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WOMEN SUFFRAGE.

One of our friends interested in the woman voting question has favored us with a report of the debate of March last in the Nova Scotia Legislature on the proposition to permit the names of spinsters and widows to be added to the lists of voters. The report is very lengthy, and the weather is too hot for any but a deeply interested party -say a woman who wants to voteto wade through. We observe, however, that the proposition was to qualify only widows and spinsters, leaving the married woman to wait until her husband's decease, when she would inherit his vote with his other property. The weakness of this proposition consists in the distinction made between married women and the unmarried no such difference being made in dealing with the voting privileges of men. Perhaps the mover intended to discourage marriage by inflicting on women a distinct loss of privilege and power should they be tempted to marry. But whatever the reason, the distinction made is very absurd. There can be no reason, apart from sex, for debarring women from voting, and therefore no distinction should be made between the married and unmarried. If woman has any interests affected by legislation, these interests do not cease to need protection and care simply because she gets married. Often they would cause even greater anxiety, because the influence of 'he household, wielded by the husband, would be detrimental and ought to be counter- from New England, whom she had never

Intelligence, determinable by age, and, perhaps, some educational test, should be the basis of power used in controlling the affairs of this coun- supper the nephew entered the kitchen try, and in determining civil rights and privileges and duties, and the time ought speedily to come when the classes of disqualified will cease to include women. Once get rid of the idea that sex is either a qualification or disqualification, that marriage destroys no right, removes no privilege, and the conclusion of the whole matter is clearly discernible.

MRS. CLEVELANDATGRAY GABLES.

say about Mrs. Cleveland and her stay at Gray Gables:

"Mrs. Cleveland is fairly settled for the summer at Gray Gables, where her mother, Mrs. Perrine, will go to visit her in July, in order to be present at the great event of interest to which the President is looking forward with such hopeful anticipations that it will result in adding another voter to the Democratic party of the future. Before leaving Washington Mrs. Cleveland was urged to remain in the city by the ladies of the Cabinet, who desired that the interesting event of July might take place in the White House. Mrs. Cleveland decided otherwise however.'

The President's hope that an expected event will add another vote to the Democratic party, would be almost a certainty if the sex qualification of voters was abolished, as it ought to be.

RICHES HAVE WINGS.

If John D. Rockefeller, Dnluth, Mass., aged 25, for whom Alfred Merritt secured a verdict for almost \$1,000,000, has an idea that his troubles will end upon the payment of that verdict. He is a much mistaken man, for the suit was simply a test case, to decide whether or not several others of a similar nature should be brought by other parties. The successful termination of the present suit has made them jubilant, and Monday morning the at 88 and bids fair to receive many more other suits will be begun. The plaintiffs will be Leonidas Merritt, Andreas Merritt, and the estate of the late Cassius Merritt, who died of a broken heart, after having been frozen out of all he had in the world by the Rockefeller aggregation. Then there is the suit of John E. Merritt, whose claim is substantially the same as that of the others. The suits to be brought aggrogate several million dollars.

OWES HALF A MILLION.

DENVER, Col., June 18.—Henry J. Aldrich, president and general manager creditors of the concern are making strenuous efforts to locate him. His debts

amount to \$500,000.

HER SILVER SPOONS.

THEY REMAINED HER PROPERTY, BUT WERE VERY COSTLY.

The following story was told in a paper read by Mrs. M. J. Coggeshall, at a meeting of the Woman's Suffrage Society of of Des Moines, and published in the Saturday Review of that city:

To-day, when we women have not outgrown the pretty fad of collecting souvenir spoons, the great variety and beauty of which were unknown to our grandmothers, allow me to recall the story of a great aunt of ours who also loved spoons, but whose plain cupboard drawer contained no sets of dainty after dinner coffees like those from which we love to sip as we sit n our clubs and talk of culture.

This aunt when a young woman was a teacher in a country school until she had enough money to indulge her great desire for a set of silver spoons. She was married soon after to the young man of her choice. Six years passed by -years of hard work ahd economy for both, happy years, though no children had come to bless their union-when by a sudden illness the husband was taken away. The day after the funeral the grieved wife was surprised by the entrance to her home of the two brothers of her husband, bringing with them the village lawyer. They told her they had come to set a value upon their brother's property, in order that she might know what part of it was hers.

She held her peace as they set down the worth of each article of furniture in the little home, until they finally came to the box of spoons.

Then she spoke and said: "These are nine. I bought them with my own money before I was married.

"Yes, ma'ma," said the lawyer, "but you know, ma'ma, that after a lady is married everything belongs in law to her

So all the little property was divided, the brothers taking half, and she took the spoons with the rest at the price that had been set upon them. But it obliged her to give up the home, and she, with her few effects, went into rented rooms and began life anew. Occasionally teaching a school and always sewing when possible she supported herself very comfortably for about three years, when a lifelong friend of her husband, an excellent man, offered her his hand in marriage.

She liked him well, and her friends told her it was the best thing to do, and she thought with pleasure of again being misress of a home. So they were married.

In a few years her husband's health declined, and for many months she gave him nost tender and unceasing care. She had a few times spoken to him about making a will, but as it seemed an unpleasant subect she had ceased to mention it. Finally he end came. There had come to attend the funeral his nearest relative, a nephew seen before. In a day or two he brought two men to the cottage to appraise the property, and again was there a price set upon the well preserved spoons. On the evening of that day as she was preparing very easy with you. The worth of all of

may choose. And again she paid the price of her first darling purchase of silverware, but there was not enough left after the half was taken for her to keep the house and lot, so they went into the hands of strangers, and with her cat Aunt Liza again parilla. went into cozy, but hired roome. She was a pattern of thrift and tidiness, as a smart widower of the neighborhood was well aware. and in less than a year he A local paper has the following to made a call upon the comely matron. He was wise enough to make his first visit short, but lingered a moment in the door and suggested that in the near

future they become better acquainted. She answered, "I am living here very comfortably, and I think, Mr. Johnson, that it will not be worth while for you to call," and closing the door hastily she urned to her cat and said:

"No, Tommy, I have bought these poons three times, and I don't intend to risk them any more.'

A TOUGH PIECE OF HUMANITY.

This is the way a man named Gaines of St. Peter, Minn., got the better of an insurance company: Many years ago Mr Gaines insured his life for \$3,500. After many years of payment of \$90 a year premiun, at the age of 70 years he asked the officers of the company how much they would pay him to cancel his policy. They offered him \$2,000. He refused to take it, but made them this proposition, "If you will give me \$416 a year until death, which is \$8 a week, I will cancel the

"Agreed," said the company, which thought it had a cinch in its favor, as he would not live many years.

Since that time Mr. Gaines has lived 18 years, and the company has paid him his yearly stipulation of \$416, which up to this time has amounted to \$7,488. The saving of the \$90 premium in the 18 years and the interest make it the snug sum of over \$18,000 that the old man gained by his bargain. Mr. Gaines is well preserved payments at the hands of the company, which struck a tough piece of human timber upon which to base its calculations. -Chicago Tribune.

-- In the Imperial House of Commons last week Sir Edward Grey announced for the governmenl that it had been decided to establish a protectorate over Uganda and to build a railway to it from the coast. Chamberlain and Balfour both warmly endorsed the government's action, and the vote of £30,000 to defray expenses connected with the protectorate was carried by a vote of 249 to 51. Evidently the opposition of the Colorado Securities Co., one of the in the Imperial parliament consider that largest in the west has disappeared, and they have some higher functions than merely opposing the government.

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LOVE ON THE ARKANSAW.

THE PROUD BEAUTY IS WAITING TILL HER PRINCE RETURNS

It was evening after a glorious summer day. A stylish-like maiden whose beauty was of the Castilian type, sat on the doorstep lost in meditation. It was only a humble cabin on the banks of the Arkansas river, but she was not proud. Her mother was inside declaring that she'd be dog-goned to skunks if she wasn't gittin' tired of coon meat an' co'n meal, but the maiden heard her not. The old man was digging a thorn out of his heel with his jack-knife, and growling that he'un was plum ripe, ready to be a gittin' to some place whar' a man with ambition could have two shirts a year, but the maiden never moved a toe. The old vellow mule who was weary of looking for grub where grub was not, leaned up against a corner of the shack and raised his voice in lamentation, but the Castilian beauty seemed to have been carved out of a hunk of Vermont marble. Could nothing move

"Is that you'n, Sal?"

It was a gentle voice from the other side of the beautiful brush fence in front of the shack. Its owner was a young man of Apollo outfit and beauty, and his tones thrilled the meditative maiden like a snake bite. She was coy. She waited to blush and giggle and still her fluttering heart, and then she arose and shyly advanced to the spot on which his hoofs were glued.

"Jim!" The old mule brayed again, and the old man came to the door and threatened to knock his head off if he didn't consider to stop that 'ere infernal yawp, but the lovers heard only their own softly spoken words:

"Sal, now much do yo' love me?" "Heaps."

"How much is heaps?" "More'n a mewl kin draw."

"And I luv yo' heaps on heaps." He strained her to his bosom. She was wfully shy, but she liked it. Man-like he would have been straining her yet had

she not suddenly recollected that there

were other fish to fry. "So you'un is going out into the world o win riches and a name?" she mur ured as she got her breath again. "You bet I ar' !" was his hetoic reply

and I'll do it or bust a lung !" "And when you'un has accomplished that yere job you -you" "I will return and make you'un my bride.'

"Fur suah ?" ' Honest Injun.'

"Won't shine up to no other gal? " Not a shine.

"And it will take you'un ,bout thirty " I reckon 'twill, but you'un will be

atient and true to me.' "I will," she firmly replied as looked up nto his manly face.

Then, as their eyes filled with tears, he rained her to his breast once more. Again the yellow mule cried out i plaintiff tones that his commissary de

artment yawned for grub. Again the old man came to the door in esponse and dod-rotted his wrinkled hide

Then they separated-he'un to go forth and carve for himself a niche in the temple uncle's property has been carefully esti- of fame-she'un to continue right on in the mated, and I will allow you to include in business of being a proud Castilian beauty your half of it any article of furniture you in an Arkansas river shack. She'un waiting for he'un. She'un has still twentynine years, seven months and sixteen days to wait for he'un, but he'un is her mutton.

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