

selves perforce out of work, for what good would the uppers have been without the soles to which to attach them? The girls working at the boot trade are rough and ready, most of them regular factory girls, but nevertheless would prove responsive as others to kindness. Miss Clementina Black, advance forward, march, and organise yet another trades union among the working women of the East End.

THE above article has only referred to machine-made boots and their makers. Of course, hand-made boots are much more expensive to manufacture, and workers at them receive far higher rates of remuneration, but the number of hand-made boots sewn in England diminishes year by year, for though a few large West End firms still employ their countrymen and countrywomen, most of the hand-sewn boots are imported from France or Germany. From the latter country are also imported thousands of pairs of machine-sewn boots and shoes, to the great detriment of the home trade.

COLUMBIA COLLEGE, New York, has been in existence for one hundred and thirty-six years, but until lately has been unable to boast of one feminine Master of Arts. Now, however, the slur is removed, for two young and fair female New Yorkers have recently received that honour and degree. They are the first, but I expect will not be the last of the modern Minervas who will attain thereunto, for lady M.A.'s will be as plentiful as blackberries some day, and that some day will not be long a-coming.

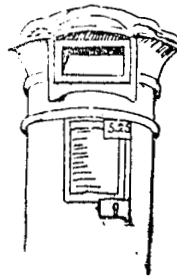
MRS. BLOOMER, after whom, as the foundress, the famous Bloomer costume was called, lately kept her golden wedding; but, alas, on that eventful day she wore no divided skirt, but just an ordinary usual gown, such as one of us might wear. What a disappointing chronicle to record! What an opportunity lost! Can it be that, after all, Mrs. Bloomer has lost faith herself in the beauty and usefulness of that peculiar costume, of which she can boast as "my own invention"?

THE following, taken from a recent number of the paper *Woman*, is too amusing:—"Among the articles which have been called after Stanley's bride are a tennis shoe, a carpet, a bracelet, a tooth powder, a restaurant, and a polish for silver." Who would be notorious after this? Why, even one's name is not one's own. Only is not *Woman* a little hasty in coming to conclusions, and has not the name Dorothy risen into popularity not only because Mrs. H. M. Stanley, *née* Tennant, bears it, but because there is a certain

"opera comique," having as title that sweet name, an opera the airs of which occasionally figure in the peripatetic pianette's repertoire. I know that the "Dorothy" restaurant, at least, was so christened long before Mrs. Stanley became famous as the great explorer's bride to be.

ANOTHER Royal book! The Empress of Austria, I learn, is about to publish a collection of letters and writings, partly from her pen, partly only addressed to her. Royal MSS. are becoming so common that publishers will be handling them less reverently. I wonder how many would be accepted or read if the rank of the author or authoress were unknown. By-the-bye, sweet Carmen Sylva, the charming poetess Queen of Roumania, is amongst us, her Majesty having been ordered by those autocrats, the Physicians, to try the effect of the fine air of Llandudno on her health, which, alas! is far from as strong as her many admirers could wish.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR.

(Notes, Queries &c.)

Whilst cordially inviting communications upon all subjects for these columns, we wish it to be distinctly understood that we do not IN ANY WAY hold ourselves responsible for the opinions expressed by our correspondents.

We shall be happy to answer, as far as we can, all questions submitted to us.

Communications, &c., not noticed in our present number will receive attention when space permits

INFORMATION WANTED.

To the Editor of "The Nursing Record."

Sir,—May I trouble you to help me in a difficult by publishing in the *Nursing Record* the following questions:—

Can an eligible candidate be trained in any London Hospital free for District Nursing?

How long is the usual training for such a position?

After training, when taking regular duty, is any salary paid, and (if so) what is the usual salary?

The candidate is a lady by birth, age twenty-five years.

In the usual training, is one branch of work—viz., medical—taken up, or is it considered necessary to pass through the Surgical Wards before considered fully trained for District Nursing?—Yours truly,

T. B. A.

[We are afraid that our correspondent will find it difficult to obtain exactly what she requires. There seems to us to be no Hospital in London where the training given is specially intended for District Nursing. We could not recommend anyone to even attempt District work without having undergone three years' practical training, and such training should, undoubtedly, include medical and surgical work and also Midwifery. Perhaps, if "T. B. A." communicated with Miss Mansel, 23, Bloomsbury Square, W.C., that lady would be able to suggest something, or can any of our readers?—ED.]

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