

which I fancy is more correct, and which quite accounts for the fact on more likely grounds, that the darker type is becoming the more common, and fair hair slowly disappearing from the land!

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MRS. CRAWFORD, who has acted for many years as the Paris correspondent of the *Daily News*, is one of the most distinguished women journalists of the present time. She told a brother of the pen the other day, that in addition to her regular work for the *Daily News*, she contributes four or five columns a week to *Truth*, and a long letter to the *New York Tribune*. She began her journalistic career with the determination to make a line of her own. She noticed that the writing in English papers seemed prosy and moody, and she resolved that she would write about things just as they struck her, and always to be frank and genuine with her public. Her connection with the *Daily News* arose through her marriage with Mr. Crawford, who was their Paris correspondent. Marriage, she says, brought new opportunities; "it widened the range of my activity, and my husband and I worked together, each supplementing the other's faculties, and helping each other by counsel, stimulus, and assistance, in a fashion which was to me a 'never-ending source of delight.'" She believes that steady work is the best medicine both for mind and body. After her husband's death, she does not think she could have rallied, but for the necessity of going through her daily task. She thinks that women are well adapted for journalism, as she says that they can do everything in it that men can, and even some things that men cannot.

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THERE was a large gathering at the new Somerville Club last Tuesday evening, when a most successful entertainment was given, consisting of a large number of experiments in "Clairvoyance." The "clear-sighted one" was, to complete the paradox, tightly blindfolded, and was seated on a small raised platform. She was a popular and prominent member of the Club Committee, but the audience were requested to be universally short-sighted, and onle recognise her as Mademoiselle Fédémara. Her successful description, with almost invariable correctness, of the manifold objects lent by the audience for the purpose to her coadjutor (Mr. Jonini), and her accuracy in giving the dates of coins and the numbers of bank-notes, excited universal surprise. Some few of those present were positively sceptical enough to declare themselves unconvinced that these wonderful results were due to clairvoyance; but as they seemed unable to explain them on any other hypothesis, their criticism only served to enhance the surprise and interest which the performance excited among the audience. The club is flourishing and increasing in strength and usefulness. On Tuesday, May 29th, at 8 p.m., Professor J. Estlin

Carpenter, M.A., will deliver a lecture on "Buddhism and the Life of Gotama Buddha," which is certain to attract a large audience.

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"THE Social and Political Position of Women in Ancient Egypt" was the subject of a lecture given a few days ago by Miss Amelia B. Edwards, the well-known authoress, who is also one of the greatest living authorities upon Egyptian lore. She stated that by the Egyptians, women were for over four thousand years treated on an absolute equality with men—in some ways indeed their position was superior to that of men. In proof of this, she instanced many of the funeral monuments now extant, showing the husband and wife sitting side by side, the mistress being waited on by her servants, and receiving equal respect with the master of the house. Children traced their descent through the mother, and were called after her name. Women frequently reigned over Egypt, or occupied the highest posts in the realm—such, for example, as would correspond now with the Viceroyalty of India. Miss Edwards created great amusement by reading some translations of marriage contracts, from which it appeared that the Egyptian gentleman not only said to his wife, "With all my worldly goods I thee endow," but was compelled literally to do so—to give her every penny he possessed, and trust to her generosity to provide him with board and lodging, and even pocket money! Till lately the modern Englishman *said* the same thing, but carried it out—in the eyes of the law, at least—*by taking possession of everything belonging to his spouse.*

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MRS. HARRIS'S REFLECTIONS.

No. 5.—ON HONESTY.

THERE is many—too many for me to deal with all of 'em properly in one paper—of them things called fases in honesty; all are admirable in their respective ways, and much to be applauded. Honesty *is* honesty, says I, in its general sense, all the world over, and pays in the long run. But there is also such things as honesty *and* honesty, and they is as different as chalk is from the other thing. I am allus proud, intensely proud, to hear of them people who on every occashun can manage to pay twenty shillin's in the pound. Such as them generally thrives, grows fat, and drives a carrige, and they are fairly plentiful in the world, takin' all things into consideration. They is chiefly distinguished by not being too modest, and never forgettin' to remind you, on every possible occasion, that they have always met their engagements. These people, after all, is a newsance, for they puts on sich airs, and makes sich a fuss of

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