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CO-EDUCATION AND MATRIMONY.

A writer in Collier's Weekly calls attention to a "western Quaker college," which, according to her, is productive of many successful marriages. There have been two divorces among marriages of those who have been graduates of "good standing" and a like number when the parties were of "low standing." Low standing is taken to mean those whose objects in life were comparatively frivolous.

The unsigned writer goes on to mention the fact that the system of co-education is a valuable way in which to gain an insight into the lives of prospective contracting parties and lays particular stress on the fact that the boys and girls are put in close proximity at table and allowed to get tired of each other. It is a denatured form of the trial marriage, it seems.

Although the business of marriage is one of the most serious of the problems of life, it may strike the reader of this article, that it is a little unheard of to regard the college even in this day and generation as a matrimonial bureau. There have been quite as many successful marriages among sensible people all over the world without the intermediary of the process of higher education. And if articles on this subject are to be believed in the reviews of the day, there is some little doubt as to whether or not marriage is the usual outcome of the higher education of women. If the marriage rate is normal at this western college or above it (as it doubtless is) that undoubtedly shows a healthy condition to put on a par with its record on the divorce question. Otherwise the data accumulated by the author is as useless as the statement that there are no floods in the Sahara Desert.

This condition of the western college is a little unique in as much as at many of our universities it is customary for the students of the male sex to import fair and often ill-educated, but vivacious girls to be their partners on festive occasions, and at other times to ignore the presence of the co-ed within their gates. Nay, even the novelists in writing college stories, recognize the claims of the sisters of college chums while they ignore the college girl of co-educational institutions. It has therefore remained for the champion to appear as she has lately done in Colliers, to show that co-education is indeed a sure path and a straightone to matrimony. And more than that a lasting one.

There has only been one new aerial navigator reported this week. That is quite a contrast to the statement made in the New York Sun of ten years ago, when news was dull. There had been an aeronautic accident. "This is the third accident of this sort which has happened in these parts in the last three hundred years" Cela!

Charles P. Taft was the heaviest contributor in good cause of electing his brother. Still, money should balance avordupois in that family it is only just.

That affair in Clay township in which the teacher who whipped the kid, when the latter was a boy will bring up hundreds of reminiscences.

Muck-raking has begun in some of the rural counties. That is what houses.

comes of keeping the pigs in the court. Both Taft and Gompers have been elected president.

Put a Red Cross stamp on your packages.

MASONIC CALENDAR.

TUESDAY, DEC. 1.—Richmond Lodge No. 196 F. and A. M., stated meeting. Election of officers.

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 2.—Webb Lodge No. 24 F. and A. M., called meeting, master degree.

THURSDAY, DEC. 3.—Wayne Council No. 10, R. and S. M., stated assembly. Election of officers.

Saturday, Dec. 5.—Loyal chapter No. 49 O. E. S., stated meeting.

MELISSA: The only flour I ever had any luck with is Gold Medal Flour.

Diplomats to Exchange Notes

New Agreement Between Japan and America Cinched—Contents of the Measure Will be Made Public Tonight.

Washington, Dec. 1.—Secretary of State Elihu Root, on behalf of the United States and Kozoro Takahira, ambassador, on behalf of Japan, shortly before 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon exchanged diplomatic notes defining the policies of the two governments in the far East.

The actual ceremony of exchange was very brief, Secretary Root handing the ambassador a note which bore his signature, and the ambassador giving to Mr. Root a paper defining Japan's policy and bearing his signature.

Assistant Secretary Bacon, Second

Secretary of the Embassy Massanao Hanabusa and Mr. Babcock, Mr. Root's private secretary, were witnesses to the transaction.

After an informal exchange of felicitations the ambassador and his secretary left the state department, the former with a smile on his face, indicating his great satisfaction over the conclusion of the exchanges.

The full purport of the notes already has been published. They will be made public simultaneously in the United States and Japan tonight with a view to publication in both countries Wednesday morning.

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Mysterious Women Figure Prominently in Gould Divorce Case.

PUBLIC WILL HEAR TRIAL.

New York, Dec. 1.—The divorce suit brought by Mrs. Helen K. Gould against Frank Jay Gould is to be tried in open court and not before a referee as was done with the Alfred G. Vanderbilt case some months ago.

It has been learned that all efforts for a secret hearing of evidence has

More mystery was thrown about the interesting case by the attorneys, who presented the newly amended complaint to Justice Seabury on an order from Justice Bischoff. Instead of reading aloud in court the names of the women correspondents, whose names were incorporated by Court order, Attorney Herbert C. Smith referred to them as "Miss Blank" and "Miss Dash."

"Miss Blank" was declared to have been favored by Mr. Gould with dinners in the Cafe Martin, with many valuable gifts of jewelry, and with one present of \$3,000 in cash, not as evidence of platonic friendship, but as "inducements to commit treachery" alleged as grounds for divorce.

In the case of "Miss Dash," the scene shifts to Paris at the Grand Hotel. There, it is alleged, "an agent or associate" of Mr. Gould engaged a room "adjacent to or connecting with" the room occupied by "Miss Dash," and that Mr. Gould has access to her room.

The Hat and the Title.
There is an amusing English definition of "gentleman." It is "a man who wears a silk hat and if he has no other title insists upon having 'Esq.' added to his name when letters are addressed to him."

The west end Londoner of social pretensions accepts this definition in practice. Summer and winter, in rain or shine, he wears a high silk hat in the streets of London and carries it into the drawing room when he pays an afternoon call. It is only when he takes a train for the provinces or for the continent that he ventures to use more comfortable headgear. He also expects to have the distinction of "esquire" when a letter is addressed to him and is highly offended if he finds on the envelope the prefix "Mr." As a matter of fact, the number of English gentlemen who are legally entitled to the mediaeval honor of "esquire" is insignificant. It is a self assumed title which signifies nothing that is substantial in rank or privilege in common use in London "esquire" simply means that the person so addressed does not choose to be associated with tradesmen and ordinary working people and that he is a "gentleman" who invariably wears a silk hat.

Stop Preaching and Fall to Teaching.
Flood the country and towns with immense posters, headed in foot-high letters with the legend, "Alcoholism!" In which teach the process by which alcohol is formed. Tell them the wonderful story of the little microbe called the Torula, a member of the great family of micro organisms to which the innumerable streptococcus and saccharomyces make up an immense group of scavengers that eat up rotten and rotting grains, and every sort of filth. And how that, in riotous living in the muck-tub of the breweries, not observing any kind of sanitary conditions, their own pustules or excretions heretently inimical to all life conditions, soon kill the microbe. Now the whole seething mass is loaded on the still and dead bugs together with their pustules and numerous accompanying toxines or virulent poisons, come from the breweries in the shape of whiskies, brandies, wines, ales, beers, or any sort of alcohols that the distiller may wish to make out of the products of the still called "high-wines." Teach what the disease known to the medical profession as Alcoholism, really is and what it does for the temple of God, this vital realm which we call the living body. In all these marvelous facts we live true stories stranger than any fiction from the fertile brains of Poe, Doyle or Kipling. A brief campaign of education along these lines and a vote for dry would carry with such a stupendous majority that not even a democratic legislature would have the temerity to repeal.

As Uncle Cannon Joe says, "lets peel off our coats" and do something gentlemen, and do it quick too; we have the enemy on the run already, why not keep them hiking. They are prattling about a "saloon to every 500 of population, and having only good saloons," who ever heard of a good saloon except as a dead Indian?"

WOMAN SALOONIST GOES IN BANKRUPTCY

Eldorado, O., Dec. 1.—Mrs. Ella Coleman, woman saloonist of Greenville, filed a petition in bankruptcy in the U. S. court at Cincinnati. Liabilities are \$2,617, with assets of \$155, representing stock and fixtures. She is the first female saloonist to take advantage of the bankruptcy act.

Heart to Heart Talks.

By EDWIN A. NYE.

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While Dancing Dreamy Waltz

Ohio Lad Is Torn from Side of Fair Girl by Officer of Law

Eldorado, Ohio, Dec. 1.—"Waltz me around again, Willie, around and round and round and round."

It wasn't Willie who was doing the waltzing with his fair Juliet, but Raymond, whose surname is Wummaw. He was having the time of his life. It was at a party in the country and Wummaw and his Juliet never had had a more pleasant dance. The music was excellent, the floor fine and Juliet—O, she was a perfect dream. Raymond had quite lost his head. He is only twenty-two years old and hardly

him the powers of a constable. He had come to Darke county and gone to the dance to see Raymond. It was not a call of friendship, however. In fact, he has not much sympathy for Raymond. Stuffed away in the big pocket of the constable's overcoat was been filled in with the name Raymond Wummaw.

Bumbli nabbed Wummaw as he glided by, and gently releasing Juliet from the arm of her Romeo, whispered a few words of magic into the ear of the latter. "It's all right, Yes, I'll go," responded Raymond (erstwhile Romeo). Juliet was told her Raymond had been summoned away and would have to leave at once. He would not be back for a few days. She just hated to go on, but maybe there were others and the dance had to go on.

Those words of the constable were: "Martha DeWeese has preferred charges against you." Wummaw went to Troy and was placed in jail.

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