

What Women Are Doing.

"The Odd One" is the title of Sophie May's new book.

The Icelandic Althing (Parliament) have passed a law conferring the franchise on women householders.

The success of Mrs. Francis Hayes's "Men of the Time," has been such that she is now engaged in getting out "Women of the Time," which promises equally good results.

Mrs. Hughes, the mother of Thomas Hughes, author of "Tom Brown at Rugby," and founder of the Rugby Colony in Tennessee, is a strong and vigorous woman of eighty-seven years of age, and acts as treasurer of the school board of the colony.

One of the most industrious women journalists of the day is Lillian Whiting of the Boston evening *Traveler*. In addition to continuous work upon the journal, of whose staff she is a member, she contributes to the *Woman's Journal*, and corresponds with the Chicago *Inter-Ocean*, treating a great variety of subjects with equal brightness and intelligence.

A Woman's Club has been formed by the young women of Okyama, Japan, whose object is "the development of their ideas, that they may give effectual assistance in the carrying out of liberal principles."

Miss Genevieve Ward's autumn tour in England is an immense success, and "Forget-Me-Not" a greater hit than ever. Audiences are now "educated" up to the intellectual points in the play, and three recalls after each act is nothing unusual.

Twenty-five women employes of Jordan, Marsh & Co., of Boston, were to Europe on a vacation during the past summer, and liberally entertained there for several months by their firm. Miss Ford, one of their number, who "speaks French beautifully," chaperoned the party, and presented it in a neat little speech to Victor Hugo and President Grévy.

The women of Summit, N. J., have formed a Village Improvement Association, and have raised four hundred dollars, which has been devoted to improving the land around the railway station, planting flowers and trees, and in prizes to the children of the families that show the prettiest door-yards.

Kate Newell has hung out her shingle at 251 Broadway, as the first woman solicitor of American and Foreign patents.

Anna K. Hawley, of Delhi, Louisiana, has patented a button that can be readily attached to garments without sewing, and readily removed without injury.

Princess Louise, wife of Lord Lorne, "has her favorite French and German authors in her bedroom where she can always put her hands on them."

A large corps of trained English nurses has been sent out to Egypt by the Government. A medical journal says that the Army Medical Department speak in the highest terms of these nurses' abilities.

Two hundred and fifty women clerks are now employed in the central post-office in London. Mr. Fawcett, M. P., announces the intention to considerably increase the number, in consequence of their efficiency and trustworthiness.

Six Southern girls spent their vacation in a tramp across the mountains of North Carolina, each carrying a hammock in her knapsack for camping out at night, much of the region they traversed being wild and uninhabited. The oldest was twenty, the youngest seventeen—and they enjoyed it immensely.

Miss Marianne North, who has lately presented to Kew Gardens a gallery erected at her own expense, and filled with her own paintings of rare flowers from almost every part of the globe, has gone to Africa, that country being still unrepresented in her collection.

Rosa Bonheur is said to have lived the life of an estimable bachelor. She adopted the male dress because it was easier, cheaper, and enabled her to go among butchers and cattle without remark. She received the degree of knighthood from the Emperor Napoleon, and the Cross of the Legion of Honor, both of which were transmitted by the hands of the Empress Eugenie. She is treated as the head of the family by her relatives.

There is in London a Ladies' School of Technical Needlework which offers twelve months' free instruction in dressmaking to unskilled workers, whilst ladies who already use their needles

skillfully can get lessons in cutting and fitting, and otherwise improve themselves, on payment of a small fee.

At a recent meeting of the Chapter of the Order of St. John of Jerusalem, in England, Lord Leigh presiding, the silver medal for deeds of heroism on land was awarded to a girl of seventeen years of age, Annie Loftus, for saving the life of her sister, seven years of age, at a fire, under circumstances of peculiar peril. The presentation was made at a public meeting, the Lady Mayoress pinning the decoration to the young lady's dress amid great applause.

Miss Fanny Coman, a young girl of fourteen, slender and in somewhat delicate health, jumped into the Harlem River, at Morrisania, a few weeks ago, and saved a drowning child that had sunk for the last time, in the presence of a crowd of paralyzed spectators. The same girl, on another occasion, saved a little boy from an equal risk, and afterward swam out to recover a toy he had lost.

Miss Florence Marryat, the novelist, has definitely resolved to adopt the theatrical profession. Two weeks ago she appeared at Southampton in the character of *Lady Jane*, in "Patience," having accepted an engagement with Mr. D'Oyly Carte's company. She is to come to America this fall.

The Wisconsin Industrial School for Girls, visited and highly commended by the National Conference of Charities and Reforms at its late session in Milwaukee, is not only managed by a board of women, but has had for its superintendent for three years past Mrs. M. E. Rockwell, who has been engaged over twenty years in similar work, and has made an excellent record in the Connecticut Industrial School for Girls, and at the Women's Prison in Massachusetts.

The British Woman's Temperance Association, which is the W. C. T. U. of Great Britain, has presented to Parliament a petition for Sunday closing that rivals in length our famous Home Protection petition of five years ago. It enrolled 150,000 signatures of English women only—no Irish, Scotch, or Welsh names being included. The last signature attached was that of the Countess of Aberdeen. The petition, which is about one mile long, was in a huge roll, and had to be carried into the waiting-room by two policemen.

The sending of medical women from England to India is likely to be an established custom. The Indian women are averse to treatment by physicians not of their own sex. The statistics of the British medical service in India show that the women have rarely availed themselves of prescriptions or attendance. A staff of trained women is proposed as a part of the public service in India, a department coordinate with, and not subordinate to, the existing medical bureau.

Rama Bai, a well-known Marathi lady, gave an address lately at Poona to some of her countrywomen, and, in the course of her lecture, urged the necessity of devoting at least an hour or so every day to the study of their own literature. She added, that if they could afford to spare time to attend the temples at stated hours, or to go a number of times round the pimplar or banyan tree, it was an idle excuse to say that they could not devote a part of the day to study. In conclusion she called upon the ladies to shake off the trammels of superstition, and devote all their energies to the common cause of raising their degraded position to the enviable level occupied by Hindoo ladies of old.

Miss Ellen E. Freeman, an English lady, is the governess to the Khedive's eldest son, and has been with the family during the whole of the recent troubles. When the Khedive was summoned from Cairo to Alexander, the Khedive offered to his European household two months' leave with full pay. Most of them availed themselves of the permission, but Miss Freeman refused, and accompanied the family through all their troubles, and was in the palace during the bombardment and subsequent dangers.

Miss Risley-Seward became a great favorite with William H. Seward while he was Secretary of State, and subsequently accompanied him during his tour around the world. Mr. Seward in his will bequeathed her \$30,000, on condition that she should adopt his name. She accepted the condition, and now refuses to marry because she will not consent to change her name. At present she is in Italy studying the old monasteries of Tuscany.