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ASTRA CITES THE PRECEDENT OF RUTH AMID THE CORN.

Doesja Man Care for a Woman who is Smarter than He?-Would Women be More Shrewd than Men in the Choice of Life Partners?-Astra Thinks not.

Following hard upon the heels of the comes a problem which is a sort of logical of far more direct importance to woman election poll thrown open to both sexes. art of courtship by women, as well as men. This Jold suggestion is neither more nor and taking the same chance of a refusal, years must have seen that this climax was inevitably approaching, and since woman | most desirable reform begun. was determined to "advance" with such man to do but retreat, wrap himself in the eager to cast off, and coyly wait to be sought by the strong minded damsel of the

aginary comes the complaint we hear on had the advantage of a good many of us, all sides that men are shy of marrying now- in being a widow, and understanding just a-days, that they cultivate bachelorhood, how to manage a man, but still, what a and show a tendency to go off by themselves and herd together in bachelor do, a nineteenth century damsel with a meditation fancy free, Indeed the steady talling off in the marriage rate has become one of the standing grievances of the cart decade and six decade with by legislation, it would seem that there was nothing left for the coming woman but to help herself-to advance in an almost unlimited degree, and a husband amongst other things.

It may sound like a joke, but if we are to place any dependence on the researches of the statistic fiend who is always publishing figures to prove that something is either rest! on the increase or the decrease, from pleuro-pneumonia in cattle to the divorce habit amongst the upper classes, the decline in marriage is such as to be a serious menace not only to the commonwealth, but to the British constitution itself.

Now, I am atraid there are only two views of the situation possible; either woman is so much in love with the increased freedom and independence which the past tew years have brought her, that she can no longer bear the trammels of domestic life, and shrinks appalled from the prospect of a humdrun existence spent in the obscurity of some man's home, and the individuality she bas won for herself, in the struggle with the other sex through the years she spent in grammar school and college makes her dread the utter effacement which comes when she is only "Mr. So-and-so's wite." Like poor brilliant egotistical Marie Bashkirtseff, she thinks "Marry and bring up a family! Any

washerwoman can do that." Or else-and this may be the more potent cause of celibacy being on the increase -man has a constitutional dislike to being dictated to, "bossed" he calls it and he does not feel like taking to his heart a creature who is just as good as he is himself when it comes to a competitive examination, who can beat him at mathematics, put him to shame at classics, and coolly walk over his head and win the position he was trying for, or the scholarship he had worked . Lin, through sheer superiority of intellect or capacity for work. He his knee and cuddle, a creature who will ment; it was the law. The play was stop- plished, and with only two stokes, when on occasion—I don't like to use the thread- ped there and then. I have never been L S was made into 48. bare metaphor but nothing else will express it-weep out her woes on his shoulder, who looks up to him with loving pride and through speculating on the subject. honestly believes there never was such a perfect being before, and never will be again. And he does not want to tie himself for life to a being who is capable of setting him right on various points when he search. A member of the Woman's Literinto H L P. makes a mistake, who has a record of ary Club of Baltimore, contributing a paper several more words per minute, in stenography, than his own, or who can prescribe to the weakness of "a good cry," and by no stretch of imagination could he picture her allowing herself to be cuddled; so he prefers a solitary existence to a partner- ent of booth, or bazaar.

SHALL WOMEN PROPOSE? ship in which he would always be tormented by a secret teeling of inferiority, and imagine his other half was perpetually weighing him in the balance and finding him a few ounces short.

The effect of these influences warring against each other has reached a most undesirable climax in the depression which has settled down on the matrimonial market, suffrage agitation, which one would imag- and made the outlook for the continuence ine was almost sufficient to take up all the of the human race, so serious as to call for spare time of the average woman until it | prompt measures, and induce such writers was definitely settled, one way or the other, as Lady Cook, the well known advocate of political equality for women, seriously sugconsequence of the first named one, and is gest a remedy for that depression, in the introduction of a new custom, that of equal herself, than even the freedom of the rights for the sexes in the arena of love, as ballot box, or the intoxicating liberty of an well as of politics, and the practice of the

Lady Cook's theory is that if men will not less than the advisability, and perfect rea- propose and secure their own happiness, sonableness of woman taking upon herself | some one else must do it for them, and that an equal share in one more responsibility; as women are more shrewd than men in the that of choosing her own mate, and letting | matter of sexual choice, there would be him know of his good fortune in finding fewer unhappy marriages if they had the favor in her eyes, -in proposing to him, same freedom of choice which men enjoy.

I take the liberty of differing very dethat man himself has been obliged to face | cidedly with her ladyship on the latter from time immemorial. It is a startling point for I have seen quite enough of courtidea at first I know, but not a whit more | ship and marriage not to know that if there startling than the right of a lady riding a | is one particular in which woman stands prebicyle, or the suggestion that woman eminent and unrivalled it is in her matchshould one day want to vote, would have less capacity for making a fool of herself been to one of the pilgrim mothers who | in affairs of the heart, and proving her uncame out in the "Mayflower." One gets | fitness to choose for herself; but there may used to use to everything in time, and I be something in the rest of the argument, have no doubt that after the first plunge, and though at the first glance the remedy the sensation of doing one's own courting | seems worse than the disease, every great would be rather pleasant than otherwise. reform has come gradually, and if only a few Anyone who has carefully watched the pioneers could be found with the necessary trend of events during the past five or six | courage to take the first step, others might be emboldened by their success, and a

If any timid maiden should hesitate for giant strides, there was nothing left for want of a precedent she need not do so for long, nor go farther than the Scriptures veil of bashfulness the other sex seemed so for the desired example, because if ever a woman proposed to a man in the most unmistakeable and barefaced manner that woman was "Ruth the beautiful" and that In proof that the danger was not im- man was Boaz! To be sure the gentle Ruth widow in the days of the Pharoahs could college degree, a thorough knowledge of ths science of polemics, and dresses containing seven yards of material, might surely til the proposed custom has been generally adopted, but yet I have a protound faith in the ability of the coming woman to I should like to look into futurity just long enough to see what point she will have reached when she at last makes up her mind that she has reached her final goal, and can afford to sit down for a while and

HE STOPPED THE PLAY. Because It Was Getting Altogether too

There is a law in France which embitters the life of every dramatic author, as it confers upon every French citizen the right of having a novel or play immediately suppressed by the police if his name happens to be mentioned in it. It a character in a comedy bears the name of Dupont or Dubois, all the Duponts or Duboises in France are entitled to insist on a change of the name, or if the manager refuses, of the removal of the play from the bill. In their anxiety to avoid unpleasantness, the parodists of the Cluny theatre decided to designate the characters in their piece de salon by means of numbers. The effect thus produced is somewhat peculiar, as, for in-

"Ah! charming 132, you are the most adorable of all women.

"And you a flatterer, Count 18." While the two are thus exchanging compliments an elderly gentleman suddenly appears and calls out in a voice of thunder: "I have caught you now, Count 18! Say, are there any cowards in your family?"

"Heavens!" whispers Count 18, trembling in his shoes, "Heavens ! Duke 53!" Duke 53 rings the bell; a lackey ap-

"Seventy-four." exclaims the Duke, "turn this gentleman out."

But at this point a man in the audience springs to his feet. "That is really too he shouts in the direction of the "I will send you a summons."

is only a number.'

a servant dubbed with it. Everybody had to give in to that argucharming 132, Count 18, and Duke 53. I have not been able to sleep at night

The Name of Booth,

When a club woman begins to burrow in libraries and among old statistics for data authors and artists of Maryland," gave some points about the famous actor's family intelligently for him if he is not teeling that are certainly not in everybody's poswell. Such a woman could never descend session. The family was originally from her allowing herself to be cuddled; so he convenience sake, into its English equival-

A LADY TELLS WHAT SHE KNOWS OF CATTLE-BRANDING.

The Texas Cowpunchers Have as Little Regard for "Meum et Tuum" as the Gaucho of the Argentine Republic-How Brands are Changed with Intent to Deceive.

Miss Alice MacGowan is an exceedingly graphic writer, and knows more then most women concerning cattle-branding. The following extracts are from her article on the Heraldry of the Plains" in the July Mc-Clure's: The cattle of a district are gathered in roundups; the cowboys or 'riders" of each ranch cut out the cows of its brand that have calves with them, throw them in a bunch to themselves, and later drive then into a corral or branding-pen, where the calves are branded and ear-

So far as I know, there are but two ways of performing the branding operation: first by roping and tying down, or holding down, the animal, while the cow-puncher applies the hot branding-iron; second, by forcing the cattle which are to be branded slowly through a chute, so narrow that it will admit but one animal at a time, a cowpuncher thrusting the branding-iron through the bars of the chute against the service. side or hip of each animal as it is in turn

presented to him. and easy compared with the other way, with all the time and manœuvres involved in roping, throwing, trying, holding, is only practicable where nothing is to be done of some such special mark, which is added subsequently to the regular brand and earmark that a man puts on all his calves.

In order to do this regular branding ear-marking, etc., the calf must be roped and tied or held.

It will be at once evident to the thinkgood calf crop on any certain ranch rests more with the enterprise and "hustle" of its force of cow-punchers then with the cows | wuz burnt plumb out !" themselves. The X L cow who produces X L calves has her limitations; her scope of usefulness is circumscribed, and if she presents the owner of the X L ranch with calves knows no such paltry restrictions. unbranded calves he can, as it were, lay opened.

Apropos, a tradition of the New Moon time, riding leisurely along at the trail

some o' yourn I've saw."

These ranches were of those that return

shape of the design, and attached to a long iron rod.

to have every part of the design come in she opened it, and now she has quite tacontact with the irregular surface of an booed that dainty article except as a means we did. After he began to take the Pills animal's body at once, it is simply drawn, of defence against dogs and cows and other he telt himself gradually gaining strengthor "run" upon the hide, using a long, wild beasts. sharp-pointed, hot iron rod for a pencil; and those so made are called "running

The running-irons, or guachos, and the big, ugly, disfiguring, as well as cruel brands they imply, are now considered bad form by progressive cattlemen. The tendency is toward small, neat brands, inconspicuously placed, often-especially in the case of fine horses—on the jaw, or

inside of the hind leg. All the cattle stealing is by no means the work of such rustlers as steal the animals bodily and drive them away. Theft is quite as extensively and continually carried on by the tampering with and manipulation of brands; and the methods of these manipulators are many and ingenious.

There is, first and simplest, the mere addition of a letter or letters, or numerals, to a brand; or of flourishes to a plain letter to make a flying letter of it; or of new parts to any design, to entirely alter its character and, it possible, leave no suggestion of the original brand in the new device so formed. It was in this way that The Duke answers in surprise:—" What a certain foreman went through his employhave you to complain of? Seventy-four er's cattle, shortly after the spring roundups, when the brands were still new upon "That's just it. It is the very number the calves, and, with three strokes of his iron, which I bore when in jail, and I am not made of the monogram brand H L, a new going to allow it to be degraded by having monogram, which he had set up as his own brand, consisting of the letters T H E. The same transformation was accom-

ists are at the present moment devoting

the State of Texas, at Huntsville. The owner of the Lazy F brand has suffered in this manner at the hands of dis-

honest cattlle-men who made his brand A man who designs to acquire cattle by tampering with and adding to brands, would not leave a branding iron made with which to print on the animal the de-

sired additions; such an object would be

where the presence of the regular iron tor escaped.

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this purpose would be regarded with A COAL MINER'S RESCUE. suspicion, very curious and unlikely bits of iron rod are sometimes made to do

I once heard a thrifty old woman tell how she, with her two grown sons and The latter method, while it is very quick | daughter-in-law, made a drive, full of peril and hardship, from somewhere in middle Texas up into a Pan-handle range; crossing dangerous rivers at unfamiliar and treacherous boggy fords; threatened but put a single brand on the animal, as and beset by Indians and lawless characin the case of rebranding, road-branding, ters: their herd often depleted by the depredations of cattle thieves and big wolves, and by losses from drowning, bogging up, or the death of weaklings from thirst or hard driving when the dis-

the next. procedure, the responsibility for a started out the twenty-five hundred head,

Natural Philosophy and the Parasol.

made a discovery. For some reasons she an X L calf each year, she is doing all has been in the habit in summer of carry- know it to-day as the place from which that can be reasonably expected of her. ing a parasol to keep the sunbeams from they draw their supply of fuel. Hearing But the cow puncher who brands X L her head, and she has been wondering of of a cure that had been effected in Westville The number of calves he may brand X L | as warm when she raised her shade as when | Pills, a Journal reporter thought it might is limited only to the number of unmarked. she forgot and allowed it to remain un- be of general interest to ascertain the

portionately as to attract the with brook each step, until she moved in the shade each step, until she moved into its This sort of brand is usually a small, perimented, and as a result found that she had been sick for some months we read of neat device. Where so large and straggling was really more comfortable when she

Not Available.

The Philadelphia 'Times' has a droll story about a certain 'funny man' whose name is familiar to those who read the comic papers of the day. He was making a deposit of some cheques at his bank when the receivingteller remarked :-

"Oh, well, Mr. B, I suppose the hard times don't affect men of your protession? People must have poetry, I take

"Yes," said Mr. B-, cheerfully. "We poets thrive in hard times or easy times." "I presume so," continued the teller. 'It must be a pretty good business. I imagine that a poem of yours must be good for a hundred dollars anywhere you please to

"Y-e-e-s," said Mr. B—, thoughtfully. Oh, of course, of course," he added. Two days later he went into the bank again, and handed a deposit slip to the teller.

It read thus :-But Mr. B--'s bank-book showed a

deposit of only \$50.60.

The Lunatics' Practical Joke. During the Crimea war a bounty was paid

to recruits on enlisting. One morning a recruiting sergeant, in Dublin, enlisted two men, gave them their bounty, and able to ascertain what further befelt the able to a result of these little manifestations repaired with them to a public honse, all their bounty had been expended, the pulsion, and in other lines of industry) to sergeant ordered them to accompany him one of them, "you don't know what we are."
"Come along," answered the sergeant,
roughly. "What does it matter what you
were! You are soldiers now." "But may be you don't know that we are lunaticsand dangerous lunatics, too. We got out of Richmond Asylum last night." The sergeant did not believe them, and a row had begun, when the police interposed and persuaded the sergeant to take the two-

THE STORY OF A WORKER IN THE WESTVILLE, N. S., MINES.

Suffered From Asthma and Indigestion-Unable to Work for Eight Long Months -He Has Now Regained Complete Health And Strength,

(From the Stellarton, N. S., Journal.) Faith doesn't come to all by hearing. With many seeing is believing. Many when they read of what has been effected in other parts of the country may shake their heads with an incredulous air. To satisfy such people it is necessary to bring tance was great from one living stream to the matter home; to show it to them at their own doors. The people of this "Well," she concluded, with a cheerful | country may not have heard, or only know ing observer that under existing methods grin, "we hilt our own, anyhow. We little about the places where good has been effected by the use of the medicine. an' we tuck three thousand into the ranch. name of which is on everybody's lips, but But all the eend-gate rods uv our waggins | they have heard of Westville, the second most populous town in the country, and people far and near have heard of the mining town where in '73, twenty years ago, A bright Washington woman has just over fitty lives were lost by an explosion in a mine, and the people of these provinces late why it was that she seemed to be just through the agency of Dr. Williams' Pink particulars. So to Westville he went. The other day she was walking along and called at the home of Mr. Thos. Mc-Pennsylvania avenue, and acting upon the | Millan who is known to every man, woman ranch says that its foreman, once upon a impulse of her habit, she raised her parasol and child in the place having taken up his as she emerged from a store. Then she home there twenty years ago. Mr. Mcherd of stock cattle, met the foreman of noticed that her breathing was difficult and Millan was not to he herd of stock cattle, met the foreman of noticed that her breathing was difficult and Millan was not to he work. Mrs. Mcof a tree and snapped her parasol into its Millan was at home, however, and when cows you got there; that old long-horn's folded state. In a moment her face was informed the object of the reporter's visit, bathed with fresh, cool air, and she was im- said she could give all the information mensely relieved. It then flashed across necessary—and she gave it freely. "Yes," ed Tarbush easily. "That ol' Texas's her that she had been unconsciously im- said she, "Tom was a very sick man, so good enough; but she ain't no better'n prisoning all the hot air rising from the sick that he was unable to work for eight the domelike top of her shade, which, instead by way of question. "He has been sick of acting as a protector, as intended, was more or less for about a year. He was Brands are put on in two ways. First really serving as a hood to surround her like a great many miners who had to work there is the regular brand, where the face with the hottest atmosphere of the in poor air, troubled with asthma and design is printed upon the animal by a street. As long as she held her parasol up indigestion. He couldn't eat well and of design is printed upon the animal by a street. As long as she field her paradot upon the animal by a street. As long as she field her paradot upon the course did not thrive. He lost flesh single pressure of a hot iron formed in the the air had no chance to circulate, and this course did not thrive. He lost flesh was more unendurable because she per- gradually and at length became so weak sisted in holding it quite low. So she ex- that he was unable to work. After he

> with it his strength, and by the time he had taken six boxes he considered himself a well man. At the time he returned to his work in the mine, but he continued taking the Pink Pills for some time, to make sure that the trouble was driven out of his system. He can now work steadily and is as strong and healthy as he ever was. We are both so pleased with the great good this remedy did him that we never fail to recommend it to any sick acquaintanees. This statement is simple facts, and is voluntarily given because my hasband has been benefited by reading the statement of another, and so someone else may be benefited by knowing what they have done for him.

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