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I have been asked to name the fifty living women, who in my judgment have done the most for the welfare of the United States, whether in business, in the arts, professions, social service or other callings.

In selecting the list I have used a three-fold measuring rod:- Ability (1) to initiate or create (2) to lead or inspire (3) to carry on. This ruling automatically cuts out women of distinguished achievement who have not yet proved their continuing power.

The names are grouped loosely into five classes - the achievements, frequently over-lap, that is, a name like that of Jane Addams might rightfully appear also among educators.

The list follows:-

Educators, Teachers, Scholars

Dr. M. Carey Thomas:-

Pioneer in higher education of women. Organized Bryn Mawr College in 1884. First woman trustee of Cornell University. Founder of Bryn Mawr Summer School for women in industry. Ph. D. from University of Zurich. LL.D. from four different American institutions. L.H.D. from Goucher College.

Dean Virginia Gildersleeve:-

A scholar of note - an orator of power and good taste. Dean of Barnard College. Liberal and experimenting. Opened her doors three years ago for an annual Summer School for women workers in industry. Many international connections with scholars and learned societies.

Mary Woolley:-

For thirty years President of Mt. Holyoke College. Active in all undertakings for improving opportunities for the higher education of women. Gives her services to all efforts to further better international understanding. Has received degrees from Brown, Amherst, Smith and Yale.

Ada Comstock:-

First full-time President of Radcliffe College, where by tact and firmness she has steadily won concessions from Harvard with which Radcliffe is affiliated. As president of American Association of College women succeeded in uniting southern and northern associations into one body. Member of President Hoover's Commission on Law Enforcement.

Dr. Annie Jump Cannon:-

Astronomer - associated with Harvard College Observatory. Has made many important observations - discovered new stars - catalogued 225,000 stellar spectra. Honorary member of Royal Astronomical Society - special degrees from University of Oxford and of Groningen.

Dr. Florence R. Sabin:-

"Most eminent of living woman scientists" - Dr. Simon Flexner's opinion. Her studies extending over nearly thirty five years have contributed particularly to the knowledge of the blood and its diseases. First and only woman elected to the National Academy of Science. Intelligent investigator, inspiring teacher, appreciator of good music.

Dr. Susan D. Kingsbury:-

A stimulating teacher of social economy, suggesting for others and following herself new lines of investigation and experiment. Valuable contributions on relation of children and women to industry. Since 1915 head of the Carola Weerschoffer, graduate Department at Bryn Mawr College.

Prof. Alice Hamilton:-

After a medical training at the University of Leipzig - John Hopkins - Chicago and at the Paster Institute, Paris, and twelve years practical work in bacteriology, specialized in occupational diseases. Leading authority on industrial poisons. For twelve years member of the faculty of Harvard Medical School in the Department of industrial medicine. Member of League of Nations Health Committee.

Mary McLeod Bethune:-

Born of slave parents. Founder in 1900 of Bethune - Cookman Institute for colored boys and girls located at Daytona, Florida, now enrolling some two hundred and fifty students. Established a home for delinquent negro girls at Ocala, Florida. Active in all forms of social, educational and moral betterment. A woman to be proud of.

Martha Berry:-

A pioneer in the education of Mountain Boys and Girls. Single handed she has built up the Berry Schools near Rome, Georgia where hundreds now annually receive a training developed by Miss Berry to suit their needs. In 1928 received the Pictorial Review's \$5,000.00 Annual Achievement Award. Ph.D. from University of Georgia.

Anna Krnberg:-

Pioneer in reviving early American Colonial industries. Founded School of Fireside industries at Berea College, Kentucky twenty years ago. Revived weaving among mountain women, inventing for them a small inexpensive home loom. Has by travel and lecturing developed a market for their product throughout the country.

Martha Van Rensselaer:-

Acknowledged as leading authority on Home Economics. For twenty years head of the Home Economics School of Cornell University. Member of the Executive staff of the United States Food Administration in 1918. Included in list of country's twelve greatest women, chosen in 1923 by National League of Women Voters.

Social, Political and Industrial Service

Jane Addams:-

America's most revered woman. Forty years ago created Chicago's Hull House, a center from which a continual stream of social betterment has flowed into the city and country. Is still its active head. Founder and President of Women's International League for Peace and Freedom, having branches in more than twenty different countries. Wise, patient, big hearted.

Carrie Chapman Catt:-

The country's leading stateswoman. Recognized that the granting of suffrage to women for which she had labored for years demanded political education - founded the non-partisan National League of Woman Voters. Organizer and director of the National Committee on the Causes and Cures of Wars reaching some six million women.

Julia Lathrop:-

A Hull House volunteer of over thirty years standing, active in all its humanitarian undertakings. Specialist in child welfare. First chief of Federal Children's Bureau, initiating its policies and selling it to Congress.

Grace Abbott:-

Friend of the immigrant and the child. For ten years director of the Immigrant Protective League. For ten years Executive Secretary of Illinois Immigrant Commission. Since 1921, chief of the Federal Children's Bureau. The League of Nations white slave traffic investigation was made at her suggestion and carried on with her active co-operation.

Lillian D. Wald:-

The system of district nurses which serves New York City and is spreading throughout this and other countries was inaugurated by her at the Henry Street - or Nurses - Settlement, which she founded in 1893. The Federal Children's Bureau was her suggestion. Active on many National and International Committees.

Florence Kelley:-

Valiant leader in movement for improving conditions of factory workers. First woman factory inspector in United States. Author of some "Ethical Gains through Legislation." Founder and still president of Consumers' League - an organization whose

members pledge themselves to buy only garments bearing the league's label, which guarantees they were made under healthy and humane conditions.

Judge Florence E. Allen:-

Lawyer and judge who opened her career as a musical critic, editor and lecturer. Admitted to bar of Cleveland, Ohio in 1914. Has served as county prosecutor - Judge in Court of Common Pleas - now in second term Judge of Supreme Court of State of Ohio. Leader in movement to outlaw war which culminated in Kellogg Pacts.

Frances Perkins:-

For eighteen years an indefatigable leader in efforts to reduce factory fire hazards - to secure adequate Workmen's compensation - to improve conditions of women in industry. After eight consecutive years of service in the Department of Labor of New York state made its Head by Governor Roosevelt. A model public servant.

Maud Ballington Booth:-

For nearly forty years has given most of time and strength to improving conditions in American prisons and reclaiming and placing those who have served terms. Recognized by the Governor of every state in Union. Represented New York State and the United States at last International Prison Congress.

Margaret Sanger:-

Founder of the American Birth Control League - a work which has cost her arrests and indictments, but which is rapidly spreading around the world. Author of many books and pamphlets on birth control. A brave woman.

Anne Morgan:-

A bold and progressive leader of women - Chairman of the Executive Committee for Devastated France. President of the American Women's Association, which under her leadership has built a \$7,000,000 Club House for business and professional women in New York City. A stimulating clearing house for all activities of women.

Katharine Bement Davis:-

Trained sociologist. Fourteen years head of New York State Reformatory for women where she initiated new and effective methods of treatment. Commissioner of Correction for New York City under Mayor Mitchell. Active director in the American Association of Social Hygiene. LL.D. from Mt. Holyoke. A.M. from Yale.

Heleen Keller:-

The Master of Her Fate. Deaf and blind from nineteen months, so co-operated with her teacher, Anne Sullivan, that she developed means of communication which opened world's treasures to her. A graduate of Radcliffe College - writer - lecturer -

has appeared in the movies and in vaudville. Active in all undertaking for the blind. An inspiring life.

Rose Livingston:-

Twenty five years of continuous voluntary rescue work among the fallen - or falling - girls in the slums of New York. Has saved hundreds of them and helped send scores of white slavers to the penitentiary. Awarded gold medal by National Institute of Social Sciences.

Mary Anderson:-

Chief of Woman's Bureau of United States Department of Labor. An immigrant from Sweden forty two years ago. Learned boot and shoe trade. Became Trade Union organizer. Quality of service in war led to her appointment to place in bureau she now heads. Member of various learned societies. A woman of character, intelligence, patience and humor.

Mary Van Kleeck:-

As director of Industrial Studies of the Russell Sage Foundation since 1908, has instituted and carried through valuable inquiries into industrial situations which needed clarifying - a careful investigator - clear writer - forceful speaker. Gives much time and service to National and International Industrial Conferences. Advocate and interpreter of Scientific Management.

Mary Gilson:-

A scientific and disinterested pioneer in personnel and service work and in the installing of scientific management - writer and lecturer on Industrial Relations. A member of staff of Industrial Relations Counselors. Made extensive surveys of labor relations in Hawaiian Islands. Research work in unemployment and unemployment insurance in United States and Great Britain, where she has done intensive field work. A.M. from Columbia.

Lillian Gilbreth:-

Internationally known popularizer of scientific management. Has published valuable Time, Fatigue and Motion studies. Consulting engineer with large European following. Mother of thirteen children.

BusinessMary Dillon:-

President of the twelve million five hundred thousand dollar Brooklyn Gas Corporation. At seventeen entered this organization as a ten dollar a week clerk - decided it was badly run and she would improve it. Has steadily done so. Is now President. Member of Brooklyn Chamber of Commerce.

Josephine Roche:-

President and Director of Rocky Mountain Fuel Company where she has successfully applied the results of twenty years study in East and West of progressive economic and sociological ideas. Has demonstrated that industrial relations declared impractical by her competitors in Colorado are good business.

The ArtsCecelia Beaux:-

Portrait painter - represented in all the leading galleries of the United States, including the Metropolitan Museum - Philadelphia Academy of Fine Arts - Boston Art Museum. Awarded many prizes, medals and decorations. Degrees from University of Pennsylvania and Yale. Commissioned by United States Government to paint portraits of Cardinal Mercier, Clemanceau and General Haig for National Gallery, in Washington.

Violet Oakley:-

Mural painter. Designer of stained glass windows. Most important series of decorations in Capitol at Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, entitled "Creation and Preservation of the Union" and "Founding of the State of Liberty Spiritual." Recipient of many medals and prizes. Member of Associations of Artists in this and other countries.

Anna Hyatt - (Mrs. Archer Huntington):-

Sculptor. Represented in all leading American museums by small bronzes. Most famous statue, Joan of Arc, placed in New York City, in Gloucester, Mass., and in Blois, France. Many medals and decorations. Chevalier of Legion of Honor of France.

Gertrude Vanderbilt - (Mrs. Harry Payne Whitney):-

Sculptor. Principal works are the Aztec Fountain in the Pan American Building in Washington - Statue of Buffalo Bill (Col. William F. Cody) Cody, Wyoming - El Dorado Fountain of San Francisco. Has done much to stimulate and aid young woman artists.

Willa Cather:-

Writer of authentic genius. An artist, always faithful to her own standards of craftsmanship. "My Antonia" - "The Lost Lady" - "Death comes to the Archbishop" show her wide understanding as well as her complete master of materials. Her few published poems are profound in feeling and rare in form.

Edith Wharton:-

Novelist and essayist. An artist of penetrating intelligence and superior cultivation. Her novels dealing with American society are brilliant and ironic. Her Italian studies show the delicacy of her appreciation and thoroughness of her knowledge. For many years Mrs. Wharton has lived in France. Officer of Legion of Honor of France and of Leopold of Belgium in recognition of work in the Great War.

Mary Austin:-

Novelist - essayist - playwright - lecturer. A woman of superior intellect whose writings are original - provocative - often ahead of her day. Leader in movement to preserve Indian crafts and arts.

Edna St. Vincent Millay:-

Poet of the New School. Lyrical verse of exquisite quality and truest feeling. Wrote the libretto for the opera - "The King's Henchman." Received Pulitzer prize, for best volume of verse, in 1922.

Rachel Crothers:-

Playwright. Author of a score or more of plays of contemporary, social and domestic life - the production of which she has herself directed. Head of dramatic work of American Women's Association.

Gertrude Lane:-

For twenty years editor of Woman's Home Companion. Only woman in sole editorial charge of a widely circulated woman's magazine of national reputation. Has outstripped all male competitors. A Director of Crowell Publishing Company. Member of Washington Staff of United States Food Administration in War.

Elizabeth Marbury:-

Pioneer dramatic agent with affiliations in France, England and Germany. Introduced many foreign playwrights to American audiences among them Victor Sardou. Editor, Writer and Practical Politician. One of the two representative of New York State on Democratic National Committee. Independent, Aggressive, Humorous, Indomitable.

Minnie Maddern Fiske:-

Actress. Began career on stage at three years of age. Starred at fifteen. Leading creations - "Tess of the D'Urbervilles" and "Becky Sharp." Specialty Ibsen's Dramas. Active in movement against trapping of animals. Never wears furs.

Eva La Gallienne:-

Rebel actress. Dissatisfied with restrictions put upon her by theatrical managers, particularly in roles, opened in New York City in 1926 a Civic Repertory theatre - playing Shakespeare, Ibsen, Goldoni, Tchekhov. Received Pictorial Review \$5,000.00 Achievement Award in 1927.

Ruth Draper:-

A dramatic impersonator of rare intelligence. Presents a series of original sketches, sympathetic, human and finely observed. Universally recognized as a sound and growing artist.

Elizabeth Burchenal:-

Inaugurated the folk dance movement in this country - trained teachers - organized the American Folk Dance Society, of which she is president. Has written and published eight volumes on the subject. United States member of the International Commission on Popular Arts.

Louise Homer:-

Opera singer - made debut in Paris in 1898. Sang with success for a season at Covent Garden, London, creating there her Amneris in Aida. Came to Metropolitan Opera House in 1900. Has sung contralto roles there almost every season since. Named by League of Women Voters as one of twelve greatest American women.

SportsHelen Wills Moody:-

Woman tennis champion of United States since 1925. A fine shot and a skillful angler. An artist of ability, particularly note-worthy are her sketches of the female form in action. Married.

Amelia Earhart:-

Our top-notch woman flyer - a place honestly earned and held with dignity and modesty. Indefatigable student of aviation - a daring flyer - first woman to cross the Atlantic - Vice-President of National Aeronautical Association. A model for the would-be aviatrix.

Fifty Leading Women:

Place in envelope of Fifty Leading Women the name of

S. P. Breckinridge - See Who's Who

the 50 women

Presented to P. & B. my list of "Fifty Women", asking criticisms and suggestions. On the whole favorable to the list. Some discussion of ^{achiever. Lynn Laforce} ~~Some claimed that~~ she is English born, I believe and so excluded. Margaret Angelin suggested. Good. Gertrude Shelby was in favor of Charlotte Gilman. I am not. Miss Earhart ^{questioned} the questions and support on ground that she has gone into commerce. She was a sportswoman long before she became a professional aviation worker. Case much like that of Lindbergh, I think, ^{course} of not in quality. Question that Mrs. Whitney, a sculptoress, certain resentment over the fact that she has the power of wealth and position behind her. Possibly a mistake. Though on the whole they seemed to consider that she and Mrs. Huntington were the two who had made the biggest impressions, whose work was on the grand scale. On the whole the list stood up very well and I think made an impression for its general soundness. Stressed the point that in all of these cases there was so obviously a long term of preparation behind the woman.