and The carving on them is often startling. apparent on every hand today. Take, taking close bonnet was made of cardifor instance, the White House at Washnal velvet. The front was bent in a ington. No scandal has ever cast its slight Stuart form, and a roll of the hadow there in more than 100 years. velvet of which the whole was made Yet every one acquainted with the inwas set around the edge. On the top ner history of Washington life knows there was a large irregularly shaped bow that on at least one occasion within the of the velvet. On the right side, at the present century such a calamity has back, there was a bunch of pink azalias. een averted only by the heroic resolu-The effect of pink and cardinal is quite tion of individuals to suffer in silence a novelty in color, but is very effective rather than risk a national disgrace. and by no means garish or sharp. This is the spirit in which true men The tea cap is here again. One says and women ought to regard the duties tea cap, but it is worn for a breakfast and obligations of married life toward cap also, at the wearer's will. The most one another and the world at large. of them are made of the lightest possi-While there is some divergence of ble material, with point d'esprit lace, or views between Protestants and Roman in some cases fine old point, when the unstinted hand. Catholics regarding the validity of marwearer possesses it. Tulle, chiffon and riage, yet both alike must applaud the silk muslin, besides net and wide silk earnest utterance of the late Cardinal laces, are all used for these caps. Some have delicate little sprays of flowers ers or pearl beads, nothing is handsomer, letters: "You have only to look around and others the ubiquitous osprey. Matrons, however young, are privileged to money. wear these-airy little creations, but young girls have not the right, but in turn they have their opportunities, and one of them comes in the high Spanish ed actions in the world is that of willsacred union often destroyed for trivial comb and the loops of hair above it. fully tempting children. A mothercauses; families divided by the baneful This manner of dressing the hair is genaffects of divorce; homes broken up and necessarily of none too robust moral erally ceded to the young, as not everyfiber herself-thinks it necessary that children separated from their parents; body can look well in that style of coifher children should learn to resist temphusbands and wives breaking the bonds fure. they had sworn to keep till death and

shade. Down each side of the back there WOMAN'S WORLD IN PARAGRAPHS. was a breadth of heliotrope velvet, and

Be Decided by Men Judges?

straps of this extended up over the shoulders, and these formed the scarf in front. The center breadth was of the satin duchess, in one heavy box plait. There were two enormous chased silver a relic of the middle ages along with and great force of character. She taught front, where it fastened. The sleeves Philadelphia broker failed in business. story and did newspaper work. At first were plain balloon puffs, with stiff and He was unable to support his family, she was assistant manager of the Raflaring cuffs at the wrists, and these consisting of a wife and three sons, were faced with velvet. There was a They had to go and live with his mothhigh, flaring collar made of the velvet er in the country, which was not pleasdoubled, above a draped stock, with a ant for anybody naturally. He patched rosette in the back. This gown was lin- up things and went into business and ed throughout with pink taffeta, and became insolvent again. But this all around the bottom of the skirt on the round failure was not the worst of the inside there were three pinked ruffles of husband's shortcomings. He was indictdifferent colors representing the vari- ed for' embezzlement of funds that had ous tints shown on the "burnished been placed in his hands. Thus he was dove." Just so carefully do the Parisian not only a failure, but a swindler, a dressmakers finish up a costume. Every detail is always as perfect as human time his wife was living a thoroughly hands can make it.

There was another remarkably fine husband had failed a second time in home dress, with many novel features. The material was surah serge of a mossy green and russet red illuminated effect. The skirt was plain in front and laid in shabby oak. She left him in disgust and small box plaits in the back. Around the bottom was a silk trimming in the properly. She took the children with two shades, in a grassy looking fringe. The waist was corselet style, with many seams and coming down well over the hips, where it ended under a row of the fringe. The sleeves were draped and wrinkled jabots, with cuffs of the fringe. Over the shoulders and extending out well was a wide pelerine of sage green cloth embroidered richly with russet floss. The whole was bordered with the fringe. It fastened invisibly in the back. This gown was essentially that of a young girl. The pelerine is made postiche and can be transferred to any other costume.

There is a novelty in the way of gold and white combinations for dress trimmings. There are yokes made of white and cream white cloth, braided with narrow gold soutache in patterns more or less elaborate. There are also sets of vest, cuffs and collar done in the same way. These can be arranged to be fastened on different costumes, or they can not be permitted, quoth this wisescre. be sewed firmly to one. There are also But he says nothing about weakening

The Tempting of Children

rebel against proper authority---in short,

to indulge in miniature in nearly all

the evil of the great world. To put ad-

women. How much more rough is is

ISABELLA PROCTOR.

for the little untried feet of children.

in whom natural impulse works as yet

unchecked by the moral sense!

One of the most cruel and shortsight-

some belts, to be used where there is a the family tie when a judge takes the yoke, and these are arranged to fit down children from their respectable mother, to a point instead of going straight who owes them more than her life, and around. The belts are to use with the | hands them over to the custody of an inblouse waists. The metals will enter dicted oriminal. How long, O Lord, very largely into the finest costumes for how long will it be till women vote and spring, but more as a trimming than a hurl from office such relics of the in-

THEY HELP MAKE LAWS.

Four Colorado Women Who Are Holding Prominent Political Positions.

It is rather a curious fact that the four Colorado women now prominent in politics were all born in the east, but went west early enough in life to acquire its spirit. Allied to eastern tradition are the western freedom and independence.

Mrs. Angenette J. Peavey, who is the first woman to serve as superintendent of public instruction, is descended from the Upham family of Massachusetts and traces her family tree back to the days of William the ,Conqueror. She completed her education at Racine, Wis. and for ten years taught in the public schools. She was married in 1861, but her husband left her shortly afterward How Long Must Women's Legal Claims to enter the Union army. He never returned, and she has supported herself This time it is Judge Hare of Phila- and daughter in a manner that proves delphia who has written himself down her to be a woman of executive ability buttons on the back and two more in the thumbscrew and ducking stool. A school, managed a book and stationery

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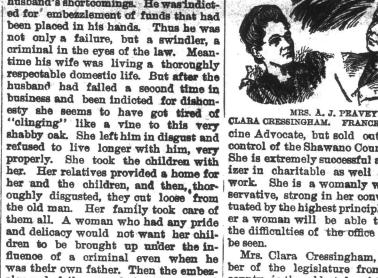
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CLARA CRESSINGHAM. FRANCES S. KLOCK. cine Advocate, but sold out to buy the control of the Shawano County Journal. She is extremely successful as an organizer in charitable as well as political work. She is a womanly woman, conservative, strong in her convictions, actuated by the highest principles. Whether a woman will be able to cope with the difficulties of the office remains to be seen.

Mrs. Clara Cressingham, the member of the legislature from Arapahoe zler and failure sued for the custody county, is the eldest daughter of Seth of the children. It cannot be believed W. Howard of Brooklyn. She was born by any person in his right senses that in that city in 1863 and was educated the father got them. Well, he did. in the public schools. She showed mark-Under the decision of Judge Hare, ed talent as a singer and elocutionist which ought to be paraded in letters of and intended to follow a professional flaming fire under the noses of all mothlife, but reverses in her father's busiers who don't want women to vote, the ness made it impossible to carry out her little boys were torn away from the safe, plans. She was married in 1885 to W. H. Cressingham, a printer on one of the respectable shelter their mother gave them and handed over to the failure with daily papers. His health was so seriousthe tainted name. When a mother takes ly impaired by a trip to China and Jaher children away from the father, it pan just before his marriage that five "weakens the family tie" and must years later he took his family to Denver. Mrs. Cressingham is a blond, with clear complexion and light blue eyes, with a stately figure, well set off by stylish and effective gowns. She has a winning and attractive manner, and is very level headed and clear sighted. She is not only a ready speaker, but a clever writer, contributing to eastern papers.



She is the mother of two bright little

hearty and the dear mother as young looking as many girls of 20, I could not but think of why we were so blessed. Shall I give you one reason which came into my mind? I met my wife when she that the cause was a trifling one as was a girl of 12, I a schoolboy of 15, and from that day to this I have never allowed myself to live one iota below the level of the life I expected her to live. We have never lost a child, never had a quarrel, and with us married life has been for 25 years worth living."

Is not this charming? Is it not reassuring? Here at last, at this end of a century not at all distinguished for philosophic content in its human generations, is the truly happy man for whom the ancient monarch advertised in vain. His happiness stands out the more strongly in relief, as contrasted with what may be called the common lot in marriage, for ill assorted marriages and precipitate divorces are the bane of modern society.

My correspondent was not only positive in testifying to his own felicity, but equally so in accounting for it. And unquestionably he is right-as far as his individual case is concerned. This demand for a more equitable division of McCloskey in one of his later pastoral moral responsibility between husband and wife, particularly in regard to what you, to read our daily journals, to listen is called personal purity, was the main to daily discourse, in order to realize point in my former pages to which at- | that the Christian idea of marriage is tention has been called. But this after gradually disappearing from men's all is only one branch of one side of the minds. With great sorrow we see this subject. There are some serious things which might be said to women concerning this matter on their side of it.

It may not be amiss here, however, to throw overboard the heavier ballast of moral ethics and devote some attention to trifles. I mean those trifles forming new alliances, soon again to be which, under cover of indifference and broken at the dictate of passion, fancy neglect, grow to be momentous and in or caprice." the long run work as much ruin to domestic peace as the cardinal sins themselves. When one thinks of the real fancy they have no sphere for the exercalamities in which occasionally pro- cise of their influence or charm? The pitions marriages are shipwrecked and fact is that in these days we hear a good proud, sensitive natures sundered, to deal more about woman's prerogatives live in despairing solitude ever after, than about her duties. I am much of how shamefully trivial appear the great the same mind as Frances Willard majority of the divorce cases which, when she says that the mission of the alas, are such frequent and familiar ideal woman is to make the whole matters of observation. world more homelike.

It is evidently a mistake to suppose that the generality of divorces are attributable to the most serious cause. An eminent sociologist who has investigated this point in our own country quotes letters from a number of lawyers and other professional men especially qualified to give opinions on the subject. They agree in saying that, while "conn-

orting an invalid mother and brother sel often suspect impurity as the cause by giving a course of lectures on "Amerof divorce where it is not alleged," a ican Authors" this winter. Her talks great many divorces occur in which are worth hearing, even in this talked they are convinced beyond possibility of to death age. They begin with Ameria reasonable doubt that infidelity can- can literature in the colonial days and not have anything to do with the case. bring it down to the present time, deal-One says that any estimate of the pro- ing with it, what there's of it, in our portion of divorces where disloyalty own day. While there is in America does not exist would be untrustworthy, more writing at present than there ever but it is large. Others say that adultery | was, there is little literature.

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tation. Accordingly, instead of helping Some of the new imported gowns are them to overcome those temptations that offer themselves every day unsomodels of elegance and grace, something that one could not have said in many licited, she purposely arranges bait by

means of which the children may be entrapped and then punishes them if they do not prove strong enough to conquer in the unequal struggle. There is something almost demoniacal in the idea of forbidding a small child to eat sweets and then leaving it in the room with an open box of confectionery, yet mothers who consider themselves tender and devoted have done this and similar things, apparently with a quiet conscience. If a temptation of half the strength had befallen them, they would have inevitably yielded to it in spite of mature reasoning powers and self control, yet they expect their inexperienced little ones to be incorruptible. The most sheltered condition offers to the infantile mind continual temptation to steal, to lie, to

are used as the starting points, and novel ways of finishing, combining or trimming them make virtually new ideas. I saw a superb dress but in this elegant shape of thick two toned satin duchess. The prevailing tint became that of the wild dove. The front breadth lapped over to the left side, and the waist crossed over surplice fashion under a folded scarf of heliotrope velvet of the richest

part. Great oxidized silver quisition as this old bigot of a Judge buttons, richly and artistically chased, Hare? But women don't need to vote. every kind. Some skirts are looped up

Dr. Caroline Liebig has been appointwith large buckles or slides of silver or buttons handsomely carved and mounted will also be much liked. They will be of use to trim the spring coats and ment as railroad surgeon.

So long as they are worn during work-I saw one set with all the signs of the zodiac radiating from the central point. terms with men in the industrial world. Black chiffon has achieved a sudden

and unexpected popularity, and it is seen Hurrah! The season for bicycle riding as drapery and trimming on almost evwill soon be here. Oil up your wheels erything. There are flounces of it exand get your short dresses ready. quisitely worked in gold threads in the

perforated patterns. These are to be used The private secretary of Colonel on black material. Some of the chiffon George E. Waring, the new street comflounces are embroidered in colored missioner of New York city is a lady, silks and are very pretty, but not as Mme. Carre. Colonel Strong, that galrich as the gold. Black chiffon is also lant Ohio man whom the Republicans have elected mayor of New York, has used now very much to make the fancisignified his intention of appointing ful bodices, so well liked. This is made over colored silk. The sleeves are of the women on the school board, from which chiffon, which must be applied with an the Tammany mayors had driven them. He will also appoint ladies on several White satin for dancing gowns has of the other municipal committees, such sprung into favor again, and draped as the boards of health, corrections and charities. If there is any office which with laces, garnished with ribbons, flowwomen ought to fill, it is an appointment on just such boards as these. I and satin is such good value for the believe a woman street commissioner HENRIETTE ROUSSEAU.

would maintain cleaner, better streets has a large acquaintance in the state, than any man commissioner in any city as he served as speaker of the territorial of America now does. It would be in assembly. woman's line, you know.

for women. Let her find her sphere for scored her first point. herself. She is bound to do it anyhow, Mrs. Frances S. Klock, the third

they will know how it is themselves. Mrs. Routt is a member of the Colo-

rado state board of agriculture.

Mrs. Carrie Clyde Holly, the member from Pueblo, is an attractive woman, with a fine figure, dark eyes and a wealth of black hair, which she wears ed surgeon for the Hope division of the drawn down over the ears in a striking Northern Pacific railroad in Idaho. She manner. She has been in the state only is the first woman to receive an appoint- five years, having been born in New York city and lived there previously to going west. Her husband, Charles S. Holly, who is much older than his wife. ing hours, corsets and long skirts will is an able lawyer and has a fruit ranch prevent women from competing on equal in the southern part of Colorado. He

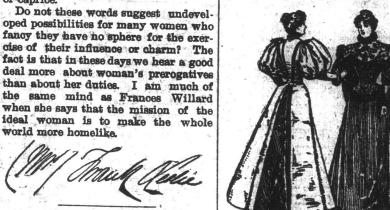


HON, CARRIE CLYDE HOLLY AND DAUGHTER. An amusing story characteristic of

the woman is told of her appearance at If there is one thing more idiotic than the first legislative session. She arrived, another, it is a man telling woman accompanied by her busband and one what her proper sphere is, as the Rev. child. She was told at the member's Dr. Parkhurst is doing now. When a door that she might enter, but that the man undertakes to set forth woman's other two members of her family must sphere, he falls into the fatal mistake find seats elsewhere. The little woman of trying to make her be what he wants promptly demanded by what right sev-her to be without any reference to what eral men were allowed to present their she wants to be herself. His prejudices wives on the floor if she could not inand his selfishness set the bounds. Let troduce her husband. The doorkeeper us have done with this man-made sphere succumbed helplessly, and Mrs. Holly

whether the masculine old hunkses, doo- member, is the most advanced in her tors of divinity and others let her do it views and is of a more rugged and rador not. A man can never understand loal type than the others. She gives less what a woman's sphere is till he has attention to feminine feibles and debeen a woman himself and knows. Per- votes herself heartily to whatever she haps in their next incarnation some of has in hand. She has been a resident of the old fogies who have so bitterly op- Colorado since 1871. She was born in posed women in this one will be wom- North Lee, Mass., and lived there until en-that, too, in China or India. Then she was 15, when her parents moved to Fond du Lac, Wis. Her father, Nelson Krake, though a farmer, was an active politician, and she no doubt inherited her taste for public affairs from him.

There is one great defect of most wo- family of patriots. Her father fall be-She is very patriotic and comes of a men who undertake to write for news- fore Vicksburg. Her three brothers the evil of the great world. To put ad-ditional stumbling blocks in the path of the child is not only thoughtless. It is morally criminal. The road to genuine in the world and hustling for the actual in the world and hustling for the actual the child is of the conflict. She herself worked papers. They like to sit by their fire- fought in the Union army, one of them facts of human experience. They try to with the sanitary commission and is a avoid the very things which constitute leading member of the Womaa's Relief the essence of newspaper reading and sorps of the G. A. R. She is a charter make it valuable to the public. This is member of George G. Meade Relief why so many young women fail in jour-nalism. ELIZA ARCHARD CONNER. |ident. EDINE HOWARD.



Writing, Literature and Talking. Miss Lalla Baldwin Morton is sup-

BRAUTIFUL HOME GOWNS. cases the past season. The princess forms