

# TALKS ABOUT WOMANKIND

**An Original Jewel.**  
 Mere diamonds and rubies and pearls are nothing to be proud of in this age of originality. One's jewels must be odd to merit any attention from the connoisseur. A playful and pretty conceit for a brooch is three pink moonstones in a row. On each stone is cut the jolly, sleepy face of a fat baby moon. On each bald head is a cap of diamonds, tying under the chin with a diamond bow.

**White for This Winter.**  
 A well known portrait painter advises women when posing for a photograph to wear black at the neck, as it gives a fuller effect and in the case of a very slender girl greatly enhances the beauty of the throat. The same artist advises thin women to wear white as much as possible, as it makes their slenderness less apparent. He says the reason why some women appear to bloom out in summer time from comparative insignificance is because so many white fabrics, such as starched muslins, piques and the like are worn.

**A Traveling Librarian.**  
 A new way to earn money has been discovered by a Minneapolis woman, who has constituted herself a traveling librarian, organizing and cataloging libraries wherever she finds a demand for her work. Her experience thus far leads her to the conclusion that this work will offer large opportunities to women. She says that to be successful as a library organizer it is necessary to have, in addition to the regular library training a thorough knowledge of bookkeeping, and ability to read French and German. She frequently spends weeks or even months on a single engagement.

**Spangled Hands and Feet.**  
 Stockings and gloves embroidered in silver and colored spangles are to be had if one's tastes run to glittering dress accessories. A black or a pale green stocking with a dark green serpent embroidered on the instep, the body twisting around the ankle and up the leg, is enough to give most women the creeps. For stage purposes these eccentricities doubtless have their uses, but the average woman is content to gaze, shudder and pass on. Suede gloves with insertions of lace or designs in embroidery upon them looking rather well on slim hands and black evening gloves brilliantly embroidered with silver are certainly ostentatious, but one can imagine them and a small, sparkling fan.

**Proper Dress for Children.**  
 No persons need more careful clothing than infants and children. In them the body surface is relatively large and their heat producing powers are feeble. For this reason they need to be covered up as much as possible, with loose, light clothing, so that the natural movements of their bodies may have full play. When possible the undergarments should be of wool; the prevalent idea that children should be thinly clothed, with more or less bare limbs, so that they may become hardened, is contrary to all physiological teaching and absolutely cruel. On the other hand, unnecessary swathing of children in wraps and comforters is to be deprecated, and it does equal harm in the other direction by rendering them tender and peculiarly susceptible to chills.—American Queen.

**Childhood of Jenny Lind.**  
 Jenny Lind was baptized as Johanna Lindborg. The nickname by which she became famous was given her in her childhood. Her mother lived in two different tenements in Stockholm, No. 43 Jakobsbergsgatan and No. 32 Mastarsmuelngatan, while she was an infant, and it is not definitely known in which she was born. Both claim the honor, but the weight of evidence seems to favor the former, which is in a short street in the manufacturing section of the city and mostly occupied by artisans of various sorts. The other place is on a better street near the center of the manufacturing section. A Mr. Lindhahl, who holds a position in the royal library here, has an interesting collection of letters and documents relating to the early life of Jenny Lind. He has certified copies of the record of her birth and christening and the proceedings of the court, which, when she was 14 years of age, decided that her parents were unfit persons to have charge of her and appointed the director of the Opera House as her guardian. He also has a number of autograph letters written when she was a child, and afterward when she was a young woman in Paris studying with Mme. Garcia.—Chicago Record-Herald.

**The Umbrella of Fashion.**  
 For the present the smart umbrella is exceedingly small, with a case in the same shade as the silk. At one time it was feared that we should adopt leather cases, heavy, ugly things that had nothing to recommend them, but novelty, but good sense and taste have come to the rescue. The favorite coloring for the silk is in very dark shot taffetas where the black tint predominates; in fact, we must guess at the warm coloring beneath the black more than really define it. The frame is in steel, very light and burnished, but without the slightest attempt at varnish. The stick is composed simply of well polished wood without any ornament, either at the handle or the point. Even the pointed piece of metal at the tip is suppressed. It is, therefore, necessary to find the nature of wood that meets all the requirements of solidity and suppleness. From New Caledonia and Australia some of the finest are imported, but the French makers have a preference for their own growth, as they say that the coloring is richer and more varied in graduated tones. For the winter, therefore, fashion dictates small umbrellas with plain wooden sticks, with no ornamentation. Neither the perforated rings nor monograms in gold are considered in good taste this year. The only difference between a gentleman's or a lady's umbrella is in the size of the covering and the length and thickness of the stick.—New York Commercial Advertiser.

**For the Home Dressmaker.**  
 To renovate or not to renovate is a question to be considered from this point—namely, whether 'tis better to have a new gown or to send a really good frock and half the cost of a new one and have it returned in all respects as a new toilet. One's intimate friends will no doubt recognize the

gown, but in all other ways it practically takes its place as a new gown. A good black dress invariably pays for renovating, but all queer and uncommon shapes, either in skirt or bodice, are best left alone unless the material can be matched or is of the type allowing for combination. Many bodices of the seamstress or stretched collar can be turned into smart boleros, and then, with a new vest and trimming, it is practically a different garment. Trimming taken from a bodice will often make a smart vest, and even a narrow vest and collar of good lace can be used with side revers of velvet or silk or with cascades of lace or even frills falling forward and connected by straps of velvet across the centre of lace. Tucked vests or plastrons of silk can be sponged with benzoline. Mounted as vests and decorated with some incrustations of lace in sprays or bows or strapped across the top in yoke fashion they are handsome.

There are many garments useful for country and seaside wear which can be smartened and brought up to date in a very moderate expense, but they should be originally of good quality and cut, or they are not worth the trouble and expense of alteration. An old fashioned coat and skirt can be remade into a smart costume with about one and a half yards of new cloth to match. The skirt must be made into a tight top part fitting a shaped founce, and the remainder and the new cloth will make the shaped founce. If there is no new cloth a black, blue or brown cloth can be made with a separate founce of another color, such as white, fawn, gray, etc., and then covered with stitched tucks or straps of alternate cloth and military braid, leaving only tiny lin-fashioned basque cut outs into a smart bolero to the waist, and the neck can be finished with a big collar.—Washington Star.

**Women in Business.**  
 The remark is often made that women know nothing of business. In regard to a large majority of women whose business it is to engineer happy homes this statement is untrue. It is also unjust to thousands of sensible women who are necessarily compelled to take care of themselves and their families, and who have ably demonstrated that they are capable of doing with as much shrewdness and wisdom as men who are their peers. The mass of women show no business knowledge in the methods of earning money, because there is some one to earn money for them, and to them is given the province of home. Women are likely to be contented with the care of the home so long as the support of the family is undertaken by men whose natural province it is. When it becomes a woman's place to enter the business world she has in thousands of instances demonstrated that she has as keen wit as a man and is as capable of receiving training in business. Hundreds and thousands of women have demonstrated their ability to compete in the business world, not as mere wage earners, but as managers. These women know something of business, though undoubtedly they labored at first under the disadvantage of being considered women who know nothing of it. Numberless women's exchanges have appeared in recent years in the larger cities, and these business enterprises have generally prospered. In the state of Massachusetts alone, in 1885, there were 305 women who were farmers. These young women possess the disadvantage of being physically weaker and less capable of outdoor work than their brothers should be, yet in spite of this the records show that women have thrived in this occupation as well as their husbands and fathers did. In matters of business habits men are often found wanting. Nineteenth century experience shows that women who have entered the business world are, as a rule, more conservative than men. They do not often do brilliant things in business, because they do not hazard so much. Instances of sensible business women who risk their all on chance gains are not large, though there are thousands of half educated women, inexperienced as children, who are victimized by charlatans, just as men brought up in a similar manner would be. The cases of swindling of men are almost as common as those of women. There is reason to believe that among the thousands of wage earning women in the land it is rare to find one who persistently speculates, though business women have opportunity to spend money in this way.—New York Tribune.

**Passing of the Cable Car.**  
 A few years ago the cable system was considered the greatest invention of the trolley, the cable being rapidly displaced. Experts now claim that compressed air will eventually be the power of the future. In all lines of industry improvements are constantly being made, and in medicine Hostetter's Stomach Bitters still holds the record as the best medicine for ailments of the stomach, liver, kidneys or bowels, such as indigestion, dyspepsia, belching or biliousness. Be sure to try it. It is the opinion of entirely too many people that the word "friend" means one who will lend his money.

**Beware of Ointments for Catarrh That Contain Mercury.**  
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**ONE MAN'S LUCK.**  
**Steered into a Junior Partnership by a Chance Gust of Wind.**  
 "Speaking of taking in partners," said a downtown business man, "our junior was, you might say, blown in on us, and I saw him started in our direction, though I had no idea of it at the time. "Going downtown one summer morning on a Ninth avenue elevated train, I saw sitting opposite to me a young man who caught my fancy, a substantial, earnest, straightforward-looking chap, whose looks I liked first rate. He was reading a paper; and presently he tore off from this paper an advertisement leaf that he didn't want and threw it out of the window, or tried to, for as a matter of fact it didn't go out. A gust of wind with just the right twist to it came along at just that moment and blew the paper back, to fall on a vacant seat next to him. "And as it fell something in it caught his eye, and he picked up that part which he had just been trying to throw away and began earnestly to read it, and ended up by folding it carefully and putting it in his pocket. "It was this morning this same young man walks in and applies for a place that had been waiting for somebody to fill. Our advertisement for a man for it was in that paper which I had seen in this young man try to throw away, and which a gust of wind by one chance in a million or more, had blown back upon him and in such a manner as to fix his attention. "As a matter of fact I hadn't liked the young man's act of throwing the paper out of an elevated car window; a paper floating down and around that would do might frighten horses and lead to no end of trouble and lots of damage, but no one man thinks about everything, and he'd learn better about this, I knew, and so as a matter of fact I took this young man on the spot, on my first impressions of him. He far more than made good and in due course of time he came into his junior partnership, literally and truly blown into it. "Sort of queer, eh?"—New York Sun.

**Mountain Motoring.**  
 Mountain motoring does not seem to be a promising form of locomotion, but the restless mountaineer has impressed into his service the new vehicle. Two French tourists have climbed the great St. Bernard in an automobile, being the first to do so, and the Grand Duke Nicholas has just completed a tour in the Caucasus in a motor car. His route lay over the Godes Pass, which is 7,000 feet high.—Country Life.

**MR. SMITH.**  
 "Smith is the meanest man on earth." "What's his latest?" "His neighbors' children were playing at keeping store in their back yards and Smith bought out their business for ten pins and split up the counters for kindling wood."—Indianapolis Sun.

**House-Covered Mantels.**  
 The very newest idea in leather decoration is an entire mantel in a rich shade of green, which was arranged for a Long Island woman who was dissatisfied with the ugly mantel in the dining room of her country home and was advised to try the effect of hiding the disfiguring projection with leather. The result was a complete success and several of her friends have followed her example to the extent of having leather mantel drapery, if not entirely concealing the chimney, for an Indian room or a den a hanging of leather in a rich verdilion tone, with an Indian's head skillfully etched on it, lends a decidedly bright bit of color.

**Something About Starch.**  
 It sounds contradictory to advise making cold starch with hot water; but those who have once tried it find its results most satisfactory. This does not necessarily mean that the water must be boiling hot, but comfortably warm. Starch made in this way works much better than that made with cold water. A little salt added to cold starch is an improvement, preventing it from sticking to the iron.

**The Cleansing Bath.**  
 The following is an excellent cleansing bath to prepare for use on clothes and woolen fabrics generally. Says What to Eat: Dissolve a bit of white soap the size of an egg, in enough alcohol to cover it. Mix in the yolks of three eggs and a tablespoonful of oil of turpentine. Work in fuller's earth till it becomes stiff enough to form into balls and let them dry. When you wish to remove a stain moisten the fabric with a little water, rub the ball well in, let it dry and brush off the powder. There are three classes of stains these balls cannot remove—ink, rust and fruit stains. For ink, pour over milk, and as it becomes discolored absorb it with blotting paper. Then wash out well with tepid water and castile soap. If on white goods, lemon juice and common salt, often renewed and placed in the sun, are most efficient.

**HOUSEHOLD RECIPES**  
 Orange Sauce—Cream one-half cupful of butter. Mix one saltspoon of salt, half a saltspoonful of paprika, four tablespoonfuls of orange juice, one tablespoonful of lemon juice and one-half cupful of water; stir into the well beaten yolks of two eggs and cook over fire, stirring constantly, until thick and smooth. Add the creamed butter and serve at once. Lemon Rice—Boil sufficient rice in milk till soft, sweeten to taste, then pour into a mould to cool. Peel a lemon very thick, cut the peel into half-inch lengths, cover with water, boil for a few minutes, pour off water, cover with a cupful of fresh water, add juice, and sugar to sweeten, then stew gently for two hours, after which allow to cool, when it will be a thick syrup. Turn the rice into a glass dish and pour the syrup over it. Sweet Potato Frite—Boil three medium sized sweet potatoes with their skins on until done, then remove the skins and cut each in half; place them in a shallow baking dish with a teaspoonful melted butter over each one, sprinkle with sugar and set in the oven to bake until they have obtained a fine golden brown color. Salt is omitted, as some do not wish it with the sugar; a half teaspoonful, however, sprinkled evenly over the hot potatoes as soon as they are peeled will remove all flat taste. Preserved Pears—Peel, halve and core six pounds of pears, dropping at once into cold water to keep from discoloring. Put in a preserving kettle four pounds of sugar, two cupfuls of water, the juice of two lemons and rind of one cut in strips and an ounce of ginger root. Boil together 30 minutes, drain the pears, put in the syrup and boil about 15 minutes, or until tender. Take them out, lay on platters and boil the syrup until thick. Put in the pears once more, let them just come to a boil, and can.

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**FIRST FEARS ALLAYED.**  
 Suddenly a pale, agitated woman appeared before the general landlord. "Sir," she exclaimed, "there are strange noises in my room. I am afraid a burglar lies hidden in the closet." "Fie upon you, madam!" quoth the landlord, merrily. "Tis no burglar. 'Tis merely the spirit of a drummer who cut his throat in your room thirty years ago." "Whereupon the woman, abashed at giving way to idle fears, thanked the landlord, and returned calmly to her bed.—Indianapolis Sun.

**AN EXPRESSION THAT HURT.**  
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**CONSIDERATE FATHER-IN-LAW.**  
 "Yes," said Mr. Curmox; "I have given my daughters every advantage." "I suppose they are very highly cultured." "I should say so." "And they will be liberally dowered." "Yes, sir. When I think of the way a man who marries one of those girls will be criticized in his grammar and deportment, it strikes me that he ought to be dealt with in the most generous spirit."—Washington Star.

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