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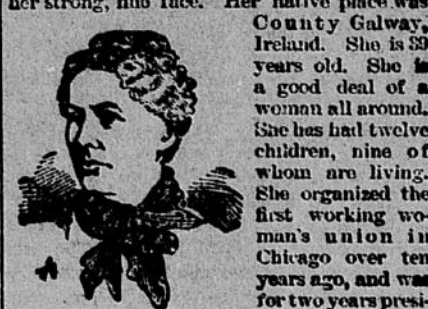
THE NEW ELEVATOR

A WOMAN MASTER WORKMAN.

A Brave and Capable Female Knight of Labor.

Herewith is a portrait of Elizabeth Rodgers, master workman of District Assembly 24, of Chicago. A district assembly of the Knights is of much more consequence than one of the ordinary local lodges, and the fact that Mrs. Rodgers is at the head of one speaks very highly for her executive and presiding ability.

The lady is Irish born, and she looks it in her strong, fine face. Her native place was



County Galway, Ireland. She is 39 years old. She is a good deal of a woman all around. She has had twelve children, nine of whom are living. She organized the first working woman's union in Chicago over ten years ago, and was president of that body. She takes a warm interest in the freedom of Ireland, and was president of the Eighth ward Land league of Chicago. She presided at the memorial meeting in Chicago at the death of Fanny Parnell. She is a personal friend of Mrs. Parnell. She has been delegate to the State Trades assembly of Illinois for seven years, and the delegate from Local Assembly 1,789 of Chicago to District Assembly 24 for four years. All this time she was master workman of Local Assembly 1,789.

Mrs. Rodgers shows how graceful and efficient a prosiding officer a woman can be when she is trained in parliamentary usage. Her husband, George Rodgers, is a molder. Both were delegates to the Knights national assembly at Richmond, Va., and Mrs. Rodgers took her baby along. She has had such experience in strikes, and throughout has stood up brave and determined for the rights of working people. She has also labored with her hands for bread, and is full of energy and enthusiasm.

THE PRESIDENT OF HAYTI.

Under Whose Government Cannibalism is Said to be Practiced.

The island of Hayti, of the Bahama group, is poetically termed the Queen of the Antilles. It is second to Cuba in size, and is situated but 1,300 miles from the United States. It is a republic with a population of 1,500,000 people. These people are yet to a great extent Voodoo or snake worshippers. Their religion formerly demanded the sacrificing of young children to the god Voodoo and the eating of their child flesh. Through the teachings of Christian missionaries among these people and the appeals of the same missionaries to European governments, pressure was brought to bear on the authorities in Hayti sufficient to stamp out for a time the practice of cannibalism. A recent exposure in a New York newspaper by two gentlemen leads to the belief that savage practices are yet connected with the Voodoo religion. These gentlemen claim to have disguised themselves and were witnesses of the murder of two children as offerings to the god Voodoo, and were afterward eaten by the worshippers. Such a sensation has been created by this statement that it is likely the civilized governments will again take action in the matter.



LOUIS ETIENNE FELICITE SALOMON. The president of Hayti is Gen. Salomon, a colored man of 70 years. He was elected last summer president for a second term, which is seven years. Salomon is a native of Hayti, and has been a leader among the people throughout the greater portion of his life. For eighteen years he was an exile in Europe, and a student of European customs. That he does not stamp out cannibalism effectually among his people is due, it is said, to the fact that his government is feeble, and he is a Voodoo worshipper himself.

A Pleasant Idiosyncrasy. Mr. Gorham, of the Agassiz museum at Providence, is said to indulge in the "pleasant idiosyncrasy" of keeping loose in his bedroom several full grown rattlesnakes which he has tamed and of which he makes pets. He sometimes honors his most cherished friends by admitting them to this apartment, and it is usually found that one visit is all that they are anxious to make. Mr. Gorham is said to be a natural snake charmer and to have the power of calling snakes from their coverts by whistling.—Chicago Times.

The Work of Digestion. The sweltering noon is not a favorable time for repulsion, nor is the early morning, when the energies of the system should not be unduly monopolized by the work of digestion. A heavy breakfast handicaps a worker for the rest of the forenoon. Of all the wretched slaves of conventional abuses, the most to be pitied are those who have to bolt their dinner in a minimum of time, and hasten back to their drudgery, and often to a temperature that must tempt them to barter a week of their lives for one hour of undisturbed sleep. A light breakfast and late dinner surprisingly ease the burden of the hottest working day.—Dr. Felix L. Oswald.

The old-fashioned colored wafers for sealing envelopes, 1776 style, are again coming into use among the leaders of New York fashion.

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