

THE OBJECT OF THE WOMAN MOVEMENT.

We do not sometimes know whether to laugh or weep over the deplorable ignorance of the great mass of humanity upon this important question. The idea is so astonishingly prevalent among people who certainly ought to know better that the aim of equal rights agitators is to inaugurate a state of anarchy that will unsex woman, revolutionize society, cause man to become a second or third-rate actor in the drama of life, turn conubial bliss into bitterness, and all the sweet endearments of home into bickering.

We are willing and anxious to be charitable; therefore we endeavor to attribute the misrepresentations of many people to thoughtlessness and ignorance rather than malice or spleen; yet there are so many who might and must know better, who yet affect to believe that equal rights mean social confusion, that we almost lose all patience in dealing with them. We have shown them, time after time, the real object of this great reform; have advanced arguments they cannot refute, and made assertions which they dare not gainsay; yet they blindly reiterate their old-time expetives, make sweeping assertions that can never be construed into argument, and begging the question at issue, repeat over and over again their stale and ridiculous platitudes, and go on their way as did the simple devotee of old, whose folly braying seven times in a mortar would not cause to depart.

Nothing can be done with such people but to let them live out their allotted time as "fillets" of the great, surging sea of humanity, and when they are gone there is hope that their children will be more thoughtful, reasonable and energetic. These are, we are happy to say, thousands of eager inquirers after truth who only postpone the consummation of this work until they shall have had ample opportunity to investigate its real and ultimate objects. Such people, being not too wise in their own conceits to listen to the rendering of a reason, we rejoice to say we find daily. To them we say, clearly and emphatically, that the object of the woman movement is to elevate all humanity; to make the world better, purer and happier; to make woman, who is by nature and constitution the best friend of man, his political equal, that thereby both may receive the equal benefit of the laws by which both are equally governed. The object of the movement is to abolish the indulgence of men and women in the sins of adultery, intemperance, war, infanticide, murder, obscenity, poverty and injustice of every description.

The agitators and earnest workers in this movement do not expect a speedy revolution that will overthrow these much cherished injustices; but they do expect by wise and careful legislation, by causing men and women to work side by side in this reform, and by reorganizing society upon a proper social basis, to so modify and change the present man-made order of things that all humanity shall, by common consent, launch the predominant injustices of the present day, and that throughout our political and business domains, as well as in our churches, schools and parlors, men and women shall meet and work as best may suit them, untrammelled by the barrier of prejudice, which says to woman, "Thus far shalt thou come, and no farther."

We demand this better for woman for man's sake, as well as her own. We demand it for her because by it her power to benefit her family, herself and her husband will be increased; because by it she can bring an influence to bear upon the rising generation which she cannot now command. We demand it as an inalienable right which it is her duty to use, and that she will soon hold and wield it we are perfectly assured.

HARDSHIPS OF FARMERS' WIVES.

Many farmers' wives are over-worked through the fallow, unindustrial or inconsiderate, rather than unyielding, on the part of the husband to procure necessary help in busy seasons. The wife may not share in comparative comfort upon ordinary occasions, when there are but few hired men to suit upon, but in haying and harvest time, in apple gathering, fruit drying or vintage seasons, when the working force is augmented by numbers of out-door laborers, but little if any help is added to the household economy. The wife then not only attends to her ordinary duties as usual, but extra exertions must be made to feed the extra farm force, and she must accomplish all this work unaided. Even the older children, upon whom she could depend for help about the inevitable hay and its feeding, are now brought into requisition to carry water and lunch to the field, or to gather fruit or vegetables in baskets.

prosperous and self-satisfied husband, perceiving no jar or disorder and hearing no previous complaint, concludes that all is well. But by and by the face glazes pale, the eyes grow dim, the hair turns grayer, the tongue loses its lustre, the worn-out body languishes, and the wife and mother either becomes a confirmed invalid, lingering often for years in pain and suffering, or is seized by some overmastering disease, which speedily releases her from the scene of her struggle and toil, and she is borne to her home in the churchyard, while the mother with one accord pays the helplessness of the strong man whose prop has fallen.

Women have themselves to blame for much of their overwork upon the farm. We have ourselves often worked till forced by sheer exhaustion to lay by and rest for days together, because we were too plucky to ask our legs to procure the help that we thought his own sense of justice, and his own idea of protection(?) to the mother of his children, should cause him to procure without asking. We have grown wiser since then, and know much better how to manage these good-natured, well-meaning creatures called men. They are much better at heart than their wives give them credit for; and if girls are taught by their mothers that men must be met upon a plane of equality rather than be looked up to as protectors, they will have more sense than we had, when, with a lame back, aching feet and throbbing temples, we would creep about and work as long as we could stand, because we ignored the fact that our husband could not know of half the work that we were compelled to perform, and of course could see no injustice in our life of drudgery.

Women must learn to take care of themselves. They must learn to demand regular appropriations for domestic expenses. They must learn that the woman who helps her husband most is the one who best preserves her youth and health, and consequently is enabled to bring up the best organized, healthiest and happiest family. They must learn that this romantic "protection," which is so much prated about, and so sweet to dream over, is nothing but moonshine, and then they will soon be as sensible as their able-bodied lords, who hire help for themselves when it is needed, and who break no interfering in their legitimate business.

WHAT HAS FRIGHTENED HIM?

Can our colonial friend of the Salem Mercury tell us what has frightened him? We have looked through our last issue for any of his so-called "Radical" doctrines by which we suppose him to mean whatever is favorable to the Republican and opposed to the views of the Democratic party—and we must confess that we can't find any Republican or Democratic doctrine in the paper. The burial of this party is "none of our funeral," and we shall not be sorry when both are dead; and when from the ashes of both shall arise a New Party, purified by the fire of past experience and purged of the pollution that stains the once proud escutcheon of these now demoralized political adversaries—a party that shall organize under the banner of equality, justice and fraternity, heralded by free press, free speech, free people—and not till then shall we support the New Northwest in support of any political organization or party whatever. In the meantime, as a public journalist, we shall make such notes and comments upon characters, events or issues of the day as seem to us right and proper. We shall make those notes as fearlessly and conscientiously as we proclaim the gospel of equal rights for all humanity; and if any party, sect or set of men shall feel aggrieved because of our strictures, we promise them fair and courteous treatment, no matter what their views may be, so long as they deposit themselves as gentlemen.

We are not prepared to believe that our friend of the Mercury considers the ruffian Watkins as an average sample or representation of the Democratic party. We can't believe that he will voluntarily shoulder that load. Neither do we criticize the act of our honored Executive in placing him in an important office—a place for which he (Watkins) has proved himself utterly unworthy—as the act of the Democracy, but as the act of the Governor of Oregon—who should sink the partisan into the patriot after election, if not before, and who, we doubt not, would have kept that ruffianly bully in the background altogether had his wife or some other equally estimable woman occupied her proper place as co-worker in the gubernatorial office. Is this what has frightened our brother?

SHOULD MEN AND WOMEN BE EQUAL?

The true interests of the sexes are not antagonistic. We are sometimes surprised at the toxicity with which men of intelligence cling to the fallacious idea that the woman movement is destined to lower man in the scale of existence. They seem to think that women want them to abdicate the throne of business and power in their favor. There is nothing further from the truth than this. In the attempt of woman to better her condition, she is very far from considering the woman question only. It embraces the best interests of all humanity. Women desire the ballot not only because it is right that they should have it, but because by its power they will be able to help men as well as women, to benefit themselves. They demand it that by its aid such laws may be made as shall provide the wisest means and debarriers of mankind, and not because the sexes are arrayed against each other.

never desired to do so; but she has asked, does ask, and will yet possess equal liberty with himself in making the laws by which both are governed, and to the making and enforcing of which she contributes much to the necessary expenses.

A MOKKEY OF JUSTICE.

The ruffian Watkins—whose infamous attack upon an unarmed gentleman so nearly resulted in the death of the latter—having gone through the face of a trial for the assault, to which he at once pleaded guilty and was discharged upon the payment of a trifling fine of two hundred dollars—has resumed his former profitable and responsible position as ruler over better men than himself in the penitentiary.

Had this burly ruffian been a woman, and had Mr. Clarke been a blond and smooth-tongued libertine who had wrought her ruin, how different would have been the so-called flat of justice! The press and people would with one accord denounce the wicked assault, and for the remainder of her life the convict's cell would be her portion!

It has been suggested that the Women's Christian Association be represented in the general equal rights conventions. The Young Men's Christian Association certainly needs the co-operation of good, active and efficient Christian women. If young men are to be converted to Christianity, there is no human means more potent than the influence of Christian women.

We ask that the sexes be exhorted to work together in these Associations for the promotion of the general welfare of the people.

RECORD OF RECENT EVENTS.

The instruction in Algeria will soon be suppressed. All the Italian ministers have arrived in Rome and been installed in their ministry. The Representatives of Portugal, Greece, Brazil, Switzerland and Bavaria are also in the city. Other Ambassadors are daily arriving. Fayre denies that the property of Algerian insurgents has been confiscated. The relations of Austria with all foreign nations are reported friendly. The elections in Paris preceded quietly. Republicanism reported triumphant. Troops are leaving the city in conformity with the treaty of Frankfurt. The official gazette of the Italian Government has been transferred to Rome. Emperor William is convalescent and again able to transact business. The insurgent General, Francisco Canales de Cuba, has been captured and taken to Puerto Principe for trial. His execution is certain. A destructive fire has devastated Yreka. Over one third of the city has been destroyed. Loss, \$300,000. Not over \$10,000 covered by insurance.

A fire at White Pine is reported in which Dun & McQuinn, mill owners, suffered heavy loss.

News comes from all quarters of the Union relative to Fourth of July festivities. Our disaffected brethren are getting over the late "upsetment." All united in calling under the Star-Spangled Banner to celebrate our natal day.

The Republicans of California have nominated Hon. Newton Booth for Governor, and adopted a platform in which they take ground against Chinese immigration.

The Board of the Bankers Towards Snakes. Brehm gives a curious account of the instinctive dread which his monkeys exhibit towards snakes, but their curiosity was so great that they could not resist from occasionally satisfying their horror in a most human fashion, by lifting up the lid of the box in which the snakes were kept. They are much amused at this account that took a stuffed and colled-up snake into the monkey-house at the Zoological Gardens, and the excitement thus caused was one of the most curious spectacles which I ever beheld. These species of Cercopithecus were the most alarmed; they dashed about their cages and uttered sharp signal cries of danger, which were understood by the other species of monkeys. A few young monkeys and one old Assamese baboon alone took no notice of the snake. I then placed the stuffed specimen on the ground in one of the larger compartments. After a time all the monkeys collected round it in a ring, and in a few minutes they presented a most ludicrous appearance. They became extremely nervous, so that when a wooden ball, with which they were familiar as a plaything, was suddenly moved in the straw, under which it was hidden, they all started and instantly started away. These monkeys behaved very differently when a dead fish, a mouse, and some other new objects were placed in their cages; for though at first frightened, they soon approached and handled them with all freedom. I then threw a live snake in a paper bag, with the mouth loosely closed, in one of the larger compartments. One of the monkeys immediately approached, cautiously opened the bag a little, peeped in, and immediately dashed away. Then I witnessed what Brehm has described for monkey after monkey, with head raised and turned on one side, could not resist taking momentary peeps into the upright bag at the dreadful object lying quiet at the bottom. It would indeed appear as if monkeys had some notion of zoological affinities, for those kept by Brehm exhibited a strange, though mistaken, instinctive dread of human limbs and faces. An orang, also, has been known to be much alarmed at the first sight of a turtle. The Deceit of Man, by C. Devereux.

It is related of an observant sent out in the palmy days of colonization by the American Tract Society, that he asked a rough Arkansas wild-demonstrator a certain dilapidated wooden building belonging to him.

"What, stranger," was the reply, "the wretched Hard-bitten Baptist, but he don't run her nose."—Harper's.

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Unbowed Men.

Looking at these unhappy men whose wives and children have permitted them to grow up shabby, morose, unamiable, disheartened, illiberal, one might think the only way to make them better is to let them be as they are. If a man is not good by nature, he can't be good by grace. Yet I suspect there is no creature more amenable to training, as there is certainly none more obedient upon training, than man. The irreclaimable are by far the greater number might, by firm, gentle, wise treatment, be made as good and agreeable in the common as they are in the casual relations of life; might be made as responsible as those who are plain and good. (By an article in the "Northwest" on "The Irreclaimable" no possibility can "gentle treatment" make them good, then, as I have already hinted, let heretic treatment make them submissive. Here nothing avails but a course that amounts to rock-ledge. These women seldom have till the last gun is fired. They are more afraid of public speech than private suffering. They will toil and toil, cook, storn, wash, sew, knit, and do all the work, but when the teaching and scolding, and does not know of the overreaching and contriving, and really cares for nothing at all so long as the wife keeps on. Then only thing he would care for is to see his wife. He does not plan, but only reacts, and without words, but with an unalterable resolution, on her reserved rights. A farmer will go out in the morning with three or four hired men, and he will be with about forty men to do all the work, which she can't do, but also to bring in wood and water, which she does complain of. Now, if, instead of complaining, and bringing wood, and making up for lost time by extra labor, and by her cooking-stove at the precise point where wood or water give out, and spend the rest of the morning in pleasant reading, welcome her husband home, and make him hungry by dinner time, and then only say, "I'm tired," with that cheerful smile that is so much about in the newspapers, and my pleasure: "Charley, dear, you did not leave any wood. I will be setting the table while you are building the fire again, and we will have dinner all ready in two hours," how much more likely would Charley be to fill the woodbox next day before he drove his team ashed! A masterly inactivity is more offensive than sloth. If a wife is to be a good wife, she must be a good worker, and instead of striving to keep up appearances on a niggardly and grudging allowance, would swiftly, deftly, and emphatically bring dress, table, house, and everything down to the allowance, and only say, "I'm tired," explaining a towel around the children's necks—putting the deficiencies, that is, where her husband could perceive them—think he would speedily relinquish his own complaints, and pray mankind to become chimerical of a woman's appropriations. Once a man gave his wife five dollars to buy a little lad's first outfit. She stretched it as far as it could be stretched, cut up her own cap, and made a pair of shoes, and a pair of drawers, and made out all a brave display. The five dollars was, perhaps, enough to buy one little slip. Suppose, now, she had bought the little slip, and had her husband say, "It is to be hoped, Charley, that you will be a good wife, and keep your fingers busy, so there is nothing wanting him in this world but one useful frock; which will probably astonish the nurse, and make lively talk among the neighbors, if you can make it, I have no objection, but if you like there will be a contribution taken up for him in church before winter sets in!"—Gail Hamilton.

Wonderful Resources of Our Continent.—The Chicago Post says: There is no portion of this continent capable of use out of the reach of supplies and transportation. The fertile mines of the Rocky mountains, instead of being a mere lignite, as formerly supposed, have, as explorations have progressed, developed beds of equal density with the Lachawanna or anthracite, and of equally good quality. Wyoming, Colorado, Utah, Nevada, and Idaho, on the Pacific slope will find extensive supplies equal to anything in the Eastern country. An immense bed has just been discovered in West Virginia, as large in area as the entire coal fields of England, and the coal will be found in a stratum of the population of that enterprising State to new efforts and industries. And so the progress goes on. Every new settlement becomes the advance guard of new discovery. 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