

Practical-Minded Women Who Have Given Us Many Useful Inventions.



MRS. SUSAN STUART FRACKELTON,
Inventor of the Folding Valise.

MME. M. LEONTINE,
Inventor of the Dress Fastener.

MISS MARY M. CLECKLEY,
Inventor of Portable Kiln for Firing China.

MRS. ELIZABETH D. TOWNSEND,
Inventor of Typewriter for the Blind.

MRS. ELLEN LA GARDE,
Inventor of Musical Dumb Bell.

*A Society Girl Who
Became an Artist's Model.*

MISS KATE MICKLES BRADLEY is the only society girl who has posed professionally as an artist's model. Her father was the late Colonel George W. Bradley, U. S. A. As a young girl, suffering from curvative of the spine, she underwent a long course of physical training, the result of which was a complete bodily upbuilding.

In Washington she started a school of physical culture, and also appeared in entertainments. Lucien Powell, the painter, suggested that she would make an admirable model, and introduced her to the Art League. She posed for the classes on portraits. She is now posing daily for S. Jerome Uhl, who has almost completed a charming picture which he calls "The Morning Call."

MacDonald is employing her services in an allegorical picture called "Grief." A bent, care-worn figure, she sits lamenting over the ruins of dead arts and industries. All the artists for whom Miss Bradley has posed are eager to employ her again. Mr. Uhl says she is one of the very best models he has ever had. The art schools are anxious for her services whenever the

line of study admits it. In speaking on the subject, Miss Bradley said:

"The reason why I am a good model is because I know how to pose myself. I have made a special study of the art of expressing emotions by gesture. Therefore, when I am told what the painter wants to portray, I can at once assume the correct pose."

*A Batch of 'Brainy Women
Who Are Noted Inventors.*

THE records of the Patent Office show that not a small percentage of the patents issued go to women. Some of the most useful articles were devised by women, who have made great fortunes out of their ideas. One of the most profitable inventions, that of the fold-ind valise, was conceived by Miss Mary M. Cleckley, of Atlanta, Ga.

Mrs. Elizabeth D. Townsend, of Austin, Tex., is the inventor of the punctograph, or typewriter for the blind. It is this invention which enabled the blind to write letters as perfectly and with as little trouble as one whose eyesight is not impaired.

Mrs. Susan Stuart Frackelton, of Milwaukee, invented a portable kiln for firing china. Her idea has netted her a neat little sum.

One of the first skirt fasteners was originated by Madame M. Leontine. The musical dumb bells, which play when they are held in the proper position, were invented and patented by Mrs. Ellen La Garde. They have met with wonderful success, and have brought

independent fortune to the woman who thought out the idea and made it effective.



Kate Mickles Bradley, the Society Girl Who Has Posed as a Model for American Artists.

Mr. George Gould's Protegee.

THE influence of George Gould in theatrical circles has been exerted in behalf of Marian Chylders, a Southern girl, who has won considerable renown in a small way on the stage during the brief period she has graced it. She is nineteen years of age, a native of Louisiana, and came to New York a short time ago, with the intention of perfecting herself in her dramatic studies.

Mr. Gould was attracted by her determination to succeed and, through his influence, she secured a position with Charles Frohman, and was cast as Maud Fretwell, in one of his "Sowing the Wind" companies. Later she played ingenue roles in the original Salvini company, supporting Paul Caze-neuve. She has partially agreed to appear with this company next season, playing the ingenue roles in "The Three Guardsmen" and other plays.

Lion Cubs for Her Pets.

A LADY who fondles lion cubs for amusement, and who prefers them to either dogs or kittens as household companions, is a little bit out of the ordinary. Mrs. John Ellitch, of Denver, does this and fails to see the unusual phase of it. The illustration, from a photograph, shows this lady in close companionship with one of her pets, Kitty, a clever and accomplished young lioness, who apparently knows quite as much as does any ordinary cat or dog. Kitty exhibits a marked partialty for her fair mistress and mildly objects to any intrusion on the part of strangers—reporters in particular. Her main article of diet is bread and milk; until very recently it was milk without the bread, and the milk was taken from a bottle.



Mrs. John Ellitch, of Denver, Whose Favorite Household Pets Are Sportive Baby Lions.



Miss Marian Chylders, the Young Southern Girl Whom George Gould Has Undertaken to Help in Her Theatrical Career.