

ART IS THEIR FIRST LOVE.

Clever Girls of Literary Fathers Winning Marks as Illustrators.

Mildred Howells, daughter of William Dean Howells, is a clever art student of Gotham. Perhaps it should be said that she is a recognized artist. But the artists have a way of clinging to the title of 'student' long after they can work independently.

Miss Howells has her studio in the very heart of the art students' colony. The "Colony" is that section of the city extending across the whole width of Central Park and down town as far as fifth street. The Art League is in the centre and the students group around it. It is the Latin quarter of New York.

Miss Howells has a studio in her father's apartments facing Central Park. She works daily with her brushes, for art is her profession, as literature is her father's. Miss Howells, after a long course of study in Paris, Rome, and London, began by illustrating her father's poems. Her tail-pieces attracted attention, and the cleverness with which she caught the conception of the work made friends for her with writers. All artists cannot get the "tone" of the work they illustrate, even while they draw well. Miss Howells' work appears regularly in the highest class magazines and she has settled down to the profession of regular illustrative work.

Another of the girl artists of New York is Allegra Eggleston, daughter of Edward Eggleston. 'Miss Eggleston,' said an officer of the Art League, 'ought not to be called a student now, though she still studies. She is a professional.'

Her specialty is children's faces. These she does with much delicacy, making them young, sweet and dimpled. She was the first artist who ever had the courage to put a pug nose upon a child's face, though all children's noses are pug. Besides drawing in line work, which is Miss Eggleston's specialty, she carves exquisitely. When she was a little girl she carved an 'idol' out of a rotten piece of wood. Her father saw it and was impressed with the correctness of the lines, for the child had exactly copied an idol in the Metropolitan Museum, and he told her to keep on. At ten her instruction in art began.

George Cable's daughter is another of the daughters of literary fathers who have worked successfully with the brush. Though married now this young woman is a 'girl artist,' embellishing her father's writings and successfully contributing to the magazines. Her best work is character sketches which her father describes so graphically. She says she 'sees them while she reads.'

The peculiarly quiet, studious disposition of professional men pervades, with the touch of hereditary, the minds of the daughters, daughters of lawyers, and clergymen, and the girls of army officers turn to art and want to study it. They do not ask for reserved seats in the art classes, but are content to fall in line with the rest and wait for talent to bring them forward.—Detroit Free Press.

A MISTAKE.

They Were Enthusiastic in the Study of Character.

They were enthusiasts in physiognomy and phrenology, and were traveling by train. On the opposite seat was a man of commanding figure, massive brow and a serious expression.

'What a fine countenance, Arthur! I wish I knew his occupation.'

'Perhaps he's a lawyer, Edith.'

'No; he's not a lawyer. There's too much benevolence in that face for a lawyer. He may be a banker.'

'I am sure he is not. A man with such a heavenly expression couldn't content himself with money getting. His aim in life is higher.'

'Well, do you think he can be an editor?'

'An editor with such a face! An editor, saying hard things about everybody, ridiculing women's dresses and abusing women in-law! An editor cutting and slashing his enemies, flaying public men indiscriminately, and mercilessly slaughtering his best friends for the sake of a paragraph! No, Edith, he's a philanthropist. His face plainly indicates that he is all that is good, noble, pure and true.'

At the next station an inquisitive old fellow took a seat beside the man with the noble brow and asked him about his vocation. The couple opposite held their breath. The reply was this:—

'I've a public house and a butcher's shop. My wife looks after the bar and I do my own killing.'—Tit-Bits.

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The Great Depth of a Shaft of one of the Michigan Copper Mines.

A French engineer proposed last year to the directors of the International Exposition to be given in the French capital in the year 1900 the digging of a hole to the depth of one mile. The idea was favorably received, but on investigation the magnitude of the undertaking became so apparent that the idea has been dropped. It will, therefore, be necessary for those who desire to descend a mile into the bowels of the earth to come to Calumet, for nowhere else on earth are there available openings of such depth. Within less than a mile of each other in this mining town there are three vertical shafts each nearly one mile in depth. The deepest of this trio is the Red Jacket shaft of the Calumet and Hecla copper mine, which has reached its full depth of 4,900 feet. Five Eiffel towers could be dropped down this hole were it wide enough, and the top of the fifth would reach above the surface only to such a height as would allow it to be easily covered by the steel shaft house now being built over the monstrous hole.

This shaft was begun in 1889, and it has taken seven full years to sink it, showing an average progress of 700 feet annually, nearly all of which has been in blue trap rock, one of the most refractory of minerals. The conglomerate carrying copper was the bed of an ancient sea, and is composed of pebbles and gravel worn by the action of the water, such as are seen on sea beaches or lake shores, cemented into a solid mass of calc and silica. By the percolation of the waters and the decomposition of certain constituents of the rock little cavities were formed in which were deposited small nodules of copper by the water.

The Red Jacket shaft is 15½ by 25 feet in size inside of the timbers, and contains six compartments, being fully equal in working capacity to half a dozen mining shafts of ordinary size. The shaft is solidly timbered. The adamantine firmness of the rock renders it secure for all time to come, the timbers being merely to carry the traffic of men and mineral, of water and electricity, which surges between the sunlight and the bottom. In four compartments will slip up and down the ponderous cages, carrying ten-ton loads of rock at the speed of express trains. Up and down these cages will also ride the men who mine the rock from the old sea bed. In one compartment will be the great iron pump pipes, and down another descends the steady current of compressed air which runs the drills, a mile below the engine house. Bunched in slender cables are the copper wires which convey electricity to light the recesses of the mine, threads of wire that afford telephonic communication from the most remote drift to any other portion of the property, for the Calumet and Hecla has a telephone exchange of its own, which in size and perfection of equipment puts to the blush the facilities of many pretentious towns, and which reaches every office on the surface and every portion of the great mine. There are fire alarm wires, too, for the Calumet and Hecla spares no cost to make its employees as safe as skill and lavish outlay of money can render them.

The sinking of this shaft possesses deep interest from a scientific standpoint. Observers ascending to great heights in balloons have been able to secure data of surpassing importance regarding meteorological conditions, and observations made at the depth of a mile afford positive information. The Red Jacket shaft has shattered some of the deeply cherished theories, and there are text books now extant in the higher institutions of learning which must be overhauled because facts have succeeded theory. The mines of the Comstock lode in Nevada were the deepest in the world. The mines were very hot, and on the deeper levels some of the more pious mines were quite positive that they smelled sulphur, and refused to go further down for fear of encroaching upon the dominions of the devil. According to deductions, the bottom of the Red Jacket shaft should be about the proper temperature to boil eggs. Careful tests have determined that the normal temperature of the rock is 87.6° Fahrenheit at the bottom. The rock temperature at the depth of 105 feet was 59° Fahrenheit, showing an access of 28.6° in 4,795 feet. There was, however, again of 8° in temperature in the last 500 feet sunk, a much more rapid increase than at lesser depths.

Notwithstanding the beneficial effects of ventilation and compressed air, men working at the bottom of the deep shaft do not have an especially easy berth, though liberally paid. They are compelled to wear rubber boots and rubber coats, as the water found in the mine at that great depth is most corrosive on the human body. There is machinery enough on the surface to drive all the street cars of a city like St. Louis at this single one of eleven shafts, and it is housed in fire-proof buildings that would be the pride of a city of 100,000 inhabitants.—Minneapolis Journal.

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A FRENCH IDEA OF JUSTICE.

Interesting and Suggestive Change Just Made in French Law.

A law which changes radically the legal position of children born out of wedlock, and which, in the eyes of its opponents, threatens the existence of the family in France, was passed almost without attracting notice during the last session of the French parliament. It was not discussed at all in the chamber of deputies, and met with only faint opposition in the Senate. An illegitimate child who is recognized according to the forms of law by his father may now inherit, or rather cannot be disinherited under normal conditions, a share in the property the father leaves. His share is to be one half that of a legitimate child, where one exists; three-quarters if there are only uncles, aunts, and nephews left, while, if the nearest relatives are merely first cousins of the father, the whole inheritance descends to the natural child. The provisions of the French law of inheritance, which secures to legitimate children a certain proportion of their parent's property inalienable by father or mother, are made to apply to illegitimate children also. Moreover, the father may leave to his natural child a portion of that part of his property of which the law allows him the free disposal, provided that portion is not larger than the portion left to the least favored legitimate child.

Hitherto the law has forbidden legacies to illegitimate children, so that the only way in which a father could make a bequest to his natural child was by refusing to recognize him as him, thereby placing him legally in the position of a stranger unrelated to him.

It will be interesting to watch the effect on French society of this attempt at a solution of a grave social problem. The measure is not so sweeping as it seems to be at first sight, for it affects only a part of the children born out of wedlock. The famous section 340 of the Code Civil; La recherche de la paternite est interdite, which many Frenchmen look upon as one of the main bulwarks of social order, remains in full force. The father who refuses to acknowledge his illegitimate child cannot be compelled to do so. If either mother or child was to try to force an acknowledgment the case would be thrown out of court.

Another class of children born out of wedlock, which is not affected by the law, consists of those who have become legitimate, as by the French law the subsequent marriage of the parents legitimizes their children already born. The number of persons to whom the modified law will apply must therefore be small when compared with the total population of France, much smaller than might be inferred from the prominence given to their so-called wrongs in literature and on the stage. It is large enough, however, to give value to the results of the present experiment, whatever they are. It is not expected that French fathers will hasten to assume all their moral responsibilities simply because the law now permits them to do so.—New York Sun.

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It is not the always the majority who makes the most noise. The suggestion is as useful in religion as in politics. Skeptics have for a good while claimed the earth and all the people on it. Now, or very soon they are or will be everybody. An old story relates that three tailors met in a little room in Tooley Street London, and put forth a manifesto, which begins: 'We, the People of England.' An ancient story of Greek origin, has been revised after this fashion: A trader offers for sale three carloads of frogs. A buyer, standing near, offers to take three dozen, and the bargain is closed. But when the dealer presents his frogs, there are only one dozen, and he confesses that he never had more than a dozen but excuses himself by saying, 'They made so much noise that I thought there were three car-loads.' A minority opinion often makes a noise of about that ratio to numbers.