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Woman's World

Miss Alcott's "Little Women"
 Dramatized by Miss De Forest.



MISS MARIAN DE FOREST.

Miss Marian De Forest, who dramatized "Little Women," is the dramatic critic for the Buffalo Express. She has a considerable reputation as a dramatic critic, but never before tried her hand at playwriting. She is an enthusiastic lover of Miss Alcott's works, and her dramatization was made with out revering the book. Miss De Forest explains that she did not want to be tied down by incidents, as is often the case when the dramatist consults the book in conjunction with the work at hand.

As a play "Little Women" has been well received, and the famous story is splendidly and accurately portrayed. The role of Meg is taken by Miss Alice Brady, the daughter of William A. Brady, who produced the play.

IN THE OLDEN DAYS.

Equal Suffrage Obtained Among the Norsemen in the Viking Age.

Many of the women of today who pride themselves upon being "modern" and "advanced" and who are making such a brave struggle to obtain rights and privileges which certainly should be theirs without any contention would be surprised to know how far equal suffrage obtained among the old Norsemen in the age of the vikings. Rough and violent as they were in those days, they had a respect for woman, and their laws were made to protect her and to give her an independence she had not possessed through the succeeding centuries. At fifteen the woman of the viking period became of legal age and was allowed to transact her own affairs of business. She owned property in her own right, which, after her marriage, still remained her own. After one year of marriage a man and his wife became partners, and whatever was acquired in the way of lands, stock and other property was owned jointly, and the husband could not sell nor move it to another town or country without the wife's consent. This would seem a beneficent state to those women of England whose husbands, legally entitled to do so, take from their scanty earnings and dispose of them without a "by your leave" or "thank you."

In marriage the viking maid could not be coerced. Although the men of her family could offer their advice, she was not bound to take it. Marriage was a civil compact only, and while even in those far-off times the bride had a dowry, the groom had to set against this a counter-gift. After the wedding the wife became her husband's companion, and both at home and in the community her counsels were of great weight.

Altogether the position of women in the days of the sagas was decidedly superior.

What a Wife Needs.

She needs a good temper, a cheerful disposition and a knowledge of how her husband should be treated.

She needs a capability of looking on the bright side of life and refusing to be worried by small things.

She needs a secure grasp of such subjects as are of interest to men and should not be above studying even politics in order to understand should her husband speak of it.

She needs a sympathetic nature in order that should sorrow fall upon them she may be able to give comfort to her husband.

She needs to understand something of sick nursing. A wife with no notion of what to do in cases of illness is but a useless thing.

She needs considerable tact and patience—the one to enable her to know when to remain silent, and the versa, and the other to put up with him when his temper is ruffled.

The Length of Skirts.

Hems out.

Several inches longer.

A way with chopped ones.

Two inches and two and a half

is the proper height from the ground.

The shoe top will now go into retirement.

Skirts may not be any wider.

But they are longer, which helps some.

Some folks may drop their hammers now.

Usually there is another up their sleeve for the next change of fashion.

Heigh-ho, but busybodies cannot be expected to neglect their jobs!

The Social Side of Life
 Local Affairs of the week

By the Observer.

Mrs. Ed. Huber was hostess Monday evening at a euchre party.

Mrs. H. Walthers entertained the afternoon Euchre Club Wednesday.

Mrs. H. B. Clark entertained five members of the Elm Place school faculty at luncheon on Tuesday.

Miss Lillie Bell entertained informally at tea on Friday afternoon in honor of her two guests the Misses Hildegarde and Irene Zentner of Milwaukee.

Mrs. Pere L. Wickes, Jr., has cards out for a breakfast to be given at her residence on Sheridan Road on Saturday, December fourteenth at twelve o'clock.

Acquaintances here will be interested to hear of the announcement of the wedding of Miss Marguerite Prindville of Baltimore, Maryland, and Mr. Thomas Wanty of Grand Rapids, Mich. which took place on the afternoon of Wednesday, December 4.

The marriage is announced of Miss Ethel Fink and Allen Hatch DeWolf which took place last month in Spokane, Wash. Mr. De Wolf, who is a civil engineer in the employment of the government, is located in British Columbia and is well known here having graduated from N. M. A.

Miss Floyd entertained on Wednesday the embroidery class which, under the direction of Madame DeMauriac, has met on alternate Wednesdays for a number of years. From a class organized with the main purpose of becoming instructed in embroidery it has developed into an established social circle. Here the most beautiful and intricate embroidery is done by the members and in attendance in this interesting meeting are usually to be found Mrs. Maud H. Shannon, Mrs. Hannibal H. Chandler, Mrs. Samuel Parliament, Mrs. E. B. Metzger, Mrs. D. M. Erskine, Mrs. H. R. Loudon, Mrs. C. P. Woodcock, Miss Floyd, Mrs. William J. Louderback, Mrs. Henry Ritter, of Ravenswood, formerly of this city, and Mrs. Cochran and Mrs. Rankin of Lake Bluff.

Miss Elizabeth Plamondon, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred D. Plamondon of 2112 Lincoln Park West, who spend the summers in Highland Park, will be presented formally to society at a tea, New Year's day. Assisting will be Miss Helen Morris, Miss Louise Morris, Miss Katherine Dean, Miss Marion Pillsbury, Miss Mildred Klein and Miss Esther Marr.

The Thanksgiving dance which took place in the drill hall of the Northwestern Military Academy was a very pretty affair at which there were a number of ladies from Highland Park and Chicago. The hall was decorated with military weapons and the national colors. An especially attractive feature was the rustic fence with a swinging gate which outlined the dance floor. Captain John F. Briggs and Miss Marjorie Loudon led the grand march.

The engagement of Miss Katherine Foulds, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence W. Foulds of Sheridan Road, to Lieut. Robert E. O'Brien was announced last Thursday at West Point where Miss Foulds, accompanied by Mrs. Charles McNear of Ft. Sheridan is visiting for a fortnight. Both Miss Foulds and Lieut. O'Brien are well known here. Lieut. O'Brien who was formerly stationed at Ft. Sheridan is on detail at West Point but will return on the fifteenth of this month.

The marriage of Miss Christine Perry, granddaughter of the late Mrs. J. T. Raffan and formerly a resident of this city, to Mr. Neal Holb of Chicago took place Thanksgiving day at the Fourth Presbyterian Church, Chicago. Rev. Timothy Stone performing the ceremony, Miss Agnes Simmers of this city was maid of honor and Mr. Charles Shaw of Chicago, best man. Following the ceremony dinner was served the bridal party and a few local friends of the bride at the home of Mrs. J. H. Simmers of this city. After a short honeymoon the young people will be at home at 1243 No. Clark Street, Chicago.

FLOWERS OF THE NIGHT.

They Are Usually Pure White With a Peculiar Glow.

As we all know, there are both day blooming and night blooming flowers. The former are generally decked in red, blue, yellow or purple and have lines, spots or markings on their petals which often act as guides to the bees and butterflies.

The night blooming flowers, on the other hand, invite the visits of moths or other night flying insects and therefore have recourse to something like the tasks of the fireflies and the glow-worms. They are usually pure white and have such a peculiar texture that they seem to glow with internal light in the dim shades of evening.

At times you might almost fancy that they were stained by nature with some forerunner of luminous paint, so clearly do they reflect every visible ray of the faint twilight. They thus succeed in catching the eyes of the moths, which, of course, are modified especially for perceiving and receiving the slight stimulus of the dusk and gloaming.

But the nocturnal flowers have no lines or spots, because these last could never be perceived in the dim gloom of the evening. They make up for it, however, by being very heavily scented. Indeed, almost all the strong white flowers, which are such favorites with florists, such as jasmine, tuberose, gardenia, stephanotis, sorbus and syringa, which belong to the night blooming plants, are especially adapted to attract the senses of winged nocturnal insects.—St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

HELP THAT HELPS.

Lincoln's Response to His Brother's Request For a Loan.

Abraham Lincoln's good sense is witnessed by almost every act of his life. His sound views on indiscriminate charity and the best means of encouraging thrift and industry are shown by the following letter to one of his brothers:

"Dear Johnson.—Your request for \$80 I do not think it best to comply with now. At the various times when I have helped you a little you have said to me, 'We can get along very well now,' but in a very short time I find you in the same difficulty again. Now, this can only happen by some defect in your conduct—what that defect is I think I know; you are not lazy, and still you are an idler. * * *

"You are now in need of some ready money, and what I propose is that you should go to work, tooth and nail, for somebody who will give you money for it * * * and then to secure you a fair reward for your labor I now promise you that for every dollar you will between this and the first of next May get for your labor I will then give you one other dollar. * * * You have always been kind to me and I do not mean to be unkind to you. On the contrary, if you will follow my advice you will find it worth more than eight times \$80 to you affectionately your brother,

"A LINCOLN."

Pointing Wite—You used to call me the light of your life. Hnb—So I did, but I had no idea the meter was going to register such a cost.—Boston Transcript.

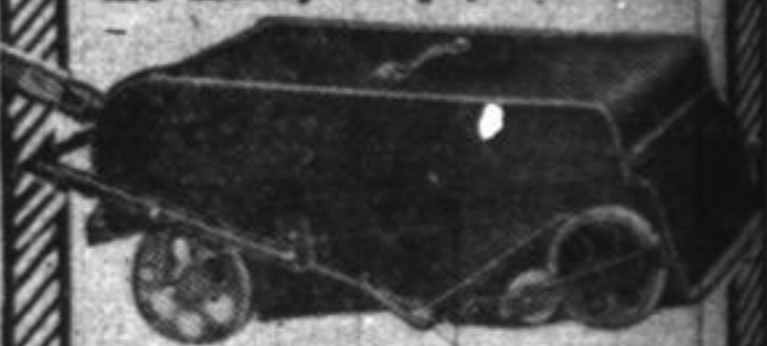
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