

tance. The bold idea of its construction over ground that did not leave even foothold for a human being excites admiration as much as the persistence with which the work has been executed. In many places the workmen had to be suspended by ropes. The valley itself is narrow, bounded on either side by high rocky mountains, with a raging torrent dashing along the bottom of the ravine. The Bratlandsdal Hotel at Naes is a comfortable house on the shores of the Sudal Lake and is very prettily situated. We picniced at the water's edge before leaving at 3 p.m. by the little steamer "Sudal" for Osen at the south end of the lake. She arrived at 5.30 p.m. The trip is a most enjoyable one, the steamer at one time passing through what is called the Sudal gateway, formed by two immense rocks which only admit of a very narrow channel passage. We left Osen for Sand immediately after arrival, and ran the twelve miles through wooded country and beside a rapid river in a little more than an hour. This is the last stage of roadway, which is for the most part a very gradual decline and in the best of condition. We remained the night at Kaarhus's Hotel and sailed for Stavanger at seven in the morning by the ss. "Sand," arriving at the Hotel Victoria at midday. This ended one of the most delightful and invigorating bicycle tours in the world. My "Slate" bicycle is in perfect condition, the "Dorian" tyres have not even required blowing up since I left Fenchurch Street. In making a few remarks for the guidance of those intending to tour across Norway on a bicycle it is advisable before starting to be provided with Cook's coupons for everything. They are accepted throughout the country, and besides being most convenient, they save carrying unnecessary cash. Armed with these, five pounds in cash for tips, presents, etc., should suffice. "Petanelle" underclothing should be worn as a prevention against chills, and the pyjama suits as a safeguard against damp sheets. Then, again, one of the charms and absolute independence the bicycle affords is that of being in a position to remain in the open air from morning until night, picnicing at will, as water is abundant. For this purpose the following quantities of concentrated necessaries are suggested. Two boxes of "Protene" sporting biscuits, one dozen and a half of Maggi's "Cross Star" soups, half a dozen small tins of Nestle's Swiss milk, one box of Burroughs, Wellcome, and Co.'s tea tablets, and one dozen tins of "Spiritine" with the aluminium collapsible apparatus for cooking purposes. Enough for each day's use can be carried in one's pocket, the balance being sent ahead each stage of the journey.

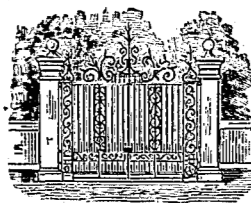
I leave for Hull by the s.s. "Eldorado."

Stavanger, August 24th, 1901.

H. E. W.

Outside the Gates.

WOMEN.



The Governors of the Macclesfield Infirmary have decided to ask the honorary consulting surgeons to meet them in private conference to see if the matter of the "boycotted" lady doctor cannot be amicably settled. The suggestion that the Governors should dismiss the lady was greeted with a chorus of "No's."

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The annual meeting of the Central Society for Women's Suffrage, held at the Westminister Palace Hotel, although crowded, and presided over in an able manner by Lady Frances Ballour, was a depressing affair. There seems no hope of the controllers of this movement taking a firm attitude, and proving to our legislators that we do not intend any longer to submit to a gross violation of justice, with regard to our civil and political rights.

Mrs. Maitland, M.L.S.B., proposed a resolution thanking General Laurie, Mr. Taylor, and Mr. B. Jones for giving notice of resolutions last session, as well as all members who balloted for a day for a Bill. The resolution, which was in three paragraphs, expressed the opinion that it was of supreme importance that there should be no break in the continuity of Parliamentary endeavour, and that the House of Commons provided the strongest evidence of the urgent need for the direct representation of women, by dealing with measures affecting their interests, but ignoring their experience and assistance. Mrs. Maitland maintained that both political parties were afraid to handle women's suffrage, and that generally the cause of women was not in so favourable a position as it was some years since. They would have no place on the proposed educational authorities, and they had none on the new borough councils.

The truth is the women suffragists of the present generation have shown themselves frightened of their own shadows, and they must have courage to inspire respect for their policy.

An animated discussion took place recently at the South Kensington Women's Liberal Association on the question whether "pocket-money wage-earning" was legitimate.

Miss Ada Heather-Bigg, who opened the debate, defined pocket-money wages as wages not required and not sufficient for maintenance, and argued that the receipt of such wages was neither morally nor economically wrong. She considered, however, that every woman ought to strive to do the highest work of which she was capable, and that she should not use higher faculties to compete with those who were obliged to do inferior work for maintenance, as this was a form of underselling which she wholly condemned.

Indeed, all the speakers, however much they differed on the main question, agreed in reprobating underselling as an iniquitous thing. Miss D'Esterre Keeling, in an energetic speech, took up the strong

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