

# WHAT SOCIETY IS DOING



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**A CUP OF GOOD COFFEE.**  
You may talk about your clarets, your ales and your wines,  
And your champagne the table adorning;  
You may sing of your beer, but I tell you right here,  
Give me a cup o' good coffee'n the morning.

The fizz of the fountain I yearn not to hear,  
The sherbet or college I ever am scorning;  
But the sound I prefer is the tea kettle's purr,  
And a cup o' good coffee'n the morning.

O, sing of the nectars of far-away isles,  
Of the dews on the grasses at dawn-ing;  
But I pass them all by without murmur or sigh,  
For a cup o' good coffee'n the morning.

You may talk of the thrill of the 20-year-old,  
Of the color the wine cup adorning;  
But I sing with a will of the genuine thrill  
Of a cup o' good coffee'n the morning!

**TWO WOMEN** were discussing the other day the perennial subject of the rights of men and of women.

"I recall being taken to hear Theodore Tilton lecture on the rights of women when I was a very little girl," said the elder. "Mr. Tilton, as you may remember, was an ardent suffragist, and I can see him now as he pounded the table with his fist and exclaimed dramatically:

"Ever since Adam and Eve woman has been the slave of man!"

"The contrast between that assertion and conditions in the home I had left to hear it was so startling that I burst out laughing. And ever afterward when I wanted to get anything out of mamma, who was a very masterful woman, all I had to do was to pound the table with my small fist and shout:

"Ever since Adam and Eve woman has been the slave of man!"

Perhaps the suffrage orators of our day may not err so greatly on the side of overstatement, which it is almost unnecessary to remark has never made a permanent convert to anything, says Nicola Smith. But it is possible to hear women discourse, even in this golden age of alimony, upon "the slavery of woman to man."

Nothing could be more absurd! Many unfortunate women are slaves to their own inefficiency, for which the parental imbecility that still sends boys to college and girls to dancing school is mainly responsible.

But as the best husband is not an altruist and the worst not a Simon Lagree, the individual man cannot be blamed if at 40 or 50 his wife gets tired of swinging incense, but, having no other means of livelihood, keeps on doing it with the notion that she is a persecuted slave.

The most hopeless letter I have ever read came to me from a middle-aged woman not long ago.

"I have read your article saying that the husband is not the wife's partner but her employer," she wrote, "and I want to tell you how true it is of my case. I am 59, in poor health. Yet he begrudges me a fire in my room in winter. I have not had a new dress in nine years, though he is fairly well-to-do and could give me money to dress nicely.

"Yet what can I do? I am too old and too unskilled to get work at which I could support myself. My husband is the only employer that has any use for me, and that only because he can't get rid of me."

There are, I suppose, thousands of women similarly placed, and there is no solution for their problem in saying glibly: "Get a separation," be-

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MRS. EDITH SIMPSON PIKE, Daughter of Capt. A. M. Simpson of Coos Bay, now visiting here.

Courtesy San Francisco Call

cause their battles were fought and lost 25 or 30 years ago." Every marriage—or for that matter any association of two persons, either men or women—has its war of wills—sometimes when the contenders are unevenly equipped a short, sharp, decisive contest, like our war with Spain, but more often a cruel, indeterminate struggle like the war of 1812, at the end of which both parties are glad to sign a peace treaty which doesn't even mention the cause of combat.

"Peace hath its victories no less renowned than war," as we have heard school commencement orators observe. But the victories of peace in the household are often more shameful than those achieved by bloody battles.

The man or woman whose motto is "peace at any price" is sure to pay the limit price for it. And the wife who achieves a permanent peace pace at the cost of liberty and self-respect is the victim of her own weak nature, not of any man.

But women have no monopoly of such surrenders. Personally, I have seen many more henpecked husbands than oppressed wives. There is no question of slavery between man and woman, except as both are slaves of heredity and circumstances.

And sometimes one stalks ahead of the chain and sometimes the other.

Mrs. William Dungan is visiting at The Crow's Nest, the Owens' cottage, on Coos River.

The members of Doric Chapter, Eastern Star, were entertained by the new officers of the lodge at the Masonic Hall last Tuesday evening. The affair was an enjoyable one. The officers who were the hostesses of the occasion were: Mesdames McCarty,

Douglas, McLeod, Bear, Lando, Hazard, Marsh, Hall, Allen, Lang, Schilling, Misses Franse, Savage and Stauff, Messrs. Allen and Evertsen. Those in attendance were: Mesdames Hayes, Savage, Salan, Bargelt, Mingus, Rasmussen, Murphy, Norton, Kaufman, Loggie, Dungan, Mills, Doll, Kruse, Haines, Forty, Crawford, Hoagland, Wall, Connor, McCrary, McKnight, Wolcott and Stauff, Misses Murch, Rush, Stephens, Zimmer, Lang, Mills, Loggie, Bridges, Harkensee, Bernitt, Schilling, Thompson, Messrs. Dillard, Savage, Rood, McKnight, McCrary, Doll, Dindinger, Marsden, Leslie, Bargelt, Dindinger, Doll.

Attorney and Mrs. Peck were visitors at the Matson bungalow on Coos River during the week.

Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Flanagan and family, who have been at Ten Mile camping for several weeks, have returned home.

Miss Helen Doble of Portland is a guest at the bungalow of Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Chandler on Coos River.

There will be a number of Sunday picnics to-morrow. Some will take advantage of the excursion to Engren's Grove to go up the river, and the beach and auto trips will take a good many out of the city.

Society doings in the city have been rather quiet during the past week. It is the season of the year when parties are fewer than usual and the lakes and rivers are attracting a good many from the city.

Mrs. Ada Wallace Unruh, State president of the W. C. T. U., will be at Gardiner Sunday, and will reach Marshfield Monday, Tuesday, August 2d, a reception will be given for her at the Methodist Church in Marshfield. She will be present at the oratorical medal contest at the Tabernacle.

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