

THE UNHAPPILY WEDDED

Community of Women Who Have Found Marriage a Failure.

Members Have Different Trades and Professions and Provide for Each Others' Needs Without Male Assistance.

Out in Mount Pleasant, one of the prettiest suburbs of Washington, there is a large brick house which shelters a unique community consisting of 35 women under the government of Mrs. Martha McWhirter.

Some years ago, in a letter from Texas, I told an interesting story of four women at Belton, a little Texas town, who, having been deserted by their husbands and thrown upon their own resources, established a boarding house which soon grew into a hotel and had the reputation of being the best in the state.

The community has gradually grown and now consists of 35 women of 30 years old and upward, who are living what they consider an ideal life.

Every woman in the community has cheerfully accepted the situation and performed the duties to which she has been assigned.

The women have no politics and do not pretend to be reformers. Nor do they interfere in any manner with the outside world.

Louis XI's favorite diversion was watching trained pigs, so fantastically dressed, they danced to music.

NATURE OF THE SPINE

Developed by an incorrect posture and characterized by a curved spine.

From childhood later, the spine develops very gradually, and, as will be presently shown, the causes are very slight.

A slight asymmetry of any one of the vertebrae of which the backbone is built up, or an abnormal development or lack of development of one of the muscles which hold it upright, is sufficient to produce a deviation from its proper position.

This of itself would be of comparatively small moment if the organs contained within the trunk were not affected by any considerable change from its proper upright position.

Constitutional weakness naturally tends to make lateral curvature of the spine more readily acquired.

With the knowledge that lateral deviation is thus easily caused, it is not to be wondered at that causes, apparently very slight are frequently the only ones discoverable to account for certain of the many cases among the physicians' notice.

Children who go to school at six or seven years of age are often compelled to sit on a badly shaped bench, sometimes with no support for the back, during school hours.

A narrow space between the seat and the desk obliges the child to push between them, so that, in girls, particularly, a drag is exerted on one shoulder, or the skirts form an uneven cushion, tilting the spinal column out of the perpendicular.

Parents may therefore be pardoned if they insist on abundance of room and considerable lack of restraint for young children in the schoolroom.

SLATE WRITING IS AN ART.

May Be Acquired by Anyone Without Spirit Aid, Says This Authority.

"Spiritualistic slate-writing, if cleverly done, always makes a marked impression on a magician's audience, because it utterly baffles their efforts to detect the trick.

On a stand near by he has a small easel, a common school slate, a bottle of India ink with a quill pen in it and a few sheets of ordinary white writing paper.

Having allowed the audience to see the articles thus arranged in the cabinet he throws a large silk handkerchief over it.

The explanation of the trick is simple. The writing is done in advance by the performer, the fluid used being a solution of sulphuric acid of the purest quality.

Several sheets of paper are prepared in advance, each with a different inscription, the performer telling one inscription from another by secretly marked pin pricks.

INSECTS IN WINTER.

Driven to Strange Hiding Places to Escape the Icy Fingers of Jack Frost.

Often on a warm, sunny day in midwinter in England, where the climate is so much milder than it is in our northern latitude, one walking in the woods will startle a swarm of grasshoppers that will leap before him, their hard bodies striking the dead leaves with a sound like hail.

They are called "grouse grasshoppers." And during cold weather in this country the grasshoppers hide beneath the loose bark of logs or under the bottom rails of fences.

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MISSION INDIANS HOMELESS.

Have No Legal Right to the Lands Occupied by Them in Southern California.

In carrying out the provisions of the mandate lately issued by order of the United States supreme court in the case of the Warner ranch against the Mission Indians of South Carolina, the sheriff of that section has not only a disagreeable duty to perform, but one that is felt by the residents of the section to be most unfortunate.

Letters to this effect have been received at the interior department from the Indian agent, from the sheriff and from officials of the department of justice.

The case in question reached the supreme court on error from the supreme court of the state of California, the action being brought to eject the Indians from lands claimed by what is known as the Warner ranch proprietors.

A prominent official of the Indian bureau said the other day that this case would be the means of getting congress to make provision for the Mission Indians, for whom no funds has ever been set aside.

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FOR FEMININE WEARERS.

Tailor Costumes for the Coming Season—downs for Afternoons and Receptions.

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A MEAN REVENGE.

Tired Young Man Gives Dreyfus Admirer a Widespread Paroxysm of Pain.

A well-dressed young man was sitting in a car, trying to win a glance of approval from a patrician maiden who sat opposite, relates the Chicago Tribune.

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FOR THE HOME DRESSMAKER.

Directions for Remodelling and Sewing Laces, Silks and Woollens.

Black lace is freshened by brushing to remove the dust, then dipping in black coffee or strong vinegar, says a household exchange.

Black silk should first be brushed with soft flannel, then sponged with hot, strong coffee. While still wet iron on the wrong side, after covering with a piece of soft muslin.

Cottons that have much green, mauve or brown in the pattern should be wet in alum water before putting it in the steam.

Woolen goods after cleansing should be hung in the shade and ironed on the side that is to be innermost while still damp.

The best elderdown will not fade and will bear hard and frequent cleanings if washed carefully.

An English wrinkle for lace cleaning at home when one desires that delightful dingy yet clean color seen in the shops is this: Mix some very weak tea; add a few drops of tincture of India ink and dip in the lace, squeeze from the fluid, put out to dry, spread smoothly on a board covered with a clean cloth.

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FUN ON WAL STREET.

Boysish Frank Flareby Young Operator Out Tips a Hunt for Blunder.

A group of young cubs, looking and acting like college sophomores, took a stroll through Wallstreet the other afternoon satisfied with the world and looking for fun, says the New York Times.

"There one goes! 'atch it!" Instantly three of the youths made a dive for the gutter and taking their straw hats off tripped and fell over something on the asphalt.

"No. There he goes." Another hat would flap down on the walk as its owner shouted: "I've got him."

"Now, look at it. Get him under my felt hat and we can hold him." Hurrying Frank Flareby stopped and watched. Crowds blocked the sidewalk business. Everyone wanted to know what it was all about.

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