

THE KINGDOM OF WOMEN

MANY MATTERS INTERESTING TO THE FAIR SEX HERE TO BE FOUND.

Something About the Waists of Women
—The Artist's and the Doctor's Models—
An Ear of Corn—What's a Kiss—Dots About Women.

While a nineteenth or twenty inch waist is a deformity in an adult woman, it may justly be doubted whether the twenty-six inch waist of the Venus de Medici is not somewhat too large to be in proportion with the figure of the average American woman. It is characteristic of women of the highest type of the Indo-European races to have wide hips and narrow waists. In other races the hips are narrower and the waists larger. The American woman appears, in consequence of her large hip measurement, to have a smaller waist than she actually has. To the unskilled masculine eye a girl with a waist of twenty-two or twenty-three and a half inches may seem to have a wasp-like figure, when in reality her measurement is very nearly what it should be to satisfy the critical judgment of an artist or her family physician.

The Venus de Medici is 5 feet 5 inches in height, 26 inches about the waist, 34 inches about the bust and 44 about the hips. The women employed as "cloak models" by most of the great dry goods establishments in New York City are about the same height. The measurements required of a "model" 5 feet 5 inches in height in one establishment are the following:

Waist, 23½ to 24 inches; bust, 34 to 35; hips, 45 to 47; base of skull to waist, 16; biceps, 11½ to 12.

The doctor's "model woman" has smaller hips and a smaller bust and about the same waist as the "cloak model."—New York Ledger.

Dots About Women.

It may interest the ladies to know that Mine Carnot's (wife of the French President) dinners cost \$10 a plate, and a ball is given by her at an expense of \$7,000! At these balls sometimes 1,000 bottles of champagne are consumed, in addition to other wines and liqueurs.

The women journalists of England have formed themselves into an organization known as the Writers' Club and chosen John Strange Winter, President. John is entirely eligible in spite of her masculine cognomen and knowledge of garrison and circus life, for she is really Mrs. Stanmore.

The Empress of Japan takes a keen interest in the advancement of woman's education in her country, and devotes considerable time and money to this object. The Japanese girl students, while eager to copy the erudition, have copied neither the dress or habits of the English-speaking student. They are still the quaint, shy, gentle maidens of Japan, in flowing, gay-colored robes.

One of the prettiest features of Berlin is its corps of uniformed flower girls. Only pretty girls are selected for the work, and their uniform, the national costume of the Isle of Rügen, is furnished by the stock company who manage the enterprise. A home is also specially provided for them, and they must be in at midnight. The young swells of the high priced restaurants and cafés pay double and treble the price of a flower to the pretty flower girl, who is allowed to appropriate the surplus over the price required by the company.

An Ear of Corn.

This is a pretty device for the handle of a hot tea or coffee pot. It is made from a ball of corn color knitting silk as follows:

Steel needles, medium size. Cast 40 stitches, knit plain across, carry two threads. Knit five stitches with one thread.



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Tomato Dishes.

Tomato soup with stock is delicious. A quart of tomatoes, a quart of beef stock, one onion, cornstarch and a little cayenne pepper and salt are the ingredients. The tomatoes, with onion chopped fine, salt and pepper and a tablespoonful of lard or butter, should be boiled down well for at least half an hour, then pressed through a sieve and added to the stock, which has been strained. Shake in a little cayenne pepper, add a tablespoonful of cornstarch mixed with water, boil for two or three minutes and serve with croutons.

Stewed tomatoes are so simply prepared that it is astonishing how many people make a nasty mess of them.

Sacrifices of an Italian Duchess.

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SCIENCE AND PROGRESS.

INTERESTING PARAGRAPHS CULLED FROM VARIOUS SOURCES.

Electricity in a Clear Sky—Pumping Natural Gas—Co-operative Mining in France Cheap Power from Gas Engines—The Krupp Guns—Science in Small Parcels.

It is said that the use of gas in libraries causes the destruction of the leather bindings of the books.

A single tannery in Cincinnati consumes daily 650 hides in the manufacture of patent leather, belting and sole leather.

The Russian Government has recently completed the work of lighting the harbor of Odessa with electric lamps, the plant consisting of 64 arc and 8 incandescent lamps.

A recent discovery has been made of a new deposit of the well-known Cleveland iron ore of England. The seam in some places is fully eleven feet thick, and covers an area of sufficient extent to pay for working.

The corporation of Manchester, England, proposes to borrow the sum of three-quarters of a million of dollars to erect an electric lighting plant, the machinery for which will also operate the hydraulic power supply.

A Canadian electrician states that electricity causes the tides, and demonstrates it by electrifying a rubber comb by rubbing it through the hair, and then drawing it over the top of a glass filled with water, the result being that tidal wave follows the comb.

A company has been formed in Germany to erect works for the production of the new explosive dynamite, which is especially adapted for mine use, having more power than dynamite, at the same time being perfectly harmless under ordinary circumstances.

Electricity in Clear Sky.

A series of interesting experiments with atmospheric electricity have lately been made in England. They were accomplished by the primitive lightning catcher used by Benjamin Franklin—the common kite, with wire points and an insulating wire reaching the earth. Mr. Alexander McAdie, who made the experiments, demonstrated that electricity can be drawn from a kite high in the air, no matter if the sky is absolutely cloudless. The kite, under these conditions, discharged electric sparks at the lower end of the wire, where the energy of the discharge was ascertained by an electrometer.

The quality of electricity in the upper air seemed to be so nearly proportionate to the height of the kite that Mr. McAdie could determine whether the kite was rising or falling by simply glancing at the needle of the electrometer. The believers in rain-forcing may find an analogy between the existence of electricity and of moisture when there are no visible indications.

Pumping Natural Gas.

When natural gas was plenty beyond all demands, a few years ago, the suggestion that the natural pressure might be supplemented by the use of pumps in carrying the gas long distances, was met with incredulity and even ridicule. The impossible has come to pass, however, and for more than a year gas has been pumped from the wells to Pittsburgh. Last year the People's Gas Company had two pumps in the Murray's River region, by means of which the pressure of the gas was increased from twenty-seven to eighty pounds.

The Versailles Gas Company is now putting up an \$8,000 pumping plant at Grapeville, Pa., and the Greensburg Fuel Company is building a \$10,000 pumping station at the same place.

Co-operative Mining in France.

One of the most recent co-operative ventures in France is the acquisition of the property of the Monthieux Collieries Co., by the syndicate of Miners of the Loire, an organization composed of about 10,000 work-people. The property purchased embraces two collieries with an output of about 5,000 tons per month, coke ovens, workshops and other establishments, the whole connected with the French Railway System at St. Etienne by a branch road, three-quarters of a mile long.

Song Hilda formerly has been made at work for "The Family Paper," Atlanta, Texas, and Denver, Colorado. See cut. Others are doing as well. Why don't you? Some enterprising \$300,000 men are doing it. You can do the work and live at home, wherever you are. Even beginners are getting from \$5 to \$100 a day. All ages. Work at home and start you. Can work in spare time or all the time. Big money for work. Find out more about them. NEW and wonderful. Particulars free.

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THE AETNA Life Assurance Company.

ASSETS, \$35,993,002

SURPLUS, (by Canadian Standard) 7,600,000

INCOME, 5,796,322

DEPOSIT AT OTTAWA, 3,000,000

POLICIES IN FORCE, 117,656,381

NEW POLICIES, 1890, 21,206,702

ENDOWMENTS

The Government Reports for years past show that the AETNA LIFE has paid to living policy holders in CANADA a larger sum in settlement of MATURED ENDOWMENTS than that paid by Canadian and British Companies combined. No better evidence is required of the value and popularity of the AETNA ENDOWMENT Policies.

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TREASURER'S SALE OF LANDS

IN THE COUNTY OF VICTORIA,

For Arrears of Taxes, to be held in the

COURT HOUSE, LINDSAY,

ON

Wednesday, 17th February, 1891, at 11 o'clock a.m.

Township of BEXLEY.

Part of Lot, or Street.	Lot	Con.	Acres	Arrears.	Costs of Advertising and Commission.	Total.	Patented or not Patented.
Island in Balsam Lake variously described as 'Ant.' 'Davins'							
and No. 4	12	5	200	8 69	1 12	9 81	patented
East half	12	6	100	57 58	2 34	59 92	patented
	7	7	194	21 92	1 45	23 37	patented
				22 05	1 45	23 50	patented

Village of BOBCAYGEON.

Part of Lot, or Street.	Lot	Con.	Acres	Arrears.	Costs of Advertising and Commission.	Total.	Patented
E Bobcaygeon St	5	1	12 52	1 21	13 73	patented	

Township of CARDEN.

Part of Lot, or Street.	Lot	Con.	Acres	Arrears.	Costs of Advertising and Commission.	Total.	Patented
West half	7	2	100	20 57	1 41	21 98	patented
West half	8	5	100	15 98	1 30	17 28	patented
West half	9	5	10	3 72	99	4 71	patented
East half	9	5	100	15 98	1 30	17 28	patented
	14	8	200	11 16	1 18	12 34	patented
	16	8	200	11 85	1 20		