

At colleges and boarding schools all over the country, girls are trying to rival their sloid pursuers by sham-pooling, darning, boot-blackening, tutoring, and other services. In one educational college a conspicuous sign announced, "Dogs wanted." The strange entrance by which girls force their way into the wage-earning world are not a few more than the usual warm hearts and large ambitions are. A charming and characteristic story is told by Mrs. Sarah Stuart Robbins in her recent book, "Old Anderson Days."

The tale dates back to the first quarter of the nineteenth century. His hero was a certain out-playing German "theologian," afterward a famous missionary. He was poor but fascinating, and four little girls loved him dearly. They wanted, by him a clock, for he had no protection against the keen Anderson winter. They racked their brains for ways and means. They sold lampshades. They made a patchwork quilt which brought them three dollars. One day a pious and peculiar Anderson man offered them 25 cents apiece if they could come every day after dinner for many weeks and read aloud to her "Mason on Self-Knowledge." Moreover, if they would agree to let her "make remarks" to them on the book, she would increase their pay to 50 cents. So the four little maidens spent their long, precious afternoons with Mrs. Porter and "Self-Knowledge," and earned by this means three dollars for a long red plaid cloak, with a voluminous cape, fastened with a large gilt clasp, and this "gay plume" decked out a theological student in Portland Anderson. The girlish devices for earning wages a hundred years ago at least had the advantage, declares the Youth's Companion, of leaving their inventors no poorer in self-respect. One wonders if as much can be said for some of the modern schemes. Dollars may come too thick, when they are sought greedily or sentimentally.

The awakening of China must now be accepted as an assured and different a partially a completed fact. It differs widely in many respects from the awakening of Japan, partly because of the difference in the manner and circumstances of its achievement and partly because of the radical difference in the genius of the people. But it is no less real and is likely to prove no less significant to the world. We may date it from the time of the war between Russia and Japan, and may credit it largely to that war as one of its unintended and perhaps unexpected results. There had been sporadic symptoms of unrest and uprising in China before that, but since then the movement has proceeded at a rate rarely starting to those who have imagined the Orient to be necessarily and inevitably conservative and slow.

Chicago contains at least twelve women who believe that they have model husbands, and they do not use the term model as meaning a small imitation of the real thing. They had an exhibition the other day at which the husbands proved their right to the title. The final and supreme test was given when the men were called upon to fasten a 24-button corset on their wives. The waist was decorously put on a wooden dummy, so that the men might in no way be embarrassed. Two of the husbands fastened the waist in two minutes and seven seconds without pulling off a single button or tearing any of the embroidery. They will have to enter into a subsequent contest to discover who is the modest model husband of the lot.

President Roosevelt has accepted an invitation to address the Royal Geographical Society in London on his return from his African hunting trip. He is one of the nine honorary members of the society, and is the only one of them who is not royal. Probably he will make his address there will be more popular curiosity and interest in the ex-president and American citizen than in all his other honorary and royal co-members put together.

Mme. Calve, the great singer, adds young women not to be ambitious for stage fame, but to marry and be happy. But the wise advice of those who have tried all ways and know life and the futurity of its ambitions to satisfy generally fails flat on youthful cars. Each one claims the right to find out what is unhappiness in his or her own way.

The present strained relations between England and Germany show how weak are family ties when national passions are inflamed. And it is the marvel that is finally precipitated, it will be worse on account of those ties, for everybody knows that the world and most improvable of all conflicts are family quarrels.

A New York woman sued for a divorce because she found a milliner's bill against her husband for two hats for a lady. She was not the lady.

NEWS NOTES FOR THE BUSY MAN

Most Important Happenings of the World Told in Brief.

WASHINGTON NOTES.

William H. Taft, president-elect of the United States, announced the appointment of United States Senator Philander C. Knox of Pennsylvania as secretary of state in his cabinet. That the United States should have a secretary of state from the federal supreme court as a matter of right when a conviction is reversed on appeal by a defendant to a circuit court of appeals, is the opinion expressed by Attorney General Clegg in a bill introduced, submitted to congress. He cites the reversals of the fine of \$23,240,000 against the Standard Oil Company.

The house of representatives by unanimous vote adopted a resolution requesting the president to supply \$100,000, with an evasive that may be in his possession, that will justify the statement in his last annual message to congress that he had no members of congress toward appropriations for the secret service of the government.

The senate adopted a resolution for an investigation of the information furnished to congress by members of congress from the probing of secret service officers.

It was authoritatively announced in New York that the offer of a cabinet post to the Honorable Joseph Burton of Cleveland had been withdrawn by Mr. Taft and would not be renewed.

President Roosevelt sent a message to congress denouncing Joseph Burton, and charging and saying it is the duty of the government to prosecute the publisher of the New York World or criminal libel. The world replied with an editorial of defiance.

PERSONAL.

Walter Wright, American aviator, set two new records at Le Mans, France, by remaining in the air nearly two hours and then descending.

Fred Lied, formerly member of the Columbus O. board of control, was sentenced to four years in the penitentiary for accepting a bribe of \$10,000 from the president of the common council of that city, charged with perjury and conspiracy to defraud the city out of \$200,000 June 1st.

Mr. Huckle, cashier of the First State bank of Oklahoma City, Okla., was found guilty by a jury of embezzling \$1,572 while he was treasurer of Canadian county three years ago. He was sentenced to serve a year in the penitentiary and to pay a fine of \$3,485.

Philander C. Knox, United States senator from Pennsylvania, has consented to be secretary of state in Mr. Taft's cabinet.

James Curran, 36 years old, was killed in a boxing bout with Benjamin Barnett, 37 years of age, at the Broadway Athletic club of Philadelphia. Frank, 10 years old, of Highgate, N.Y., was shot and probably killed by Edward Elmer Mudgett was instantly killed in the city jail by three men whom Cain had arrested on a charge of robbing a railway station at Salisbury.

Eleven deaths have occurred and 13 men are seriously ill at Keethley, Spain, Mindanao island, as a result of the men of the Eighteenth Infantry drinking colonic acid, a vegetable compound extracted from the colubina root.

Six hundred pupils calmly marched out of the high school at Altoona, Pa., which was closed by a strike.

George Campbell of Texas, announced that the law, closing saloons on Sunday, would be enforced throughout the state.

Sir Max Waechter, who is touring the continent of Europe, advocates the abolition of emperors and kings and the formation of the United States of Europe, was received by M. Pichon, French minister of foreign affairs. Sir Max was elected as the first president of his proposed union.

The Council of Jewish Women, through Dr. Cornelia H. Kahn, chairman of the committee on purity of the press, has issued an appeal to newspaper publishers for the elimination of indecent details in the published evidence about murder and divorce trials.

One man was fatally injured and one seriously hurt in a head-on collision between two passenger trains on the Erie road between Lakewood and Woodruff, Ill.

On a charge of criminal libel, made by John D. Rockefeller, Jr., S. S. Carruth, president of the Star Company, publisher of William R. Hearst's New York American, was arrested in New York.

A considerable part of Rostov-on-Don, a busy Russian city of 120,000 population, was destroyed by fire. Frederick, a student and real estate dealer, testified in the trial of Thorton J. Hains, as a principal with his brother, Capt. Peter C. Hains, in the killing of William E. Allen, that the defendant had inquired as to the whereabouts of Hains shortly before the latter sailed up to the dock where he was shot. Charles Hitchcock, a friend of Allen, declared that Thorton Hains drove him back to the dock after the trial when he sought to stop the shooting.

Postmaster General Meyer announced that he would not renew his order, issued in December, 1907, permitting delivery to charitable organizations of letters addressed to "Santa Claus."

THE DUFFY CASE ENDS SUDDENLY

THE LETTERS OF MISS LENNON CAUSE THE RELEASE OF RESPONDENT.

GIRL CLAIMS INNOCENCE.

The Letters Which Freed the Man Are Kept From the Public and the Woman Goes Free Also.

Because of a discrepancy between the statement of Myrtle Lennon on the witness stand in his letter to Joseph Duffy, charged with drowning her baby in Saginaw river, Judge Gage, on recommendation of Prosecution, discharged the prisoner and entered an order that the case be nolle prossed.

As soon as he heard he was free, Duffy violently shook the prosecutor's hand and Mrs. Duffy patted her husband on the back. His two children joyously greeted him. Many of his friends congratulated him.

"Most of the credit of my vindication is due to my wife," he said, "and I hope she will be as good as lucky. I saved all the letters Myrtle Lennon wrote me, putting them into a little iron trunk for safe-keeping."

Miss Lennon was not in court when the case was dismissed, but when seen later went and said: "I suppose people will blame me, but I am innocent. I do not know how the baby met its death, all I know is that I never saw it. I had an electric for the purpose of voting on local option. This is 700 more than necessary to compel the supervisors to call an election."

President Hinks, of the Detroit & Mackinac Railway, who is a member of the fire relief commission, says that the commission will purchase 250 sheep for farmers who lost their vehicles. In the spring, seeds will be purchased by the commission for the hospital, but they were not kept because Miss Lennon delayed in leaving.

The letters in this case were written in the first one Miss Lennon wrote Duffy was the most important. It was written to him a day or two after she went to the hospital. It is practically settled that no charges of any kind will be made against Miss Lennon for the drowning of her baby. It being held by the authorities that no conviction can now be secured.

Causes Great Loss.

In the subject from the W. Carr shipper and broker the embargo of Michigan hay and cattle has cost the commercial and producing interests of the state \$10,000,000 in the time it has been in force. He further believes that every week the quarantine is operative the loss will increase \$2,000,000. In the great hay producing district of northeastern Michigan, where cattle shipments are always heavy, the embargo is felt most hard.

Raised the Money.

Henry P. Fogelsang, cashier of the Guaranty Savings Bank of Saginaw, obtained his \$3,000,000 in Jackson through T. G. Brown, grain broker and 17 other residents. Mr. Fogelsang left for Saginaw after the state banking department that he would give them all the aid in his power in straightening out the books.

Bottle Thrower Acquitted.

Edward Parks, who threw a bottle at the opening baseball game of the Central league season at Grand Rapids last May and killed Willie Haverkamp, a small boy, was found innocent of manslaughter by a jury in the supreme court. Parks was released, threw the bottle at boys who had been annoying him, and struck the boy in the head, who was an innocent bystander.

MICHIGAN BREVITIES.

While eating a late lunch in a Sag City restaurant, William Law, a Caro farmer, aged 80, dropped dead.

While suffering from despondency, William, Runkell, of Alger, 25, shot himself through the heart with a rifle. Motorcycles will be used, next spring by the rural free delivery carriers on routes leading from Kalamazoo.

According to the secretary of state's report, there were 2,742 deaths and 4,026 births in Michigan during November.

Mrs. Gerrit J. Diekmann, wife of Congressman Diekmann, who has been ill with pneumonia, is pronounced out of danger.

Godfrey Addison, who threw a rock at John Siffert, of Adrian, and killed him was acquitted. Addison pleaded insanity.

John Lee, of Marshall, sold 3,600 hides of fur-bearing animals, including one fox to C. S. Pitt, of Battle Creek, Monday for \$1,600. He has now sold him \$3,642 worth this season.

Massachusetts has placed an embargo on importations of hay, straw, grain, and other products from Michigan and other territories where hoof and mouth disease has been discovered.

The wild December winds have revealed the fact that many of the Kalamazoo college ceds are wearing history in the college colors, yellow and black. The college has created considerable excitement at the college.

The opening of the new interurban line from Saginaw to Flint has been delayed because of the heavy snow. The road will make a through line from Detroit to Saginaw and negotiations are underway to run cars the entire distance without change.

Branch county prohibitionists have secured 7,700 signatures to a petition for the supervisors to call an election for the purpose of voting on local option. This is 700 more than necessary to compel the supervisors to call an election.

THE OILY HAND.

The Attorney Generalship a Matter of Great Interest.

In Standard Oil trying to defeat the bill to the attorney-general in the Taft administration? It is charged that the great corporation has undertaken by indirect methods to this purpose, of course, being to bring about the abandonment, in whole or in part, of the existing franchise against them.

Their fear seems to be that unless something of this kind can be accomplished the fight against them will be along through the Taft administration, but that a friendly attorney-general would be of a disposition to let them alone. The fact is well known that the White House, and there is no attempt to disguise the anxiety of President Roosevelt. He has returned to the matter to several of his friends and one of his purposes in the forthcoming visit to Mr. Taft in Georgia will be to put the case before him from President Roosevelt's point of view. The president frankly admits that he is alarmed. As it is understood that the bill will be passed regarding the attorney-general, but he is believed to have less than a willing ear to certain things said to him during his recent visit to New York to cause his friends some worry.

The negotiations so far as the Standard Oil interest are concerned have been conducted by Henry W. Taft, half-brother to the president-elect, and a well known business man.

CASTRO LIVES P. G. H.

Makes the Berlin People Starve at His Extravagance.

While his country is suffering with revolt and the supervisors to call is practically at an end, and while the Dutch warships are rounding up his navy and preparing for further reprisals, President Castro of Venezuela is enjoying himself hugely in Berlin.

Rebuffed by the French government and his tongue lashed, the Venezuelan fled from Paris in anger, to be observed after he crossed the frontier by messengers of kindly greeting from Kaiser Wilhelm and his officials.

Taking the entire front of one of the most expensive hotels there, he has started in to spend the money which he is said to have wrung from his unwilling subjects for a year.

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As a preliminary move in this direction he issued a public invitation to the shareholders to pay him their latest dividends of \$2,000,000. He is said to have been a successful and costly party.

Finished in Six Years.

F. G. Kuehnle, general bookbinding firm on the Pacific coast, says that the Panama canal will be completed in six years.

He also declares that the progress of the canal is slow and that the work is not done and that the canal will not be finished as fast and cheap.

There are now about 22,000 men working on the canal, of whom 600 are Americans.

Knox for Secretary of State.

William H. Taft, president-elect, announces the appointment of Philander C. Knox of Pennsylvania, as secretary of state in his cabinet.

"I feel that I am to be congratulated on the fact that I am to be secretary of state in my cabinet," said Mr. Knox in a letter to the president.

In selecting a secretary of state I wanted first a great lawyer and second a man who would do his duty. Mr. Knox was a great attorney-general, he was a prominent candidate for the presidency, and he is recognized in the senate and elsewhere as one of the greatest lawyers of that body."

Pultzer's Probosc.

Joseph Pultzer, publisher of the New York World, accompanied by a party of friends and several staff writers, is said to be on his way to Panama to investigate into the conditions prevailing in the canal zone, and probably to secure evidence in connection with the purchase of the canal property by the United States.

His trip is of special interest on account of the attitude of President Roosevelt in demanding that congress should not put any other party prosecuted for criminal libel for attacking the administration in connection with the canal purchase.

WIRELESS.

Mrs. Mary E. Parrell, oldest member of the Methodist church in the United States, celebrated her one hundred and fifth birthday in Midland Park, N. J. The aged woman retains all her faculties and is in good health, although she suffers considerably from rheumatism.

"Three generations more and I don't believe there still a woman left in the country," said Special Agent Samuel Conroy, of the Indian service. "While men's clothing and houses are being burned, the earth is being torn up and other diseases of civilized people have a foothold on every reservation in the country and the souls of the aboriginal Indians are being uprooted rapidly."

The sum of \$50,000,000, 425,578 international money orders was sent to the United States from London, A. C. Bird and six others for alleged violation of the city ordinance by the erection of outside stairways of wood.