

NEARING THE RAPIDS.

The End of the Century Girl—Business Life and Its Tending Influence—A Bit of Logic.

The strongest woman is not equal to the strongest man; the most neurotic and hysterical man is not so neurotic and hysterical as his congenial sister. Of course, says Elizabeth Linton in her New Review, a strong and purposeful woman better than a feeble man—far and away ahead of him in all things, mental and physical; but range the sexes according to degree, and the man is relatively superior to the woman.

With the new school of thought, and the new class of woman it has bred, we have lost in a measure both the grace and the sweetness, both the delicacy and the virtue of the real womanly ideal. The manners of the day are a trifle coarser, rougher, more unbraced than they used to be when girls were not nearer their mothers than their mothers themselves.

What society wants in its women is a race of beings to supplement the shortcomings of the men, each sex being the complement of the other.

The port of Timbuctoo is at Cabra, a small town of some 400 houses, about five miles distant. The Niger, with its fleet of vessels and boats passing to and fro, gives great life to the scene.

Mr. G. P. Sanderson and his two native helpers had a thrilling adventure with an enraged "tusker." Hearing sounds of a fierce combat between two elephants, they tried to get in a position where they could witness the fray.

An instant later his demeanor changed. He backed away and stood like a statue. Now the tip of his trunk came slowly round in our direction, and I saw that we were discovered to be there.

The smoke for a moment obscured the elephant, and I stopped quickly to see where he lay, expecting he had fallen dead. Good heavens! he had not been seen checked, and was upon me! There was no time to stop either to right or left.

I fell a little to the right, the next instant down came his ponderous forehead within a few inches of my left thigh, and I should have been trodden on had I not been quick enough.

"Do you mean to tell me," said the younger woman, "that you have never yet met the woman whose presence and touch thrilled your whole being in an utterly indescribable manner?"

"HOLY TIMBUCTOO."

THE MYSTERIOUS FAR-AWAY CITY OF CENTRAL AFRICA.

It is Built in a Sandy Desert With Not a Tree to Relieve the Monotony of the Wilderness—A Great Market Where the Merchants of Africa Meet.

Timbuctoo, the mysterious "Holy City" of Central Africa, where the remnant of Colonel Bonnier's ill-fated column is cooped up and exposed to the fierce attacks of the Touaregs, is situated on a terrace of sand a few miles to the north of the River Niger.

From a distance Timbuctoo looks like a mass of smoking houses built of earth, dominating a sandy ridge. It is built in the shape of a triangle, with its apex towards the north, and is about three miles in circumference.

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command of Basila Djolar, entered the city and drove out the last king of the Sonrhay. In 1830 the Matrugas conquered Timbuctoo, only to be expelled in turn by the Touaregs. In 1836 the Foutas had become powerful enough to drive out the Touaregs, while in 1854 the Hafuli Omar entered the city, as the result of his military success.

LIFE IN THE PLANETS.

MARY PROCTOR WRITES OF LIFE IN MERCURY, MARS AND SATURN.

What the Astronomer Knows of the Conditions Governing Existence in Those Strange Worlds—Sea, Continents, and Atmosphere Are Assured—Jupiter, the Giant of the Solar System, Uninhabitable.

One of the most interesting problems in the fascinating study of astronomy is with regard to life in other worlds. Why should our little globe be the only inhabited spot amid the myriad suns and systems with which we are surrounded in infinite space?

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tem, because he is seen under moon more favorable conditions than Venus. His seasons closely resemble those of our earth in character. His day is about forty minutes longer than our own, but his year is nearly twice as long as ours.

WASH DISHES BY MACHINERY.

A Thousand Dirty Plates May be Washed and Dried in an Hour.

An employe who can wash from 1000 to 1200 dishes an hour, dry the same and get them ready to put away in the pantry and at the same time not break or chip any of them, ought to be a pretty valuable factor about the average hotel.

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Castoria is the best remedy for children of which I am acquainted. I hope the day is not far distant when mothers will consider the interest of their children, and use Castoria instead of the various quack nostrums which are destroying their loved ones, by forcing opium, morphine, soothing syrup and other harmful agents down their throats, thereby sending them to premature graves.

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Large advertisement for Paris Green and Ketchemalivendholdemfast for flies, and for all three Sweethearts, Wives and Mothers. It includes an illustration of a woman and child, and the name S. J. Petty, the Jeweler.

Vertical text on the right margin, possibly a list of names or a continuation of an article, including 'A LA', 'DR. TA', and 'The Spirit'.