



WOMEN ARE GROWING TALLER



A HUNDRED YEARS AGO.

TO-DAY.

A HUNDRED YEARS FROM NOW.

sicians go to show that women as a class are growing tailer, and the statement is seriously made that a hundred years from now, at the present rate of increase. women will be not only taller than their sisters of today, but they will be able literally to look down upon

Investigations conducted by a number of English phy- | Mere Man. Similarly, according to statisticians who deal with Europeans, man has fullen by at least three-fourths of an inch within the past 100 years; nor are there any signs that there is an upward tendency among the males. On the contrary, the average man of the future will appear squat, if not stunted, beside his Junonian sister.

#### AUTUMN.

Where vine-born amber sweets prison cleave.

And golden spheres their leafy heavens The same wind whispers through the

orchard trees That blew our swallows over southern building." And stole the robin's vesper from our eve.

The spirit of the year, like bacchant With lighted torch goes careless on his

And vines are running fire along the But softly! on October's blazing bound

How laugh the violet eyes of tender -Edith M. Thomas CONTRACT OR SCHOOLSENS TO A SE

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The curtain had fallen upon the fi act, and Thomas Nash, whose attenbeen divided between stage and the girl who sat next him, was able to devote all his atten tion to the latter. That, be it understood, as far as he dared; for she wa a complete stranger to him. He could not speak to ber, but was forced to content himself with little surreptitious glances aside, each of which gave him some further detail of her profile; her blue eyes, her slightly retrousse nose, her arched lips, and the whiteness of her neck and shoulders. There was man with her, a man with a brown mustache, which Mr. Nash character fined unjustly as scrubby. But for the girl herself, he had nothing but appreelation.

The orchestra was about to commance the entracte, when a man in evening dress stepped before the footlights and spoke to the audience in a voice which cracked a little in his of fort to suppress anxiety.

"Ladies and gentlemen," he said. all leave the theater at once and quietly. There is no danger, but you must leave at once." He motioned to the leader of the orchestra to play.

Everywhere men and women stood up, quick anxiety in their faces, raque questionings in their eres. In that moment Mr. Nash looked at his neighbor. and she did not hesitate to speak to

"What is 197" she said under her breath. "Fire?" "I suppose so," he answered non-

chalantly, with the wish to pose as a here in her eyes. "But don't be afraid. There is nothing to fear. I will help you if necessary. I have been in a theater fire before," he continued, finging truth to the winds. "The great thing in to keep one's presence of

And then the curtain bulged forward. a vast sheet of flame swept from its under edge, and the man before the notlights threw up his arms and fell writhing before that scorching blast, Mr. Nash forgot his heroism, forgot the girl, forgot everything save the necessity of reaching the doors as soon as possible and at any cost. He turned nd cought his way through the crowd. wiking men in the face, flinging woon one side, his mind a panic fear. to fait two hands gripping his shoulers, but they scarcely retarded him. nd he had more formidable obstacles contend with. Cursing and thrust frampling upon the bodies of those n had fallen, he forced his wh, mutil at length he met the of such of air that was streaming in m the night outside, and found himof sade in the crowd on the opposite de of the street, panting and shaken, seed and horrified at himself.

A sobbing voice near him called him his senses. He looked round and the girl to whom he had spoken, terical with grief and fear to notice

hould never have got through

realize the extent of his good | with shining eyes. He had fied in panic and had ne reputation of a hero.

herror-struck to the blas-

for you all the days of my life." coming toward him.

"Thank heaven you are safe!" said the newcomer with emotion.

"Yes, yes!" she cried. "Thank heaven! And thank this gentleman, too. He saved me. He got me out of the

The young man shook hands with Nash warmly.

"Sir." he said, "we must know more of each other; my sister owes you her life. My father and mother will be And soon bursts into flame the maple's anxious to thank you themselves. I was knocked down in the first rush. I be-Heve that my being so saved my life for I crawled under the seats and got over into the pit, and so out that way. This is a terrible business. Let us get away at once and find a cab."

They burried down a side street and found a four-wheeler not 100 yards netized not merely at certain points, away. As Mr. Nash sat in the cab op- but as a whole, the top of the dome posite to his new-found friend, he became calm enough to realize the extent of his good fortune. The young man introduced himself as William Pearson, a name which Mr. Nash knew well as associated with one of the big industries of the city. He introduced also his sister Lucy, and Mr. Nash responded by giving his name and mentioning modestly the fact that he was solicitor. They dropped him at his rooms with further thanks, an address, and a warm invitation to call upon the following day.

The Pearsons lived in a large boose in the fashionable quarter of the town. On presenting himself at the door, Mr. Nash was ushered into the drawing room, which was filled with people, all talking excitedly. It was Mrs. Pear son's at-home day, and the tragedy of the previous evening had formed an absorbing subject of conversation. He became the center of attraction. Mr Pearson, a stout man with a gray beard and honest eyes, came forward and



shook him warmly by the hand. Mrs. Pearson was voluble and enthusaistic. Lucy, looking pale from the effects of questions upon him and were eager in their praises. In the midst of this adu-

kind things you have said about me.

ome visitor at the Pearson's house He came to be looked upon as a close friend of the family; and when the day came when he asked her to marry him. her eyes sparkled with happiness as she accepted. Mr. Pearson made no

"I'm not looking for money with my a request for "some rhymes." girl," he said heartfly, "She has enough find a use for a little extra capital. passing into the hands of a brave man. That is enough for me."

Mrs. Pearson said the same, and

At the wedding breakfast, Mr. Nash

made the customary speech. "This is an occasion for presence of mind," he remarked humorously. all qualities, it is the most to be dethank you!" she cried; "thank sired. I cannot forget that it is to presence of mind that I owe my present happy position." The guests applauded. stared at her a moment, Lucy understood and looked at him

> Surely Mr. Nash should be a happy man. He and his young wife are very fond of one another, and he knows that her love is based on respect for his heroic qualities. But there is a fly in the cintment. Deep within him, a still, tor him!" she cried. small voice tells him at times of the ares panie in which he fied from that then-

brave; and I will thank you and pray ter, and he knows, though he tries to fight the knowledge, that should sim-Mr. Nash's heroism received a nasty lilar circumstances occur and should his shock. He looked about him desper- wife wish to take advantage of his ately. But one again fortune be presence of mind, she will have to do friended him, and he saw the very man, so by keeping a tight hand on his shoulthough much singed and blackened, ders .- J. Sackville Martin in the Sketch.



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The physiological effects of high frequency currents are traced by two French experiments to increase of body temperature. This gives them value in arterio scierosis, Bright's disease and other maindles and as a mild substitute for warm baths.

Magnetic observations of the extinct volcano called the Puy de Dome, in been starred in one of the most popular Central France, have brought out the curious fact that the mountain is mag produced, "The Ham Tree," Their agacting as a south magnetic pole. Sinmany, indicate that it possesses a north magnetic pole at its summit.

The new satellite of Jupiter, discovered at the Greenwich Observatory last Holcombe's Band, with winter, proves to be a very interesting object, both on account of its great | tions comprise both popular and clas-20,000,000 miles, and its retrograde mo- upon to please all lovers of music. The tion. Prof. George Forbes suggests principal dramatic incident of the prothat this satellite may turn out to be gram will be provided by Apgela the long-lost comet of Lexell, which Dolores and company in the one-act was last seen in 1770, when it made a very close approach to Jupiter.

power" stations, and cost £2,000 each, cutertaining specialties. The Marconi Company receives £500 and 1700 per annua, respectively for operating them, retaining all the re-

The lower atmosphere and the upper mixtures. At the earth's surface the composition is: Nitrogen, 78.63; oxygen, 20.99; argon, 0.94; carbonic acid. 9.03; hydrogen, 9.01; neon, 9.0015; hellum, 0.00015; krykton, 0.00010. At a height of twenty kilometers (12.43 by Mr. Fields. Despite all the dismiles) he finds the nitrogen increased gen. At 100 kilometers, the hydrogen 0.453 of bellum and only 0.099 of nitro-

Although the aeropiane principle is preferred by nearly all the inventors who are now at work on the flying machine problem, there are a few who the shock, smiled wanty and made him | think that something may be accomsit beside her. Her brother recounted plished with helixes, or screw prohis exploit. All the guests poured pellers, revolving about a vertical axis, and thus exerting a direct uplift. Paul Cornu, a Frenchman, has recently prolation Mr. Nash did his best to bear duced a machine on this plan, which himself with becoming modesty. In a he calls a helicoptere, and which has pause in the buzz of praise, he smiled proved itself capable of lifting him a few feet from the ground. The ap-"I'm really very much obliged to you paratus comprises two double-winged all," he said; "I don't deserve half the | helixes and two planes under the government of levers. The belixes do All that was needed was a little pres- the lifting, and the reaction upon the planes of the air set into spinning mo-Mr. Nash became a frequent and wel- | tion by the helixes is expected to give the horizontal motion. A 24-horse-power motor furnishes the power.

Financial Poetry.

An unusual album was presented to Willis Clark, brother of Lewis Gaylord Clark, a poet, on one occasion, with

Mr. Clark was at the house of for two. I'll see that you are comfart- farmer, and the man's daughter had able; and I daresay even a solicitor can turned an old account book into an autograph album in which were in-I'm glad to know that my daughter is scribed the names of her various friends and relatives below appropriate sentiments.

after turning over the leaves for a mo- given the American stage a great play ment or two he took a pen and wrote the following verse:

This world's a scene as dark as Where hope is scarce worth Our joys are born so fleeting

That they are dear at And yet to stay here many are Although they may not have

-Loudon Graphic Think Sof

We know what Sherman said of war. I know a clerk Who claims that saying is by far More true of work. -St. Paul Pioneer Press.

**AMUSEMENTS** 

AT THE CHICAGO THEATERS.

AUDITORIUM THEATER, CHICAGO Last chance to see the greatest of minstrel shows. George "Honey Boy" Evans and Cohan & Harris Minstrels in final week at the Big Auditorium.

Public crowds big playhouse. Ecstasy, mingled with rapture and amazement, which finds its vent in almost continuous outbursts of laughter and thunderous applause, has marked every performance of the Cohan & Harris Minstrels, which are holding forth at the Big Auditorium Theater. The third and final week of the Chi engagement begins September 20th.

George Evans, the star of this mam moth aggregation, has won new laurels with his laugh-provoking monologue. With film appear a dozen kings of minstrelsy, including the old favorite, George Thatcher, John King, Eddle Leonard, Ernest Tenney, Frank Morrell and a host of others, each a master in the art of burnt-cork entertainment. Rice and Prevost, emperors among comedy acrobats, and Julian Eltinge, the young and talented impersonator of feminine characters, whose Sheath Gown Girl, Bathing Girl, Gibson Coon and Salome Dances have won for him fame on both continents, are a few of the features of this immense production. New York and Eastern cities paid \$2.00 a seat for this magnificent show with its brilliant stage effects and Cohan songs and music, but Chicago theater-goers are given the opportunity wholly opposite chemical nature. popular prices, made possible by the fact that the Auditorium is the largest

MAJESTIC.

playhouse in the world.

For the week of September 21st, the Majestic Theater, Chicago, will have great biff, headed by the celebrated Mc Intyre and Heath, who undoubtedly stand at the very top in the ranks of American fun-makers. They have been persuaded to return to vandeville, in which their earlier successes were achieved, after an absence of three years, during which time they have and profitable musical comedies ever pearance on the Majestic stage next week will no doubt be the signal for generous applause, as is belitting two portant number which will be seen in Misss Anna Woodward as the soloist. Their sejec-Dolores, as "The Clubwoman" of the According to a report issued by the Type made familiar by the comic papers Canadian government the Dominion has a part well suited to her and she owns thirteen Marconi stations on the succeeds in getting a laugh out of alguif and on the Atlantic seaboard. most every line of the play. Among sometimes belos us. Three of these are what are known as others who will take part in this won-"low-power" stations and cost £1,000 derful bill are Kennedy and Rooney. each; the others are known as "high- Foy and Clark and baif a dozen other

### GARRICK THEATER

There are but three more weeks of the engagement of Lew Fields and his company of players at the Garrick in atmosphere are believed by Prof. J. the musical play "The Girl Behind the Hann to be two very different gaseous ('ounter," when Mr. Feilds and his assectates must move onward, by reason of previous bookings at that popular play-house. Never in the history of the Garrick has a more popular engagement been played than that exploited

couragements of an unusually hot spell to 84.34 per cent, with 15.19 of oxy- of weather, the business at the Garrick has been uniformly to capacity seems increased to 99.45 per cent, with houses, which signifies the esteem in which Mr. Fields and "The Girl Behind the Counter" has been held by the play-loving public. His infectious humor, which at times delves close to the realm of pathos, stamps him as a true comedian, and one of rare merit. Nothing more amusing than the scene he has between the two society girls at the soda fountain who wish to order chocolate, and his drilling of the wait ers at the Jardin de Paris, ever has been seen on the stage. And his scenes with that excellent English comedienne. Miss Connie Ediss, who plays the role of Schniff's wife, are delightful for their drollery, and the twenty musical numbers with which the entertainmen is enlivened.

> Miss Faust's interpretation of the dance of Salome before King Herod. which is introduced as an entre acte for the Chicago run only has made an impression which has caused wide spread comment.

CHICAGO OPERA HOUSE. "The Devil," the sensational comedy by Frank Molnar, which has proved one of the greatest successes of the American stage, will receive its first production in Chicago at the Chicago Opera House beginning Sunday evening, Sept. 20, when Henry W. Savage will offer Henry E. Dixey in the title role, supported by a cast of distin-Mr. Clark saw his opportunity, and guished players. Mr. Savage has again and one that is destined to become a classic in the stage annals of this country. This comedy, to which Mr. Savage holds the sole rights, rather suggests in its general treatment such efforts as George Bernard Shaw's witty comedy, "Man and Superman," and 19 Bernstein's "The Thief." An important thought concerning men and women, even a bit of deep auman philosophy, is expressed in terms of wit and humor worthy of Shaw at his best, but plus a serious undercurrent that the famous Celt has thus far scarcely

This devit expresses himself and explains his origin in this manner: "I come from nowhere, I go everywhere; U. S. am HERE." In so saying, touching the foreheads of the man and woman who are being drawn together in the net which is so skillfully cast and so adroitly wrapped about them, and from which there is no escape, only ruin and dishonor follow them through life.

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solving it one of these days. What a Dead Fly Did. A queer story is told about a dead fly's settling an important literary question in connection with Robert Louis Stevenson. It seems that some literary men were looking over a book guiarly enough, similar observations on men who have done so much towards of notes left by Mr. Stevenson, and it the Kalserstuhl, a mountain in Ger- cutertaining the American public for was important that they should find over twenty-five years. Another im- out the date when the notes were written-whether he wrote them bevaudeville for the first time will be fore, or after, be went to Samoa to live. As there was no date attached to the notes, the examiners were much | ter perplexed as to how they might settle distance from the planet, more than sical airs and they may be depended the matter, when one of them happened to discover a dead fly between two swered Howard. "I was going to, but of the leaves. Now, one of the men was an entomologist-that is to say. he knew all about insects and he at once recognized the fly as belonging to the Polynesian Islands. It was evident, therefore, that Mr. Stevenson

> Why She Gave It Away. pharmacists are fighting to keep them "Here's a shirt for you, my man, said the woman at the back door to

wrote the notes at Samon. In what an

unexpected way a knowledge of science

the tramp. "But don't you think your husband will want to say something about that shirt, ma'am?" said the itinerant, examining the garment.

"No: I'm bess here!" "Yes, I suppose you are, ma'am: but dere's no bottoms on this



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the Week Ending September

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tremes were 99 degrees and 45 degrees. No rainfall was reported anywhere in the state, except a trace at La Salle, and .01 inch at Chicago. The lack of moisture has caused damage in all sections, but the most serious injury has occurred in the southern tier of coun-

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by the natives "the sugar-cane meke, or sugar-cane dance. It represents the growth of the sugar cane Women are fighting in England for the right to practice pharmacy, and the

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From time out of mind, says the Japan Times, certain devotees of that country have visited a celebrated temple at Narita twice a year to perform the plons act of fasting within its en-A very curious and exceedingly elever cred precincts. A "fasting hall" has dance may be witnessed in Fill, called been specially erected for their accommodation and the number entering this hall is on the increase. Those who have already fasted in the fasting chamber this year number 234 men and thirtytwo women. Of the whole number fit ty-nine fasted less than a week, 174 fasted one week, ten confinned fasting out, on the ground that the calling is two weeks, fourteen fasted three weeks and one went without food for five

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