

Policewomen.

Mrs. Isabella Beecher Hooker lectured in New York a few evenings since on Police reform and proposed that women should share the duties, emoluments, and honors pertaining to the police force. The World of that city is in love with the idea and to assist in having it carried out publishes the following:—

Of course it will be necessary to alter the uniform, slightly for the proposed new members, and a design has already been adopted in a secret meeting of the Commissioners. The bon—that is, the helmet—will be practically the same as now, as to shape, only constructed of straw, with a pompon of feathers in front, with the visor sufficiently high to show the frizzers. The basque—also in the coat—will be made of mummy cloth cut *en revers*, square in the neck, with a row of box plating around this edge, collar of ruffling, and panner trimmings with passementerie. Two rows of buttons will garnish the corsage and pistol pocket, and the collar will be cut bias, with an insertion of tulle. The trousers, in the skirt—will be of *crêpe de chine*, with one narrow flounce of knife-edge plaiting, cut dancing length, *demitrain*, *en princess*.

The gloves will be five button *gants de soie*, with double stitching of silk to match the basque. The club must be of paper mache, of a color to match the gloves, and will contain a vial of smelling salts in the handle and a compartment for cachous in the end.

Mrs. Hooker distinctly urged that a woman be appointed as Superintendent. Chief Murray has already forwarded his resignation, to take effect when the new Superintendent, who will probably be Mrs. Hooker herself, has qualified for the position. One-half the present force will be bounced or fired, to make room for the proposed addition. In accordance with Mrs. Hooker's suggestion that the force have power to order out the Fire Department to turn the hose on recalcitrant mules, the necessary orders have been given. The hose will be of Lisle thread or silk, either solid colors or in stripes, furnished by contract, at no more than \$6 a pair.

Mrs. Hooker has ordered that in future the police shall be trained in the use of firearms, with orders to shoot in the leg, that is the limb, when that violence shall become necessary. To insure accuracy a regiment of cork limbs has been ordered to be used as targets.

The new members of the force will be provided with escorts while patrolling after dark, and will be awarded immediate leave of absence whenever a mouse or other dangerous character is known to be on the beat. Whenever a midnight conference becomes necessary, owing to some member of the force having an important piece of social news to communicate, the escorts will step to one side and keep careful watch until the ladies have kissed each other good-by. This rule will be strictly enforced.

Except to inspect a bargain in dry goods or millinery, to nurse the baby, to receive callers, or to go to try on a new dress, no member of the force shall quit her beat without permission from the captain or her precinct. Caramels will be supplied by the ransdemen, and absences will not be countenanced except on Saturday, when the entire new force will be allowed to attend the matinee.

The Broadway Squad will be in future entirely composed of the Lady Grenadiers who will be on the force. No lady who is not eligible to be a mother-in-law will be assigned to this corps. The knock down-and-drag-out style hitherto in vogue in a Fulton street fracas will be discontinued. In assisting a helpless dude across the street, the officers will be expected to take him gently under the arm-pits, lift him tenderly, convey him across without jarring his nervous system, and on reaching the opposite side, in safety, respectfully hand him a card to her next afternoon tea.

It is confidently expected that when the reform projected by Mrs. Hooker goes into effect the improvement in the city's morals will be gratifying and remarkable. Members of the force will not be allowed to compliment each other except when conversing off duty, and no mutual back-hair arrangement while on beat will be countenanced. If one member should be afflicted with a midnight mouse, a cow or other enemy, she will at once rap for assistance, which the male escort, following ten paces behind, will promptly furnish. Mrs. Hooker's reform will fill a long felt want.

No Second Term.

Cleveland Determined not to Accept Another Nomination for the Presidency.

St. Louis, April 24.—A special from Washington to the St. Louis *Republican* gives the following rather startling information: "President Cleveland neither wishes nor will accept a re-nomination. This will be startling information to the country, setting at rest the important question of a second term, now the subject of interested consideration in political circles everywhere. The correspondent of the *Republican* has the highest possible authority for the statement, and it can be depended upon as strictly and entirely true. It comes from the president himself, who made a declaration to this effect on Wednesday, to a prominent Democratic senator from one of the Western States, who is on terms of especial intimacy in the White House. The president spoke with so much deliberate earnestness and such studied emphasis that the senator with whom he was talking is certain there is no reason to question his sincerity. His manner no less than his words indicated that the declaration was simply the decision of a firm resolution, which had resulted from a careful consideration of all the phases of the matter. The president said he had not given any intimation of his feelings to representatives of the press for the simple reason that he felt nothing they might say about his being unwilling to take a second term would be believed. "I hardly expect anybody to believe it," he said, "except my wife, but it is so nevertheless." He added, "everything I do, every appointment I make, they think it is to secure reelection. On the contrary, I am counting the days that remain until my release from office, just as if I were a prisoner in confinement." Apparently to make it plain, he had taken no halfhearted resolution. The president proceeded to speak of the exciting and arduous duties which fall to the incumbent of the presidential office when the functions of presidency are administered with the scrupulous and minute faithfulness he had brought to the position.

"No man," he said, "could endure the strain of such labor, at once physical, mental, etc., for a longer period than four years, without the risk of permanent injury to his health." For these reasons he could not think of a continuation of his term beyond the four years he has now half completed. Nothing, he said, his friends would persuade him to alter

his resolution, which he has deliberately formed.

The *Republican's* Washington correspondent, again referring to presidential re-nomination matters gives the following story: "It has come to the correspondent of the *Republican* tonight, significantly confirmatory of conversation between the president and his senatorial visitor. This story is to the effect that the president has quite recently prepared a formal letter, a formal public, setting forth his views in regard to a second term in plain, distinct words, and unqualifiedly declaring that he would not be a candidate for reelection. Yielding to the earnest persuasion of his friends, he consented, however, to withhold the letter for the present at least, if not wholly, and abandoned his intention of giving it to the public. This story is told on the authority of Colonel Darsheimer, of New York, who was in Washington a few days ago. He told several of his friends while here, immediately after coming from the White House that he had shown a draft, such as has been already characterized, and his advice was asked regarding the policy of such publication. He said the letter reached about the length to opposition of a certain element of the Democratic party to the reelection of Cleveland, and the chance that this might defeat the ticket. After referring to this well known factor in the existing political situation, Col. Darsheimer says the president went on in his letter to say that he deemed it wise, in view of these circumstances to withdraw his name from all consideration in connection with the nomination. He announced in unequivocal terms that he was not a candidate and suggested that some other leader, who could command the unity and support of the whole party, be selected as the standard bearer in 1888. Colonel Darsheimer stated that he at once proposed, and that the president had accepted. He told the president there was no need for him to adopt this step now, whatever might prove to be his hereafter. He urged the president to abandon the idea for the present at any rate, and finally induced him to yield to his persuasions.

Fortifying.

The size of the manure heap made on the farm and the wise application of this determines largely the amount (1) of the crop that shall be grown, (2) the number and character of the stock to be kept, and (3) the extent of the profit that shall be realized. It is surely then of the first importance to watch over the manure heap with a jealous care, and so to protect it and conserve it and enlarge it, and there will be a constant supply of plant food run in its most valuable form to apply on the land. Without sowing we never expect to reap; without feeding natural life, we never expect to sustain it. Why then should we expect to reap crops where we have not given the substance to produce them after this has been exhausted by previous cropping? This sort of reminder may be looked upon as the echo of an old song. If so, what has necessitated the repetition of the echo? What but the defective practice of our farmers which they refuse to remedy, to so large an extent. The prevalence of the practice would be positively disheartening, were it not that there are many cheering indications of a change for the better.

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