

DESK BUSINESS FOR GIRLS THE LAW

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VII.—THE LAW RELATING TO MARRIED WOMEN.

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By the common law marriage had a curious effect on women. It almost ceased to exist. She could make no contracts, and her husband kindly relieved her of pretty nearly everything she had in the way of property.

This legal relation was based on the idea that by marriage the two persons were regarded as a single person. It was a twin affair, and that public policy required they should be kept as closely together, during all weathers and on all occasions, as possible.

Then equity, not law, began to have pity on her, and came to her relief. It declared that if she had any real estate before marriage or that if any good uncle remembered her afterward and give her a corner of his money, she should hold it as her own.

As the trembling steps of equity in favor of married women were taken, the overthrow of the happiness of the family, but rather tended to strengthen it, the legislatures gradually began to set aside the common law and permit married women to keep their property, and to make contracts in relation thereto.

It may also be stated that, while the happy effect of marriage often lay, and rightly, too, to add somewhat to the dignity and importance of the parties in society, it has not the magical effect of retaining their minority, as it happens to be under age at the time of marrying.

By statute law a married woman can in every state probably make a will and dispose of her property as freely as an unmarried one. She can keep so far as her husband may have some rights in her property, as she has in his. Thus, in nearly every state, if not all, a married woman is entitled to the use or income of part (usually one-third) of her husband's real estate after his death, and she cannot by will cut her off from this right.

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BELIEVES IN THE BOERS.

Sympathy of Catholic Press Explained by the Monitor.

San Francisco Monitor.

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SYMPATHY WITH BOERS.

This Correspondent is Confident the American People Take His View.

Portland, Jan. 29.—(To the Editor.)

I have read a communication from one John Creagh, which is printed in today's Oregonian, and it is a very long one. I simply wish to comment on a part of it—a part which I think any sensible, impartial man would not write, but as it is Creagh's opinion, I will simply give mine. He says, with other things: "We hear that the majority of this republic is in sympathy with the Boers, but such is not the fact, as there are nine-tenths of this nation in sympathy with England."

The other one-tenth can be compared to nothing more than the man with a white-hot iron in his hand, who is so hotly brimmed that, who imagined that under his feet he was standing on a volcano, and the wisdom of the world." I shall ask Mr. Creagh this question: Will he get his information from me to be so sure of his statements? I will answer this, on my part, without being asked. After we have read and heard of the many meetings which have taken place and constantly take place in all cities and towns in all parts of the country, and the sympathy with the Boers, I can come to but one conclusion. I do not say that nine-tenths of the people are for the Boers and the other one-tenth are for England, but I think, without prejudice to the present, that the vast majority of people of the United States are in sympathy with the Boers.

I do not feel like answering any of Mr. Creagh's remarks, and I think it would likely be taken as personal, but will conclude by leaving it to the general public to consider whether my statement of the facts, as I see them, is right, or Mr. Creagh's. HENRY LIEBE.

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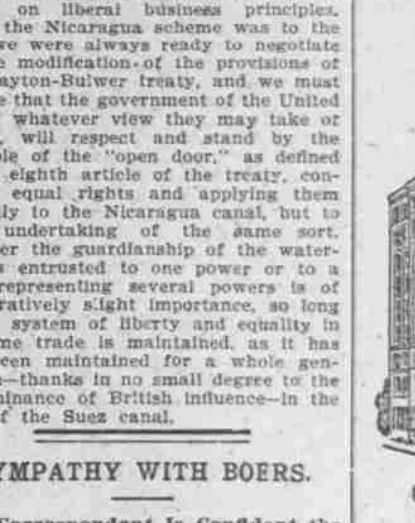
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