

technical colleges, and has "for three years been practically engaged in the translation and dispensing of prescriptions." The fee at the South London School of Pharmacy, 525, Kennington Park Road, is £15, and that for attending the lectures at the College of the Pharmaceutical Society, Bloomsbury Square—a splendid building—is four guineas. The cost of learning the profession would be from £80 to £100, or £150, including everything. The English are ever slow to take up any new idea, and the amount of capital necessary for starting in the business deters many perforce; but in the United States there are very many lady chemists doing well, both pecuniarily and socially, whilst in Warsaw there is a famous establishment, at the head of which is a lady. Many young girls, too, both at home and especially on the Continent, are studying eagerly with a view to entering the profession, Geneva being a favourite resort with Continental students.

BUT, ladies, beware how you experiment in chemistry, for it is even more dangerous—for yourselves, at least—than experimenting in that more recognised field for women's experiments—the kitchen range. One thing, however, fathers, mothers, brothers, and sisters will not be sacrificed to the goddess dyspepsia as so oftentimes they are in the latter. I am sure all will join in wishing success to the lady chemist or chemiste, for light hands mix well and bright smiles cheer the heart, and oftentimes that organ of the patient or patient's troubled friend who has rushed headlong off for the medicine needs cheering greatly. We know also that the light hand and the bright smile is the special prerogative of the feminine gender, though, alas, not always possessed.

I REGRET to announce the death of Miss Lucy Sewall, M.D., the famous American lady Doctor, who died at Boston in the fifty-third year of her age. While still very young she commenced the study of medicine, and had for many years successfully practised in Boston city, where she had a large connection. She was one of the first lady practitioners in the United States. Naturally remarkably talented, she yet spared no pains with her education, studying at the best Schools of Medicine in London and on the Continent, and thus her knowledge of the science was wide indeed. Her choice of the profession was one of love, not necessity, her father being the well-known Abolitionist, the late Samuel Sewall, a very wealthy man.

EASTER and flowers are bracketed in the minds of most of us, for the great festival of the Christian

year falls just when spring's especially bright garlands of fair blossoms appear, and the primroses, the violets, and the sweet Lent lilies meet our glad eyes—

"To comfort man and whisper hope
Whene'er his faith is dim;
For He who careth for the flowers
Will much more care for him."

A few years ago these floral graces had to be sought by us in their homes, the lovely country lane, mossy woodland, and fair green meadow, or, further still, by the bright Mediterranean shore, where beneath terraces shaded by the olive, the lemon and the orange tree, the bright anemone, the costly orchid, the golden daffodil, and the "modest violet" hide. Now, however, town mice need no longer plead ignorance of botany for lack of specimens, for a very wealth of flowers is to be seen on all sides in window boxes, in the fascinating florist-shop, on the costermonger's barrow, and above all in the flower girl's basket. Not only in spring and summer, but almost all the year round, they ply their often busy trade and cry, according to the old song,

"Come, buy my pretty flowers, come, buy, O buy!"

OFTEN has the contrast between the wan pale face or the coarse hard features of the sellers in their tawdry finery and ragged garments and the pure beauty of their wares struck me sadly, and I therefore read with pleasure an interesting article in the *Queen* that "several influential ladies in the neighbourhood of Westbourne Grove have formed a committee for a proposed Bayswater Flower Girls' Guild, the objects of which will be to obviate the possibility of dangers which may accrue from the flowers being kept overnight in unhealthy dwellings and to raise the conditions of the sellers." An uniform will be worn by the girls, who are most eager for the success of the scheme, and are willing to contribute a small sum weekly, so the guild will be almost self-supporting when once the heavy initial expenses of obtaining a suitable hall or room, &c., have been met. The hon. secretary is T. Lauder, Esq., 21, Aynhoe Road, West Kensington. I am sure all my readers will join me in wishing all success to this new philanthropic work and in hoping that this guild may find many imitators in other parts of London.

MRS. CRAIK, the authoress of "John Halifax, Gentleman," &c., was one of our most popular writers, especially with "the ladies." My readers will, I am sure, be glad to learn therefore that Messrs. Macmillan are about to bring out a new edition of this late lamented lady's works, uniform with the series of well-known writers, at

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