

The proper kind of a Melon!



All want a slice.

WOMEN AS ENGINE CLEANERS

Nine Toronto women appropriately clad in khaki uniforms are pioneers in Canadian railroading, so far as their sex is concerned. Theirs is the unique experience of tending the snorting moguls which thunder into the C. P. R. yards at Lambton. The reward for their work is \$2.40 per day of ten hours, from 7 a. m. to 6 p. m.

Since their advent wonders happen daily, and engine No. 2238 is shined up regularly, after its long journey to and from Montreal, with such skill that the 666 miles must have become a pleasure instead of a duty.

The chaperone of the rather unusual group is Mrs. Broughton Heck, who was formerly a nurse, but who has changed her mind and likes ironing patients much better than the human ones. She states that they respond to treatment more readily. Then comes her 17-year-old daughter, Miss Olive Broughton Heck, who was employed at the Fairbanks Morse munition factory in Toronto until that firm stopped making shells. She likes engine-cleaning better because she has advanced from 20 cents an hour to 24 cents. Miss Vida Broughton Heck, another daughter, was also a munition worker.

MABEL HOBSON, THE MASOCOT FOR THE CROWD

Mabel Hobson, the mascot for the crowd, was a clerk in the Christie Brown Company, Toronto, at eight dollars per week. Mrs. Hobson states that she was anxiously awaiting the time when women should take men's places in Toronto as they are doing in England. The comedian of the group is Mrs. Annie Reil, now more familiarly to the girls as "Ted." Mrs. Reil prefers dirty hands to the white hands of the slacker, and has pledged herself that when the boys return they shall not see their places filled by Poles and Austrians. Mrs. Daisy Taylor, an intelligent young woman who has the idea that she would like to recruit a battalion of half slacker and half women, so as the slacker could hide in the skirts of the women. She also was a munition worker. May complete the interesting eight. Mrs. Bird has done her bit in a munition factory also, and states that she could do everything but plow when she lived on the farm, and because she was always used to hard labor could not content herself to sew or work in an office.

When visited by the writer a few days ago the girls were as busy as bees. The only worry they seem to have is that the engines will arrive in the winter with icicles on their great dirty faces, and the girls are wondering just how they are going to be thawed out so as they can climb up on them. Yes, they do climb right up on top of the bell and when they are finished polishing and rubbing it is rather difficult to tell which is which. Mrs. Taylor proudly stepped out and had her uniform examined. "Don't forget to say that we wear trousers," she said. "Then look our smocks have brass buttons on them and the buttons have eagles embossed on them. I think we should have buttons the same as the munition workers. We don't look a bit like this at ten minutes after six, though. We apply plenty of hot water and soft soap and change our clothes, and look real human. I wear my husband's shoes and his underwear, because I can keep warmer, and then they are better for the work because they are heavy."

The men treat the girls well. Occasionally they get bluster when they feel their positions slipping from them, but one word from the girls soothes them. They are told that the girls do not want to take their places if they (the men) should have them. Moreover, the only reason which should cause them to worry is the fact the competition will get their jobs anyway.

Do the women eat? Well rather you should see their lunch room. Mrs. Bird confided that some of the men call it the "dog house" but then they are only jealous because they haven't got one. The girls bring their own lunches, and both their little in the engine room adjoining the round house and have a regular Friday meal around a large table, which has good substantial dishes. Mrs. Taylor states that "any day you get in the line of dishes would not last long with us." They have one of two easy chairs, and when one gets into this little dining room it is almost impossible to believe that girls are waiting to have these same domesticated young ladies wash their black faces.

Then the "big foreman" (as the girls have named him) what does he have to do it all? Here is what he states: "We could not get near to the work. I did not apply when I saw a solitary woman apply when I inserted one hundred applications from women already. If these women prove satisfactory we are going to build a roundhouse at the foot of John street and fill it with women."

When the bells have tolled out six o'clock the girls file out and after the other and smile to themselves as they picture their dinner and a nice warm bath. "Right to bed after eight o'clock," said Mrs. Taylor. "We get up at half-past four. Some of us live away down east and Mrs. Broughton Heck lives on St. Germain avenue and has five miles to walk. When we are going home we always sing "Pack Up Your Troubles" and some of the engines take up the tune and commence their long journeys with a smile, smile, smile, same as we do."

THE BOY AND THE FLAG

Written by "S. W. H." for the New York "Sun"

I toil alone, though light of heart,
Because of this glad story:
I have a boy—a soldier boy—
Who treads the path of glory.

My stay fine, my lady great,
With all our wealth and pleasure,
Have you a joy within your heart
Attuned to such a measure?

Have you a boy to sail away,
First at his country's call?
And do you count a blessing this,
The greatest of them all?

The little flag above my door
(The best that I could buy)
Waves proudly as the finer one
Above your mansion high:

For I've a boy—a soldier boy—
Who treads the path of glory;
And all day long, while at my work,
I tell myself this story.

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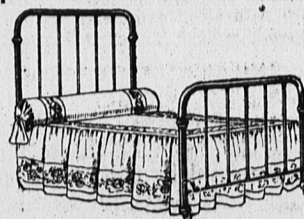
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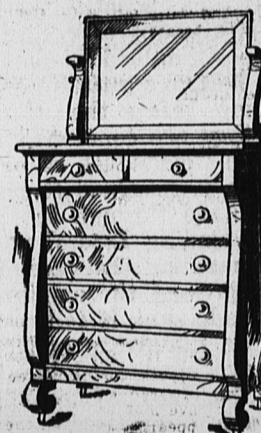
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