WHAT IS LIKELY TO BECOME OF THE SPINSTER SISTERHOOD?

The Self-Supporting, Independent Oid Maid Has Not Come To Stay, So It Is Said - What Will the Gods Bring Her in the Future ?- A Problem.

We are living in the golden age of the independent woman. Never before in the history of the world has the self-supporting woman been so free to snap her fingers at the world and man as now. The gods of the hour lay everything at her feet. What will they bring her in the future? Will she marry or must we place this future in the potential mood and say—she may?

So graceful and complete has been the change from the old maid of yesterday to the independent unmarried woman of today that she herself scarcely realizes how much of the world is hers. She possesses a mind which can hold its own

on the most arduous pursuits. Is there any wonder, then, that she holds her head a little higher and walks with the more independent air in this her age and era? Day by day the path she treads grows broader and smoother, but whether men will go on being more and more init will lead to that haven of happiness, dependent as the years pass, and their the altar, she alone can tell

presed by Dr. Gertrude B. Keily. "Of on Mrs. Hanaford, "that it would be a

sesses a mind which can hold its own against the cleverest of the times; her physical strength enables her to carry

BETTER AND BRIGHTER



De Mar in the Philadelphia Record.

"I wonder if I ought to put it in my collection."

course they do not make this admission, pity for her not to make the most of but living alone is not all that was at them. When I was a young girl there first thought to be. There are times were just seven things which a woman first thought to be. There are times when the most independent and selfsufficient woman grows dissatisfied with her hitherto enviable and much desired lot and longs for something more.

"The marriage of women who have reached the 'old maid' age to men engaged in the same pursuits is particularly common among physicians, and one good result of matrimonial alliances of this kind is that the woman has left off all attempts to seem aggressive and masculine, so that, while being even more independent than ever, she is thoroughly feminine and womanly. In the near future there will be more marriages of in-dependent spinsters than ever before. It is the normal state and you will find that in a short time the abnormal young woman who have preferred to make their own way through life absolutely unconstrained will realize that they are missing the best part of that life and the number of marriages among this class of women, without, however, an entire loss of independence.

THE MAIDEN AUNT. "That there will always be the maiden aunt goes without saying. She has undergone great changes during the last few years until we scarcely recognize in her the much ridiculed unmarried and independent woman of a generation ago. Her evolution and unconsciousness of it were illustrated to me the other day by a friend of mine, a woman doctor who is in the independent spinster class. We

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the digestion is weak, no difficulty is experienced in assimi-

Rev. Phoebe Hanaford says that wofuture will not change to any great ex-TIRING OF INDEPENDENCE. tent except to grow brighter and better. "Women are getting a little bit tired of "There ere so many more opportunities their independence," is the opinion ex- for the .ndependent woman now," went

> could turn her hand to in order to be years these openings have multiplied so that there is scarcely anything she can-not do. The future will see fewer marriages than ever before on account of the growing independence of women, which makes her able to refuse to marry for a time, but this will be all the better, for the marriages that are made will be happier than many in the past.
> "A woman who is able to take care of

loves the man and knows that they will happy together. Isn't that better than marriages for every reason but the ing number of divorces? It is an admirable thing for a woman to feel that she is capable of earning her own living. so that even if she does marry and the necessity should arise for her to enter the wage-earning field again, she knows just what she can do. "You will find many independent women becoming wives, perhaps a little

hest reason in the world, because she

later in life than they have been doing. but this is because women have grown more careful and discriminating. The wives of the future will be better women for having been independent. Another result of feminine independence, especially in the case of girls who have studios, is that such women will be bet-ter able to appreciate a good home. While marriages will be fewer, the fam ily will never be destroyed, for its repetuation has been ordained by God." DEMAND FOR INDEPENDENCE.

Margaret Halle, editor of a socialist magazine, says: "The independent woman of today represents the rising demand for the economic independence in which alone true individuality can take root and flourish. She is the growth of Dodd's Kidney Pills Cured Little Edith the growing desire among women to be self-supporting, that they may be free to achieve something—to bring out the best that is in them to do.

"If in some cases they go to an extreme the past too great dependence of women upon husbands and fathers which too often entailed an unwilling compliance with wishes and wills and plans at direct independence of the woman of a family is generally a necessity in these days of

prospect of her declining solitary years the cline was gradually alluring, should she remain unmarried during the remainder of her threescore about given up all hope of saving the and ten allotment; but neither is that of the dependent married woman, particularly if she be the dragged-out mother of seventeen children, such as a load of the mother of seventeen children, such as load of the land was gradually in your private hall. I've been measuring to see. "That's what you might call a cock-and-bull story, but it went all right, and I load's Kidney Pills. Imagine their house. Next wednesday night it was pie

the future has in store for them, but are able to put in their time to the very best advantage, mentally and physically. "Women are beginning to look upon marriage more as men do, in the light of something to achieve at the right time, and this is an attitude which they have been able to assume only within the last few years. A woman does not need to marry for a home, and to my mind there is no single phase of this question of her future so full of significance as that which is embodied in this one statement. The very fact tiffat she is capable of taking care of herself, of providing for her own creature comforts, and possibly for others near and dear to her, makes her demand more of the world and of man than her sister before demanded, with the result that when she does marry it is for the one and only reason which should prompt a woman to take the step—for love. "Not only will the future see more THE ROBBING THE ROBBING OF CITY FLATS Retired Thief Tifs How the Job is Done. Retired Thief Tifs How the Job is Done. Successful Though the Premises Are Occupied. Flat looting may either be the simplest of the simplest of the step—for love. "Not only will the future see more

which should prompt a woman to take the step—for love.

"Not only will the future see more marriages of independent women, but these marriages will approach nearer the ideal one. Men and women stand upon an equal footing; they feel a sympathy and love for each other which have nothing of the dependent quality on the ing of the dependent quality on the feminine side nor the domineering one on the masculine, and the single woman will be proud and happy to maket he lines of her life parallel with those of a man who is appreciative of her mental quali-ties and to whom she can be a helpmeet in the true sense of the word."

From Milk of Palm Fruit.

"Down in South America there is a fruit-producing palm that has quite metamorphosed the button business, and formed the nucleus for one of the most important industries in the United States," said H. L. Rawlins, a New York drummer at the Raleigh.

"The seed of this fruit contains milk that is sweet to the taste and relished by the natives. The milk, when allowed to remain in the nut long enough, becomes indurated and turns into a substances as brittle and hard as the ivory plant. Most of the buttons now used in America, whether termed ivory, pearl, rubber, horn or bone, come from this ivory plant. Thus the probabilities are that your buttons are made from a vegetable milk, and they grow on bushes.
"The ivory plant is one of the marvels of the age, and is rewarding its growers

with vast fortunes. The nuts are brought to the United States by shiploads, and are shipped across the continent to the big button factories, from which they issue forth in every conceivable design, color, grade and classification of button. "The ivory plant has recently been discovered in California, but the nut it pro-duces in its wild state is of inferior quality, and will not produce good buttons. It is believed, though, with the proper cultivation the fruit would be as valuable as the Central American. If so, the growing of buttons in America would cotton, for everybody wears buttons.
"The best ivory nut for commercial ourposes is found on the banks of the of Colombia, where by some it is called the Tagua paim. The fruit forms a globular head about twice the size of a of bulbs, and in all contains from 50 to 60 seeds. The seeds are allowed to dry, and are harvested several times a year

the natives.
"The ivory nut is used almost solely in the manufacture of buttons, though some factories also make poker chips from them. The nut, however, has superouttons in vogue formerly. It admits o wider and more varied treatment for this purpose than any other known substance. and is easily worked. The United States consumes more than one-half of the world's product of ivory nuts, and nine-tenths of the vegetable ivory is manufactured into buttons.

tory it is cut into three slabs. In the process of cutting the button is partially shaped. Afterward the thread holes drilled and countersunk. The button is then sent to the polisher, who the shavings and powder made in the drilling to pelish them. Afterward they are sent to the designer, who traces on the buttons in indelible dye the designs needed. After receiving these outlines. if the buttons are to remain smooth and receive another coat, they are put into the dye, then they are put into a press ing machine fitted with dies of the pat-tern desired."—Washington Star.

SHE IS A MERRY CHILD AGAIN

Forms of Kidney Disease.

two-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs.

R. J. Harris, of this place. rapidly diminishing opportunity for the individual man to secure a competence for his family, owing to the monopolization of business by the trusts. For similar reasons man to remain unmarried to her sould one of her feet would lar reasons men, too, remain unmarried, because fewer of them are able to enter matrimony and keep up a domestic establishment in the modern standard of comfort "The position of the independent unmarried woman may not be ideal, nor the prospect of her declining solitary years alluring, should she remain unmarried growing worse. Two doctors attended her, but after three months' struggle with the disease the child was gradually alluring, should she remain unmarried growing worse.

Flat looting may either be the simplest and most elementary or the most scientific act of law-breaking. To enter unmolested an apartment that has been closed up for the summer and deliberately pack up the valuables may be a profitable depredation, but it is flat and uninteresting. To keep a tenante apartment under watch for weeks and enter at the precise moment when it is left temporarily unguarded, may be a feat as thrilling in its way as any in the latest sucing in its way as any in the latest successful melodrama.

IN BUTTON BUSINESS of gaining entrance to a flat during the absence of its tenant. It is as simple as
A B C, provided there be neither janitor The South American Article Made bell downstairs and compet some inno- Casualties Caused in the Work of cent person to push the button and thus become another's confederate, to ascend the stairs to the flat marked for looting are so easily done that it is a wonder But when Cerberus at the hall door ten men were snuffed out. In almost the

entrances a confederate of the looter got into serious difficulty. One of the articles hastily gathered up was a silk Persian rug. While the looter walked away with his bundle, this confederate, grown careless from long immunity, went boldly up the stairs, rang the various bells and of fered the rug for sale. He didn't sell it quickly, and at last brought it to the inspection of the woman from whom it had been stolen. She, not being a feather brain, seized the thief, yelled "Police!" and had the satisfaction of seeing him hauled off to jail, while she restored her prayer rug to its former place.

Like every form of crime, flat looting in certain localities has suffered from the vigilance of the police, and from extraordinary precautions taken against it. As it is a crime which demands no serious preparatory study, there will always spring from among the idle a yearly crop of flat looters. The reckless flat looter seems sometimes to be protected by fortune, and given every chance. He will wander into the best guarded district, one which is snunned by the more experienced criminal, and by sheer bull-headed luck walk off with a prize. "Whether you're pinched at first or not," said the flat looter who is mainly responsible for the face herein written down, "you can be sure you will be sooner or later. One reason for this is that very few of us can ever keep away from a joint where we've grafted with success. The police

Everybody knows the ordinary method THE SUBWAY'S AWFUL

Tunneling the Hudson.

and by means of an ordinary tool gain A huge mass of rock-300 tons or moreadmittance to its rooms. These things dropped without warning from the unfinished roof of the New York rapid they are not done even more frequently. transit tunnel recently, and the lives of



Uncle-Well, Bobbie, I hear you're learning to swim. Bobbie—Yes, so are you, ain't you, Uncle? Uncle—No, my lad, Why?

outside of the flat can be reached, a certain degree of ingenuity has to be exerworkmen are not always what they seem, schist-"bastard granite" the men call it. Under these simple disguises may lurk The cleavage is almost vertical, and an burglars, and if flat attendants allow excess of rain or some other simple cause jeopardized. It becomes necessary, there- as quickly as you would let fall one card for, for the intending burglar to devise from a pack. some scheme not so easily seen through In the Park avenue section of the suband threadbare as those referred to, or way, in 1901, an accidental explosion of else to gain access to the apartment by dynamite killed five persons, injured, other means than the regular stairway or more or less, hundreds of others, and the elevator. To put on a pair of "painty" destroyed several hundred thousands of overalls and swing off the roof by means dollars' worth of property. of a rope, is hazardous, but nearly al- A few blocks away the roof of the wavs successful. It was the method em- nel caved in one day, and the front walls ployed by a "gentleman burglar," who of a whole block of brownstone houses visited several apartments and rarely left crashed after it. The tunnel company

Even when the apartment is occupied In the same section Major Ira Shaler, it is often easy for the modern "flat the ill-starred contractor, was himself worker" to make away with valuables. killed by a similar fall of rock.

thus explained by a retired thief: "What if a servant has been left in a pletion of any such feat of engineering house? That's easy. The old gag of in-specting the plumbing or anything will Almost every day a few lines of newsstill work with servants, if it has lost its paper type chronicle a mishap in some power over elevator and hall boy. Upon part of the long length of the subway. If my word, I verily believe that half the servants are in sympathy with the burglar ternal injuries" were run down to the anyway, for the reason that they seldom Hers Was a Terrible Case-It Proves That make an attempt to interfere with him. the Great Kidney Remedy Is Good for I grafted an apartment on the north side Old and Young Alike and Cures All a year ago, and there were two maids in the house at the time, the cook and the nurse. They were talking across the with wishes and wills and plans at direct variance with their own. Aside from this," continued Miss Haile, "I should say that woman's independence is not of Dropsy has ever been put on record often a matter of choice. The financial than that of little Edith Harris, the independence of the woman of a family nights. I went through two bedrooms, made a pretty good haul of jewelry in both, picked out all the solid silver in the dining-room, and was starting to go when the maid met me in the hall.

"What are you doing in here?" she
asked, looking suspiciously at my bundle,

"What do you think, my dear? as calm as you please. 'You gon't think I'm rop-bing your folk, do you? Your boss has bought a new carriage for the baby, and the janitor wants to know if it can stand

to see."
"That's what you might call a cock-and-bull story, but it went all right, and I just walked downstairs and out of the house. Next Wednesday night it was pie for me and my chum to get into the flat across the hall and spend a couple of hours there sorting out what was worth

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Bobbie—Oh, I heard Father say yesterday that you had a hard job to keep your head above water. below needs pacifying before the mere some place two years ago a similar accident happened, with almost as fearful a result. That part of the tunnel runs cised. Hall boys and elevator boys have far underground; there are donkeys and learned by sad experience that linemen tramcars there, and the steady throb of and plumbers, gas inspectors and other water-pumps. The rock is a treacherous

any of them without adding \$600 to \$1,000 was finally compelled to buy up the damaged block for about a million dollars.

Some of the tricks of the profession were These spectacular tragedies are part of the price which must be paid for the comevery case of "fractured skull" or "inthe, casual hearer_to be appalling. It probably would run well up into the hundreds.—Collier's Weekly.

Could Not Lie On Her Left Side.

WAS TROUBLED WITH PAIN IN HER HEART FOR SIX YEARS.

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DIRE EFFECTS OF OPIUM HABIT

The Drug That Is a Menace to British Manhood.

Recent Court Cases Give An Idea Expects No Money Unless He Cures Youof the Habit's Extent-Growing Every Year.

drawn to the drug habit by cases in the courts. Some time ago a man and woman were placed in the dock together. Their condition of nervous distress was pitiable. and they implored the magistrate to allow them to have morphia. Their suffer ings were so acute that the request was eventually granted, and the immediate result was marvelous. Their misery and dejection disappeared, and for a time at least they seemed perfectly restored. More recently a man charged with dishonest dealing told the magistrate that he was a victim to cocaine, and while TOLL IN HUMAN LIFE know what happened. Inquiries show that the vice is much more common than is generally imagined. Naturally it is intended to be a secret sin, but the victim of the habit quickly becomes mentally and physically demoralized to an extent which renders the services of the doctor imperative. On this subject Dr. Forbes Winslow

speaks with the authority of one who has made a close study of the disease for many years. To a reporter he entered many years. To a reporter he entered into the matter at some length, and during the interview quoted from a number of works which he has written on the subject. "In my opinion," he said, "one of the chief causes of degeneration in the human race is indulgence in opium, or the drug habit. In China there are upward of 3,000,000 oplum eaters, and the number is gradually increasing.

was sent into England was over \$2,000,000. was sent into England was over \$2,000,000.

One curious thing in reference to the drug is that it takes hold of the individbladder or kidney trouble, heart ciscase, Lervous

drug is that it takes hold of the individual absolutely. It degenerates him and makes him quite unfit for the ordinary duties of life.

"The first symptoms are feelings of content and slight excitement, followed by laughter of an involuntary nature. At the first stage the smoker has feelings of delight, while the temperature is increased. Circumstances which happened long ago present themselves in all their originality, and the future appears bright. As the habit increases this feeling of exaltation is followed by depression. At first the complexion, and particularly. first the complexion, and particularly the eyes, but afterward the face, becomes intensely pale, and generally insensibility supervenes.

At you free.

This is something entirely new and well worth knowing more about. Write at once those who are addicted to cocaine?" "Yes, entirely. When I was in New

York some time ago I spent a good deal of time in the Chinese quarter, and it was a most ordinary thing to see American habit hanging out of the windows, They had become its victims to such an extent that they were incapable of leaving the quarter. Many of them were COMMON AMONG WOMEN.

"Does the drug habit assume serlous proportions here in England?" "Yes, it is a very common thing, chief-

the beginning to allay pain. Without doubt a large amount of laudanum is consumed by the upper classes in con-

burglars, and if flat attendants allow excess of rain or some other simple cause deprived of drink would try to get drugs, themselves to be deceived their jobs are will drop a huge slice of it as neatly and but that a victim of the drug habit does not care about alcohol.

"Exactly."
"Is the habit increasing in this coun-

less than 356,211 pounds of opium were imported into England, and if the indulgence was measured by this standard the decline and fall of the social system might be confidently predicted.' "What about the effects?" "Well, they are many. As I have already stated, in the early stages the drug

he feelings of the eater are not merely pleasurable; he experiences great delight and brilliant fancies, which transcend all real and healthy impressions. Without doubt many painters have done fine work only a small quantity is taken, but as the fascination takes hold of the victim the size of the dose is increased, and among the most frequent effects are hallucinations of hearing,
OLD HALLUCINATION.

The idea of being in communication degraded in mind, physicaly demoralized and mentally diseased. In some asylums in American 33 per cent of the patients hospital bed, where some Italian laborer dies, unidentified, perhaps, and unknown, the list would be one that would seem to quently it happens that the victims of drugs will steal things when there is no inducement to do so. In Singapore 80 per cent of those confined in the house of correction were opium smokers, and the offenses of which they were guilty were nearly all against property."

> "And the eure?" "The usual method taken by doctors is to reduce the amount of the dose by a sliding scale. The victim deprived of the drug is often in a state of mania, and without relief would frequently lose his all the leading authorities that masmuch gestion, so the same applies to the drug

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"In one year the value of opium which was sent into England was over \$2,000,000, emaciation of parts, impotence, etc. Ilis wondurfull

"Do these conditions apply also to for what is really an incurable disease." "How do these people manage to get hold of the drugs?" course, they have to get a doctor's order resourcefulness in securing their ends."

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