

WHERE WOMEN FAIL.

WHEN THEY TRY TO DO THE WORK OF "CREDIT MAN."

One Place Where Man Is in No Danger of Being Shoved Aside to Make Room for Sister.

There's one walk in business life where woman has made a fair, respectable, and unshakable failure...

I was reminded of this noted point of weakness in the feminine business equipment by seeing that the Federal bank, which has just failed in New York...

When a man finds a woman employs that he can trust to the same degree as Mr. Rockefeller trusts his private secretary...

There are few branches of business in which it can be said that women have been failures...

Largest Bank in the World. In London a banking combination is now in progress that will put the two largest New York banks far in the background...

The Smallest Realm. The sovereign who reigns over the smallest monarchy in the world is the King of Cocos...

PROFIT IN ILLICIT STILL.

The Evil Will Hardly Ever Be Stamped Out So Long as It Pays So Well.

Although the makers of illicit whisky are punished by heavy fines whenever they are detected...

I have been a revenue officer for about 25 or 30 years and have seen all kinds of service...

It will give you an idea of how cheaply moonshine whisky is made and the immense profits that are reaped from its sale...

LIMITATIONS OF GENIUS.

Men Who Are Great in One Profession Are Seldom Fitted for Any Other.

To be a great lawyer is incompatible with being a great poet, says Notes and Queries...

Her Solitude.

They had just telephoned from downtown that hubby was seriously injured and fast losing consciousness...

Shy at Drawing.

"When I was a young man," said Stormington Barnes, "I went on the stage with the determination of becoming the architect of my own fortune..."

RUSSIAN BRAVERY.

COURAGE AND DEVOTION OF THE SOLDIERS OF THE CZAR.

Popular Errors Regarding the Men Who Are Fighting the Sturdy Japs—Stories of Heroic Conduct.

People who should know declare that the Russian soldier is not ill-treated by his superior officers...

Thus, relates the New York Sun, Gen. Skobelev had a favorite sergeant who had been with him from the days when he was a sub-lieutenant...

"Skobelev was inconsolable," said an officer who was there at the time. "He had won a magnificent victory where other generals had failed..."

Skobelev used to do all in his power to stimulate the intelligence of his soldiers. Any man who hit on a bright idea during a campaign could take it direct to Skobelev...

At the siege of Geok Tepe, Skobelev would sit all day long at the mouth of one or other of the mines, watching the progress of the sappers who were tunnelling underground...

An enlisted man is not expected to obey all orders blindly. He is supposed to use his intelligence.

The courage of the man behind the Russian gun has been amply proved time and again. No nation can point to heroic deeds of its fighting men which cannot be paralleled from the annals of the Russian service.

Englishmen are justly proud of the dogged pluck of Moysie, Sir Francis Doyle's "drunken private of the Buffs," who having fallen into the hands of the Chinese during the opium war...

That incident has an almost exact parallel in the behavior of a soldier of the Pereslaff dragoons who was captured during the Khivan campaign in 1873...

"Take him outside and flog him with leather whips," commanded the khan. It was done. After over 100 strokes the man fainted...

Then the khan, mad with rage, subjected him to a favorite Turcoman punishment. A sword was plunged into a brazier until it was white hot...

This story is told to recruits in the Russian army as an example of the manner in which they should uphold the honor of Russia among her enemies.

Sound Telegraphy at Sea.

Since the experiments of Prof. Elisha Gray, three years ago, the system of submarine sound telegraphy has been considerably improved, and it is now in practical use on steamships plying between New York and Boston...

Find Pearls with X-Rays.

M. Dubois in a paper read before the Academy of Sciences, Paris, shows that it is possible by means of the Roentgen rays to examine the living oyster without in any way injuring it and to ascertain whether or not it contains a pearl...

ON A SABBATH IN MEXICO.

The People Turn Out in Crowds to Witness the Bloody Sights of the Bullring.

Four men were caught by bulls the other afternoon during the corrida at the Chapultepec bull-ring...

As the weather was fine, and it had been announced that Silverio Chico and Capita would fight Cazadero bulls...

The first bull let into the arena was the best of the afternoon. It was fierce. It promptly disemboweled several horses, and chased the toreros around the arena.

The second bull was a "silverescuera." He did not kill any horses, nor even attack the mounted men...

The third, fourth and fifth bulls were very tame. The fourth jumped the ring, and, seeing a "mono sabio" in the cañon, made for him, inflicting a wound in the head...

The next victim was Silverio Chico, who was overtaken by the fifth bull and thrown high into the air. Fortunately, he was not gored, and only received slight injuries by his fall.

The last man caught was Paredita, a banderillo, who was caught when he attempted to place a pair of sticks. He was thrown down with all the might of the bull...

The toreros did their best. Mirandita, Naranjito, Marinete and Puaterito played good pairs of banderillo. Arcaadio Reyes, a pleader, did very good work.

Silverio Chico and Capita skillfully handled the sword, although Silverio Chico was so scared after he was caught that he showed some in next to fear when killing his last bull.

SAURIANS TAKE THE BAIT.

Fishing for Crocodiles is an Exciting Sport in the Straits of Malacca.

One of the chief sports of mariners who pass through the straits of Malacca is fishing for crocodiles. The creatures in this region, says a London exchange, frequently attain a remarkable growth...

A small bamboo raft, some two feet square in construction, and on it is erected a flag post surmounted by a red flag, while from the under side of the raft...

Girals are the most difficult of all animals to take by surprise. No matter from what direction you may approach the giraffe is sure to discover you.

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FRESH FROCKS AND FRILLS.

Tasty Toiletttes and Fanciful Trifes of Ornamentation for the Season.

Black chiffon taffeta walking gowns, with instep skirt, are in favor for street and carriage wear.

Fancy crepe de chine and invisible check toffetas are novelties this season. Silks with black, white or silver-gray grounds upon which is woven a chine design in some bright tint, are new.

Aluminum braid in various widths is used for trimming, reports the Brooklyn Eagle.

The capelle trimmings to dresses are legion; they droop over the shoulders, they form points to the elbow...

A floral insertion, especially of a straggling pattern, applied to chiffon as an edge, is very pretty, especially in flimsy black upon a white ground.

The woman who affects the picture style nowadays has a large range of choice.

In coat buttons the blister pearl, the amazonite, the matrix opal, and the matrix turquoise all serve as a ground for the introduction of what appear to be rubies, sapphires and diamonds.

One of the handsomest and daintiest of summer belts is of warp print silk in pompadour designs.

Skirt trimmings are for the most part vertical.

AIDS TO DRESSMAKING.

Dress Forms and New Devices for the Convenience of Home Workers.

Busy women and lazy women who give that time-honored excuse for dowdiness—lack of time to devote to the dressmaker—no longer avail themselves of this plea.

With the introduction of these various inventions it has become more the fact for women to do a great deal of their own dressmaking.

The latter apparatus consists of a lining made of thin rubber, cut and fitted by a good tailor, and put together so that it is airtight.

After the form is partially blown up the home dressmaker fastens her lining over it and increases the volume of air until the form completely fills the lining.

Another simple device is a form made out of a perfect fitting dressmaking. This is systematically stuffed with cotton or curled hair and then the openings at the neck and sleeves and base are closed to prevent the filling from dropping out.

HIGHWAYMEN WERE FOILED.

Their Intended Victims Are Deprived of Cash Before They Get Hold of Them.

"Search him again, Bill," said one of them. "He ought to have a big bunch of money."

"So they made another search, relate Elliott Flower, in the Brooklyn Eagle.

"It beats me," said the other highwayman, ruefully. "He wasn't makin' no deposit, 'cause he wasn't carryin' no book, an' it jest stood to reason he was bringin' out for the payroll."

"Not a blame thing," replied Bill. "Was you jest goin' to the bank for a walk?"

"No," replied the victim. "I had business there."

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USING ELECTRICITY.

NEW POWER FOUND IN PENNSYLVANIA AND DELAWARE.

Neglected Water Rights Bought by Speculators and Electric Plants Set Up—Tallow Dips Relegated.

Farmers in the rugged and beautiful hill country of Chester county, Pa., and the northern part of New Castle county, Del., are applying electricity to the work of the farm...

This region is characterized by its abundance of water power. The valleys are many and each is traversed by a swift stream.

These streams are knotted with dams, a good many of which have been long disused, because in the course of industrial development the small mills of various kinds driven by water power could not be operated with sufficient economy to compete with larger mills.

The old dams have been rebuilt, and the old mill races have been dug out. Each dam and race will yield from 100 to 300 horse-power, and the electrical generating plants are worked with the utmost economy.

The buildings are simple and inexpensive. Light lines of poles convey the wires, and one well-paid mechanic is able to manage the plant all day, and another at night.

The prosperous farmers of the region were quick to see the advantage of the light and power offered by these local concerns at rates which seem to city folk absurdly low.

Already there is talk among the farmers of the advantage that would come of having the country roads lighted by electricity.

Some of the old covered bridges, places where accidents and night attacks are not infrequent, are now made as bright by night as the day.

The small electrical plants send power and light to points distant from ten to 20 miles. Some of them have auxiliary steam power and one company operating a water mill in the upper reaches of New Castle county owns an old steam power a few miles beyond the line in Pennsylvania, and works one mill or the other, as the conditions demand.

The lines of the companies are seen traversing remote country roads, and running indifferently in one state or the other. There is abundant water power to generate ten times or perhaps 100 times as much electricity as is now demanded by the farmers, but the demand is constantly growing and all the abandoned dams are likely to be again called into use.

READ BOOKS IN THE DARK.

Undertaker Was Shocked When He Found That Albinos Have Cat's Eyes.

"It was ghastly," said the undertaker, according to the Chicago Tribune. "As we returned in our cabs from the cemetery in the black darkness of the evening, the man read out loud to his wife, the same as if it had been daylight."

"I sat opposite him. It was intensely dark. I could see the man's face, a vague whiteness and I could see the book that he held on his knee. Everything else—pitch black. And mumble, mumble, mumble went his voice. He read fluently. Cold shivers ran up and down my spine."

"Finally I interrupted. "'Pardon me,' said I, 'I am the undertaker. Would you mind telling me if you can really read in a light like this?'"

"'I certainly can,' said he. 'I can see more clearly in this darkness than in sunlight.'"

"Then he explained the matter to me. He said men every now and then were born with cat eyes that worked better by night than by day. He said Julius Caesar had been one of these men. Caesar had been able to read in the dark up to the age of 23; then the gift had left him. Joseph Scaliger had also had the gift. He said all pure albinos saw clearly in the dark, but in the sunlight their eyes grew dim and painful."

"Then the cab stopped and we got out. As the man passed under an arc lamp, I saw that his hair and his eyebrows and his skin were white and horrible, and his eyes were pinker than coral. I have never seen an albino so perfect."

Co-Education and Marriage.

Coeducation does not discourage matrimony in America. In every high school where boys and girls are brought together there are budding romances that not infrequently flower into matrimony, and as for the colleges and universities where men and women meet on an equal basis the conditions are extremely favorable to matrimony, and seldom are these marriages unhappy. In fact, so far from college education unfitting a woman for the duties of domesticity, the spectacle of a college-bred woman in the divorce courts is practically unknown.