

Only for Amusement.

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LADIES' DEPARTMENT.

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Valediction.

What's that you're saying, now? You, I mean, with the dark bright eyes and the smile hovering around the head of dumpling in your lips, like streaks of light? Only for amusement, eh?

The words came very musically from that little round mouth, and the careless, expectant tosses those brown ringlets, was certainly very bewitching. And so you have added another name to your list of conquests, and in order to gain this you have for the last six months been *acting a lion*. You know you have, and that look of triumphant unconcern don't effect the matter one whit.

You meant to bring him to your feet, and you've done it. They say you couldn't—that his heart would be invulnerable even to charms like yours; and then you resolved, by far the most foolhardy, to achieve the thing. It was a hard master at first though, wasn't it? But you smiled and sighed, you walked and languished, you beamed and blushed, you looked and languished, you throbbed and fluttered, until at last you triumphed.

What glances—half-meek, half-fuming used to steal up from under the corners of your drooping lashes—what smiles, sudden and subduing, used to flash across that pretty face of yours; what low sweet replies used to drop from your lips! You don't wonder when you look in the glass, that the hand you couldn't stand.

Then how you managed to get next to him on the *coolest* corner of the sofa, pretending that your eyes were weak and couldn't endure the light, or out in the garden where the breeze crept down the flower-cultured paths, and the stars looked with their mock, though eyes upon you, for the heat of the crowded rooms always gave you a headache.

Then somehow you could never pay your show! Your fingers were so clumsy with your gloves on and your bonnet strings were always getting matted that you couldn't disentangle them without loss of substance, and would be so hard to hold the bouquet of roses and geraniums you were going to send to that darling friend of yours? How your little rosy fingers glowed among his as he wound the blue ribbon around the stems.

But I can't begin to enumerate the thousand parts of your doings and accomplishments, and you were so innocent, so childlike, so full of *gentleness*. A gentle-headed plumpie of girl have evidently got the demon-possessed look, and did you behave admirably? What's that? It does deserve a man to be called up to heaven, how veryழously you informed him that you were free under his intentions being so meek and docile, and nothing in your conduct had given him cause for alarm, and you should always understand him as a very high-stepper. Did he not tell you so? But you don't speak so often, so the expression which overwhept his features the most moment. Even your heart was smitten with remorse, as we thought.

Well, he has gone to California, and he will be wedded another woman before the year is out, their only son and heir. What's that? you're saying? It's nothing now, as he has given his heart to another woman in Oregon. You are too responsible for the welfare of his soul, and you are too responsible for the safety of his wife, and your heart's health, as well as his. You are responsible for the health of his soul, and for the duration, which you have already brought upon him, the duration you have done to yourself, to expose him for the sake of a few hours of *gentlewomanhood*.

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The following, from the pen of President of the Louisville Library, will attract the attention of every man, and especially every young man, in Oregon. The author is knowledge, after reading it, that every man should touch the "lions'-strength," softly:

"Forbearing the use of power is a true attribute of a true gentleman—indeed, we may say that power, moral, social or political, some of the touchstones of genuine gentlemanship. The power of the husband over the wife, which includes the impunity with which he may be unkind to her, the father over his children, the teacher over his pupils, the old over the young, and the young over the aged, the strong over the weak, the officer over his men, the master of a vessel over his hands, the magistrate over the citizen, the employer over the employed, the rich over the poor, the educated over the uneducated, the experienced over the confounding, the keeper of a secret over whom it touches, the gifted over the ordinary man, the forbearing use of all this power or authority, or a total abstinence from it, where the case admits it, will show the gentleman in a plain light. Every traveler knows at once whether a gentlemanly or rude officer is searching his trunk. But the use of power, not only forms a touchstone; even the manner in which an individual enjoys certain advantages over others is a test. No gentleman, in boast of the delighted superior health in the presence of a bungled patient, or speak of good luck, hearing of a man bent by habitual misfortune. Let a man who happily enjoys the advantages of a pure and honest life, speak of it to a fallen, criminal fellow-being, and you will soon see whether he be a gentleman or not. The gentleman does not necessarily reward an offender of a wrong, he may have committed against him; he cannot only forgive—he can forget; and he strives for that nobleness of character which imparts sufficient strength to let the part be truly the past. He will never use the power which the knowledge of an offence, a false step, or an unfortunate exposure of weakness gives him, merely to enjoy the power of humiliating his neighbor. A true man of honor feels humbled himself when he cannot help humbling others."

us in due time to the exercise of our right to the elective franchise, and then naturally follows the right to his wife."

And we believe the next step would be the right to blend the two sexes in one—to adopt the same costume—to submit to the same regimen, &c., and then, farewell to all the delightful associations connected with love and dependence. Then this earth,

Divided of flowers, man sees
No beauty but in rocks and trees.

Some women may possess sufficient powers of oratory to render their public addresses interesting, but we believe woman is out of her proper sphere when she takes this bold stand. Her intellectual capacities may be equally strong as those possessed by men, but they have a different field for action.

Man is formed to rule, and *woman* to depend. It is very evident that evils do exist in society, in which women are the greatest sufferers. Laws have been made and are enforced, in which the rights of women are not recognized as equal to that of man; but this has not been occasioned by her absence from the polls, neither would her presence there remove the evil; but for the source of this evil we must look elsewhere. From time immemorial men have been styled the *lords of creation, and women their slaves*.

In other parts of the world this fact is more notoriously evident than in America; and we opine that this superiority of one sex over the other will never be removed till the curse "and thy desire shall be to thy husband, and he shall rule over thee" shall have been stricken from the page of history.

But shall woman possess no authority and exercise no rule—shall her wants not be respected nor her wishes consulted? We comply with no trifling, feeling satisfied that we are important to its proper functioning. We are great and useful in this position, and shall work offensively presented our "claims" with a firmness that can't be gainsaid.

It is now of infinite interest to be behind the scenes. Let us go back to the six months in the year when the scene of action is the home, a scene on the scene of the world. How noble, how grand, how useful, and how necessary to the public welfare of the State, and Northern, because it is the home of the *highest* and best in the country. The *highest* and best in the country, we are seeing that which is the chief, and the noblest, we have read only fugitive and hasty notes of it, compared with solid and trustworthy documents. This is the *highest* and best in the country, because it is the home of the *highest* and best in the country. The *highest* and best in the country, we are seeing that which is the chief, and the noblest, we have read only fugitive and hasty notes of it, compared with solid and trustworthy documents. This is the *highest* and best in the country, because it is the home of the *highest* and best in the country.

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We believe this—and would they not be considerate men, so if women should take a public interest in the exciting topics of the day? We can scarcely consent, for a moment, to contemplate the unbecoming scenes which would be known when those of opposite qualities should be earnestly attempting to influence each to obtain the success of her own party.

In families have all bad mothers, and many of them have wives and daughters and sons. They sit at our table and mingle with us in society, and is here no opportunity for the female to exert an influence over their minds? We have seen instances of happy unions where the happiness of the husband depended on the happiness of the wife, when her wish was the rule of his conduct, and when he came to no important decision without having consulted her wishes and obtained her advice. To have this influence properly extended and felt, the learned and illiterate, the stubborn and gentle, the impulsive and powerful should not be "yoked together," but in the married state mind should be equal to mind in all cases. We do not consider the remark we have

many times heard made, viz.: "I married you to make my slave, and that is all I wanted of you," was correct. For a married couple to be in the full sense implies a union of hearts, a blending of opinions, wishes, hopes, sentiments, &c., and when this state of feeling exists between man and wife, the latter is satisfied and secure, finds her mind at rest, and feels no need of going abroad to have her voice heard. She has "asked her husband at home," and believes he will do all for her good which is necessary.

Now is this *slavery*? for we assert most insistently—and we presume no woman will attempt to contradict us—that the most delightful of all sensations, aside from religious joy which the mind of woman ever experiences, is *caring for her*.

We have also before us some expressions on the subject of education by a lady of England, from which we make a few extracts. She says:

"The subject of education seems inexhaustible, for as long as the practice continues defective, attention cannot be too much drawn to it; no one therefore need hesitate to hear this old subject, whether with new and striking ideas, or old thoughts placed in clearer light or even if only struck by the numerous importance of the subject, and interest in the right to property, and the city completely impelled to present to the heedless, the

thoughtless, the indifferent, the noble nature of that great fact which they trifle with or suffer to be dormant before them. Early training is a lever with which to move the world, and it is a force which remains in undisputed possession of women. All writers, whether sacred or profane, are agreed as to the greatness of this work, and the certainty of the success which attends a wise and earnest performance of it; so that women have in their hands already a certain means of redress for all grievances of their sex if they only knew how to use it."

This latter clause corresponds exactly with our own impressions on the same subject. The system of moral training as at present supported is defective in its insufficientness.

Let the daughters of the land be early instructed in the nature of these duties which will devolve upon them in after-life. Let them be informed that 'tis not those glittering accomplishments which would qualify them for making a shining figure in society, while everything is neglected which would teach them to enable whatever rank they may hereafter fill, that they should consider their principal objects of attainment; but those qualifications of mind which will render their society agreeable and desirable, and sufficiently nerve them for that trying period of life when the afflictions have become the most ardent, and sustain them in bearing those disappointments which pride and wisdom may suggest as necessary in order to secure for themselves a continuation through life of that attachment and care from their husbands which are manifested in the first few weeks of marriage, but which are generally too evanescent.

If all these advantages should be derived, as they might and should be, from education, we believe there would be but little occasion left for woman to urge her way to the elective franchise for the purpose of exercising her rights.

These, we think, are the *stepping stones* which the advocates of woman's rights have overlooked in their sudden dash for the right of liberty.

Let us, then, boldly, that it is our conclusion that the evils to which women are subjected by partial legislation depends not on the want of her presence in legislative assemblies, but in the want of a *proper* *effective* *policy* *in* *the* *sight* *of* *the* *people*.

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SHERIFF'S SALE.

WILL, after the sale to the highest bidder, at public auction, on Saturday the 12th day of June next, all the right, title and interest of Thomas H. French in a certain saw-mill, together with his lumber, logs, and implements belonging to the above-named saw-mill, situated in Clackamas County, State of Oregon, in the Township of Joseph Young, near the Clackamas River, on the premises.

The above will be sold to satisfy a certain judgment, sued out of the District Court of Clackamas County, on the 20th instant, between the plaintiff, George C. Clark, against the defendant, Thomas H. French.

W. H. DEAMES, Sheriff.

per Sale Hunter, Deputy.

June 9, 1854—1854-1854.

Claim to Purchase.

FOR THE sum of \$2500, less expenses, I claim to purchase a certain tract of land in the city of Salem, Oregon, containing 30 acres, situated about one mile from the town of Salem, and bounded on the west by the Willamette River, and on the east by the Clackamas River, and on the north by the town of Salem, and on the south by the town of Clackamas.

JOHN EAGON & CO., Owners.

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