

MISS KATE FIELD says that the brotherhood of man embraces woman. It does, and, what is more, it rather likes it.

WHENEVER a man gets to making money his kin consider it their duty to work him for just as much as he will stand.

EVIDENCE in a suit involving the date of a copyright brings to light an extraordinary and indefensible condition of affairs in the Congressional Library at Washington.

THE American public has recently been treated to the details of two domestic scandals that have culminated abroad.

THE San Francisco Examiner has hit upon a novel plan to interest the young people of the Pacific coast in the World's Fair and also in their school work.

Edith Wilder's Journal.

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CHAPTER IV.

They were the footsteps of a man— young, broad shouldered, finely formed, with brown hair and a handsome, smiling face.

"Pardon me! but I have turned errand-boy this afternoon," and he laid a small package upon the table beside me.

"I am not here to be entertaining," Mr. Courtney, whatever may be my capabilities, I replied with a flash of scorn.

This morning a real autumn rain set in with its slow, incessant drip, drip. It was accompanied by a fitful, fretting wind which complained among the trees and shook the raindrops from the late flowers.

"Good evening, Miss Wilder," touching his hat and speaking in a low voice. "I thought it very possible that you were not prepared for the rain, and so have taken the liberty to wait for you here.

There was a light fall of snow yesterday, and towards evening wonderful patches of frostwork formed on the window panes.

One was broad and beautiful. My mind pictured it filled with all the endowments of wealth—purple, gold, and palm, to bribe my will.

"I saw strong, tender hands waiting to clasp my own; and a heart eager for mine to rest within its loving.

"I have considered all of these things, Edna. As you say, they are very desirable, but they are not all.

"You are not the sort of woman men tire of," Edna replied, with a tender smile. "It is true your troubles began early in life, and for the most part your surroundings have been disagreeable.

"Do you know, Leon," I said after a little, it is a surprise to me that from all the crowd of beautiful and accomplished women you have hitherto walked among.

"To-day Mrs. Courtney's coachman drew rein beside our gate, and Mrs. Courtney trailed her heavy silken skirts into our little best room.

"I shall sleep the better for it," he replied when I chided him for having braved a driving snow storm.

Mrs. Courtney is to give a grand ball, and Leon tells me I am expected to be present as his affianced bride.

of my boy I am here to claim you as a daughter.

"You are very kind, Mrs. Courtney, and I am sorry for your disappointment," I replied, more hurt by something that lay back of her words than by the words themselves.

"I shall not importune you," she replied, speaking with a gentle intonation, "but it would have pleased me far better if you could have accepted what seems to me a mere matter of course."

Sitting at the feet of my little saint, I questioned her: "Would you think a woman could have any fear of the man she truly loves—ever doubt that she would exact his wife's loyalty?"

"Perfect love casteth out all fear," speaking in that smothered tone I have become accustomed to. "No, Edith, I do not believe a woman who truly loves a man will have any fear when she yields her happiness into his keeping.

"At Mrs. Denton's I am having two weeks of rest. Her baby—little Edith—is just three months old, and she is the sweetest, dearest baby in the world.

"I am going to be truthful with you, Miss Wilder, I would greatly have preferred that Leon should have chosen a wife from among the young ladies of his own circle; but he seems to have yielded to you a love that is past the power of his reasoning.

But the first great vexing question is: What am I to wear? Edna and I have held several weighty discussions upon the subject.

blush of shame either to Leon or his fastidious mother.

"I am almost ashamed to tell you, little brown-book, that I am taking sons in dancing. Even Edna does not know. Leon is fond of dancing as well as a constantly growing chain of my heart to please him in all ways.

"I looked about the room after she had gone. Her heavy perfume lingered in the air; it seemed full of her gracious, quietly presence, but something was the trouble; its beauty had departed.

"Do you know, darling, that in a few weeks you will be my wife? Do you love Edith? Are you counting the days as I am doing?"

THE U. S. Senate Executive Clerk Has Suffered Injustice in Silence.

WASHINGTON, April 18.—The truth in the case of James Rankin Young has been ascertained. He was dismissed, it will be remembered, from his position of Executive Clerk of the United States Senate because he was charged with having betrayed secrets of the Senate while in executive session over the Yellow Sea matter.

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FOR THE LADIES. BEWARE OF VASELINE. Ladies should be careful how they use vaseline on the face, for the result of a number of experiments has induced the opinion that a persistent use of it will cause the hair to grow on almost any part of the face.

THE QUEEN ANNE SHOE. The Queen Anne shoe with its lion head and glittering Irish-diamond buckle is a very fashionable model, designed to be worn with tea gowns and dressy home toilets; but the low shoes and sandals of plain black kid, simply wrought with jeweled tips, are far more graceful and becoming than the style of covering. However, the style of foot is sometimes found that fits one foot is sometimes found to fit another woman's foot.

THE BONELESS DRESS WAIST. The boneless dress waist is something new as to be worthy of notice here is a waistbone nor a cord in the waist yet made in such a way as to contain the lack of them, and promising peace and rest to the wearer.

IN 1726 muff were made narrow enough to thrust in both arms as the elbows. A little later they were made small and of long yellow fur. In 1741 they were of chemise plumes, or skins of the grebe, which were needed for a muff, cost crowns, and generally adorned with ribbons.

MISS WEBSTER OF BOSTON is a carpenter. She is the sister of Albert Webster, a writer, who was to have married the daughter of Nathaniel Hawthorne, and whose unfortunate death was the result of a fall from a scaffold of his betrothed.

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