## WOMAN'S EXTRAVAGANCE RUINING NATION

Mrs. John A. Logan Makes an Amazing Arraignment of Her Sex to Edward Marshall-Waste of Their Husband's Money on Dress, on Automobiles, and in Countless Other Ways, Is Wrecking the Character of the Sex, Destroying the Chances of Its Sons and Daughters, and Rulning Woman's Health.

By Edward Marshall. light, 1918, by J. Mar. Pub-lighers' Press.) RE is a talk on women, by a woman which every woman should read carefully. Every man is sure to. Women are far more respo ble for the morals and immorals of munities and for the welfare of the on than men can ever be. If either, goes wrong, the fault is, really,

John A. Logan said this, and interesting of the sex she criticizes. der in the Civil war, so Mrs. Logan has, for many years, been a leader in what has sometimes been a most uncivil war waged in the realm of woman's

thought in the United States.
"As children are brought up, so goes the nation. That is woman's work, and men of today are shirking it." ran another of the trenchant things she said to me, and as she said it, she sadly shook her head. That head is one of the most remarkable. I have ever seen. I can well believe the statements that when she was a girl was the reigning belle in her part ntucky, where and when to be a ming belle meant something. She 1838—one canout think of her as otherwise than frank in any statement—and, of course, her hair is white. I doubt if it could possibly have been as beautiful when it was dark and she was

very much worth reading, for it is the output of a well trained mind, wonderfully stored by such a wide experience as few if any other women in America have had. A Missourian by bitth, educated in a convent in Kentucky, married ated in a convent in Kentucky, marrie en she was 17, to a man who afterwards proved a mighty figure in the na-tion's politics as well as on its battle-fields, a woman of unique experience in Washington, New York and Euro-pean social centers, a writer of replace in American life. Add to these concrete claims to eminence, the fact that, weeping, but without protest, she saw her only son (I knew him, as did thousands, as Major "Jack" Logan, and everybody loved him) depart for Porto Rico in his country's service, whence, presently, she had the word that he had died in gallant action while fighting for the flag and she is seen to have a for the flag, and she is seen to have a very actual sentimental claim as well. All the United States must honor Mrs. The readers of this newspaper

than ordinary interest,

There may be some among the women no will read it, who will shrink a litaks, but a far greater number, probably, will stop and think and won-

Woman's the Real Responsibility.

There are certain of this life's reonsibilities," said Mrs. Logan, "which en must accept. Man is and must coupled in earning, for his family and generation is shirking bers, I fear 'The children of today are the men and women of tomorrow, and the men and women of tomorrow will be the na-tion of the future. The women of this country have done as much as men have to accomplish all the creditable things which make up our vast na-tional achievements, but—but—but are they keeping up, in these days, the usly fine record of their past?

Women have neglected opportunities are neglecting opportunities. They are ming careless, mentally supine and morally alipshed. Where they should feel the vast responsibility of setting good examples to the youth of both es, they are drifting into number less 'small' vices. They are becoming tipplers, they are becoming gamblers. No woman has a right to drink cocktalls or to play cards for meney. Men have not those rights; but women, even more especially, should hold themselves above such things. No woman can, consistently, preach temperance, or purity or virtue to her children, if she, when not with them, participates in any of the little vices.

I was delighted when I heard, the other day, that Mrs. Taft had eliminated from her visiting list all women whom she knew were gamblers. That was a notably good thing for the 'first ady of this land' to do; and, also, she its to women who smoke. Particuobjects to cigarettes. From ding the American woman has kept er than the women of some other , and for this deserves all honor; out, of late, there has been a relaxation in our standards in these two regards. For one, I make all haste to signify that I pay homage to the lady of the White House who is doing what she an to put a stop to this alarming tend-

emperance has been a curse in agion. I went to Washington in As General Logan's wife I was hrown much into association with the reat men of a lengthy period of years. Among these I have seen liquor work reat havoc. Drinking has been responsible for national blunders, more than once, and for women to participate. that shocks me, The dissipation important men, both north and south ad much to do with bringing on the wil war. Those were days of rank ne floor armed, secretly, and one often bund in talking to them, that they were irrational from liquor. How many did that war count? How many s did it lay desolate? I don't mean that liquor was its only cause, are are few disasters, national or r, to which it is not a contributing The thought that women urage it and foster it by

to help the nation, must not vice but fight it-every The natural progress of the eached such high speed that and tears and makes men, beyond their strength, crave omen should not help to tear afeguards; they should help to hem. The tendency toward tipwomen in this country is strongly marked enough to rational to speak of it as nat-



advantages, and may be said to sin can scarcely fall to give this record of thing—the women I referred to—have not able opinions respect and more not ignorance to excuse them. Working

> them how to do so. American board-ing-schools do not teach girls how to become good wives and mothers; their
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> The Mad Girl of This Period. rection is not made in some directions, Family life, in the United States, is

think I did not shirk it. One thing which has assisted in the deterioration of our women is that their husband's dency to shut them from participation in a large part of their lives; but there again at base, I fancy it is very largely the wife's fault. If they showed the proper interest in what their hus-band's lives are filled with, they would not be shut out from participation. "Women do not realize in these days their power for good; if they know it, then they pitifully lack courage. When Mr. Hayes was in the White Ho she was a real power in the land. She would not yield her principles, al-though, when she refused to have wine served at diplomatic dinners, she was very widely criticised. That woman really did good. No one ever went to her for help for any worthy cause who did not get it; knowingly she never countenance one otherwise than worthy She was a president's wife who behind her almost as great a reputation as her husband and Mrs. Taft, who frowns on gambling, and Miss Taft, who taboos women-smokers are both doing really good service to the country, Extravagance of Women.

"And there are other ways in which the modern woman is becoming weak, becoming far less admirable, in this erations. Her undoubted tendency toward liquor and tobacco are by There is, for instance, her astonishing, her deplorable extravagance. Women are responsible for half the business failures, probably; they drag their men to ruin by their sinful waste, the mad rapacity of their demands for more, more, more. They must have gowns, they must have costly furniture, they must have this, they must have that, whether or not their husbands the money for the purchases. If they've not the money, let them go in debt! What matter if debt is a mill-stone tied to a man's neek? The wife must have her silly luxuples, in spite of that -in spite of everything. Fashion! The modern woman is pursuing fashion to the very brink of ruin—and beyond. And almost always she is dragging some devoted man down to destruction One reason why the sisters' ful in turning out fine women is that love of gewgaws, love of foolish fash-ion, is not included in the courses which they teach. In such schools girls must wear a sort of uniform, and that rule should be adopted in every boarding-school. The choice should be, of school. The choice should be, of due to woman's willingness to be led accouraged women to be honest wives and their children to do were mandatory in all boarding schools. I have known of mothers to their children—little babies—woman of mothers are consistent of their children—little babies—woman of mothers are mandatory in all boarding schools, those schools would turn out better it were not very, very melancholy. But the schools would turn out better it were not very, very melancholy. But the schools would turn out better it were not very, very melancholy. But the schools would turn out better it were not very, very melancholy. But the schools would turn out better it were not very, very melancholy. But the schools would turn out better it were not very, very melancholy. But the schools would to be wives than it is so melancholy that it makes one maintaining for the British empire its

school in which I had most of my eduthrough ignorance. The women in cation we were not permitted to wear America who do essentially the same jewelry. Those girls who brought craved thing—the women I referred to—have much gewgaws with them, in their year, a much gewgaws with them, in their trunks, saw them neatly packed up by the faculty and sent back home. women do it in this country, possibly; had no chance to wear them at that but there are 'ladies,' here, who do it, school, and the result was much less ealousy and much less vanity American woman of this generation, and the fault is growing. Women don't appreciate their opportunities, and the they teach wisdom. In effect their most than to demanding of the men who love usually exists in most girls' schools, to appreciate their opportunities, and the they teach wisdom. In effect their most than to demanding of the men who love proper effort is not being made to teach important course is silliness and most them and for whom they should show

extreme vogues of today. I gasp with Family life, in the United States, is failing, and it is the women's fault. If the men are showing a strong tendency to put their wives out of their actual lives, the women must accept the crime.

Where the Rusband's Fault Lies.

with shame, when I go upon the streets of a thousand different and pitful varieties are the price which women barter all their is good in them, selves. Some of the fashions of this year of nineteen-ten are not only hideous but victously indecent. Oh, yes: I plation of it turns the heart sick. The mean quite that—indecent! The only hats, this season, which show real inand my husband, from the little and bonnets of some sensible automobilists, me an actual part of his career. I had bonnets of some sensible automobilists, had an education when I married him, the modesty of womankind. Any lady the modesty of womankind. Any lady telligence in their design, are the pokecated girls are pitifully ignorant. While who gowns herself in the extreme fashmy husband lived he taught me sometion of today and has her picture taken, thing every day, and I've learned noth-will, if she looks at it and stops to thing every day, and I've learned nothing since he died which he had not first taught me. We shared everything, the did not hesitate to let me take my the fashions of today were actual signs on, her grandchildren may see it. If the fashions of today were actual signs part of the responsibilities of life; I of the times, the thoughtful person would be forced to make admission that they were very sorry signs of very sorry times. It has been many years fashions so objectionable as are which rule the mode, today. The women promenading upon Broadway or
Fifth avenue, in New York, or in the
shopping districts of any of our other
cities, form, to me, at least, a shocking spectacle—a very shocking spectacle times think that plain morality and common human decency are getting, nowadays, to be old fashioned-but to patible with proper womanly modesty "It is a fact that if I were the mother young girls I should, today, endeavor

prevent them from walking much, on fashionable highways in fine weather. I think the exhibition which such streets afford is really demoralizing. When I say 'demoralizing' I use the word in ad, serious sense. Anything which diminishes the modesty of women is a bad thing for the human race, and the fashions of today diminish, if they do not, sometimes, utterly destroy, the modesty of woman. The present fash-long are incompatible with anything approaching womanly reserve, true feminine delicacy. The styles which sees constantly exemplified upon streets, upon the cars, at theatres, hotels and in the private residences of the are women of position, in society and women who submit to them, the men who know those women, and, more notably, the children of this genera-tion. I have seen, within the last week, in New York city, costumes on the streets, which should have made their wearers subject to official interference. "Nothing could be more absurd

harmful than the present system govwomen's change very definitely twice a year, and old styles never come back into popular-It's a pure matter of com Women do not realize how utterly they are befooled and made to serve commercial purposes, by men who make their living out of the supply of the demand which changing styles create for labor and material. Women Exploited by Commercialists.

"By frequent changes of the styles a mighty false demand is annually created for new cloths; new ornaments. new everything. The changing styles are not to be charged up, at all, to wo-man's love of beauty. Most of them man's love of beauty. Most of them are very far from beautiful. They are due to woman's willingness to be led hither and then you, docide and sheep-hither and then you docide and sheep-hither and the you docide and sheep-hither and the you do women, better fitted to be wives than those who now are graduating from them from being bothersome."

I had seen exactly this occur in British public-houses, and mentioned this to kirs Lourn.

"Yes, I know," said she. "And it is rear areadful—the way the women of the British shun-class takes her habtes must wear uniforms. Our military whools do not turn out a crop by foolist attaining them into quiet; but they are senses of the slums, who have had few senses of the slums of the future of t

ical modistes who wish to force upon the sex the purchase of new outfits, pe-riodically, which are not in the least

The Hobble Skirt Insanity. ly to make the step-up from the pave-ment to the platform step a possibility. I will not comment further on the mor-real downfall of the great republic. I

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"And if it has this terrible effect on of their girl graduates stand high in it upon commencement day.

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The more money than they can legitimately, give them. They lead them into doing things, themselves, and often dreadful amusement. She used to wear some things, themselves, and often dreadful women must accept. Man is and must be come good wives and mothers; their own mothers do not teach them the great lessons of responsibility. The famous in the more important. But woman has the more important task of teaching that same family how best to live. The famous must be come good wives and mothers; their own mothers do not teach them the great lessons of responsibility. The date of the Period with about the 'Girl of the Period' with about the 'Girl of the Period' with amusement. She used to wear some dreadfully exaggerated costumes—ber fashions, some of them, were quite interest of them were mild the worst of them were mild and mothers; their own more money than they can, legitimately, give them. They lead them into doing the musement. She used to wear some dreadfully exaggerated costumes—ber fashions, some of them, were quite into consider doing. If we knew how many will the worse will be well to tal

"The spectacle is dreadful. Contemplation of it turns the heart sick. The woman who is slave to fashion cannot be the handmaiden of the old fashioned virtues. The woman in whose mind the latest fashion occupies first place is sure to find herself unwilling, even quite unable, to concentrate upor the really important matters of her life. Such women cannot be good wives, they cannot be good mothers, good members of society. For downright, unadulfer-ated selfishness the woman who thinks constantly of fashion and of how to keep up with the times in dress, is absolutely unapproached.

She Suffers in the End "And she suffers for it, in the end, the woman does, herself. If her husband is involved in ruin, she must share the wreck. If she drags some man to tion, she goes with him and goes far-ther than he goes. Bitter sorrow and remorse must inevitably be the end of it—sorrow for the individual, at first, is gangrened by the poison of her aggre-gate extravagance, her aggregate neg-lect of duties as a wife and mother.

with to gratify their tastes, and, after they have gratified them, find that they have paid out everything and have been given nothing in return. The nobble skirt is doing more than hamper women as they try to step up to the street oar platforms; it is hampering them as they try to step up to a higher plane of brain and morals. I think that if a certain class of women in this country had more courage and would carry out what they know well to be the bounden duty of their sex, they might do a vast amount to rectify the pitiful conditions. They might change the situation greatly by becoming leaders in the virtues instead of leaders in the vices and there prosperous, this year, are more than elsewhere, who are literally that. If the silly—they are definitely vicious and nation's mentally strong women would demoralizing. They harm seriously the result in view, tremendous things could be accomplished and accomplished quick-ly. Men follow able leaders as sheep do; and women are much more like sheep than men are, as is plainly shown

by their devotion, slavish and complete. to the leadership of the unworthy in this matter of extravagance in dres and other things. The majority of women are still weak and leadable. Why do not the strong ones of the sex take advantage of this fact and give them leadership which will deliver them from the morass of their extravagance and

Great Leaders Among Women. "There have been great leaders among women. Think of grand old Queen Vic-toria! Year after year she held the women of Great Britain down to comleast approached it, in this very matter of expenditure on dress. She showed a marvelous measure of refinement,

man blush, in other years, no increase United States. Fashionable women! of intelligence is indicated. Far from What do they amount to, really? Very,

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"There is an opportunity in this for women who are filled with the desire to 'reform' something. I do not decry, at ail, the honest efforts of any woman atong any line which, honestly, she things reformatory. Woman cannot think and work too much to bring about the betterment of any of the world'a conditions; but charity begins at home and there is a great opportunity for earnest women to commence the labor of reforming the insane extravagance of their own sex in cash expenditure, and in the exhibitions which they make of their own selves, from time to time, in meeting fashion's latest 'whim.' Whim! These are no whims that make the whole sex dress itself like simpletons or sinners. They are the bunko games of clever manufacturers and cynical modistes who wish to force upon the sex the purchase of new outfits, pesighteer. ally what used to be the shrines of the

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"I cannot see why women of plain sense should not and do not band themselves together to put down such disastrously recurrent manias. Sensible women are not rare, they could do this if they would; by doing it they would be wondrously advanding their own comfort, their own dignity and the actual welfare of the race. What could be more utterly absurd, and, worse, more harmful, in a dozen ways, than the hobble skirt of 1910? I've seen in New York City women dressed in hobble skirts who not only made them silly and immoral exhibitions, but made them wholly miserable, as well. Most of the extremes of fashion hurt the health in one way or another, but these hobble dren born there, in proportion to the extremes of fashion hurt the health in remark was made, there are fewer chilone way or another, but these hobble skirts distinctly hamper ordinary ease of locomotion. I've seen women, and this is not at all an exaggerated statement, who could not get on a streetcar because their feet were bound too closely to make the step-up from the pavement to the platform step a possibility.

I are busy all day long at fighting for the money which their wives demand, and when they get home in the evening they about the country they are passing through. I have friends who have motored and quiet comfort. They do not find their wives there, waiting to see to it that they get a chance to rest up for the next day's hitter struggle—a struggle forced upon them, largely, by the extravagant demands of these same wives. Instead of being ready to make home a pleasant and a restful place to stay in, they are waiting hervously expectant, when their husbands come, to be taken out to dinner, to the theatre, or opera, or—somewhere, anywhere which is not home. The modern woman does not entertain her husband. It's dress dinner (hurried if at home), at a hotel most likely, then some entertain ment, theatrical or otherwise, then a supper at a restaurant. Home is a place to go to when one is too sleepy to remain awake in public places.

"De the women who demand these things really help their husbands? No, They won't salk business with them, and it has been so long since they have done so their if they tried now they could not. Of the things of serious interest in life.

"They don't realize, or else they shirk, their plain responsibilities. Women make almost all of men's innecent recommendation.

it has been so long since they have done so that if they tried now they could not. Of the things of serious interest in life, which are as vital to them as they are to the men, they know literally nething. They don't share their husband's burdens; they avoid them eagerly. There are Iew men who would not welcome burden sharing with their wives. The man is struggling, with a bigger load upon his shoulders than he can carry comfortably, often with a bigger load than be can carry safely. He does not enjoy it; often he gets nothing in the way of a reward for it. But he has given up the effort to get help in bearing it from the woman whom he loves, supports and lives with. She is unwilling to assist him, and has been so long unwilling that, as last she has become

my dear son, and think I quite succeeded. Mothers ought to entertain their
sons and wives their husbands. Boys
need their mothers more, far more, than
girls do. But the women of the last
decade have not done this; they go to
Rurope while their sons go to the mis-"and the women have no more health than they give happiness, and no more happiness than they have health. They mount. There are those who have, within the past few months, predicted the hast for mounts. It has none. But it adomn't for the great republic. It has none. But what an idoite thing to so restrict one's movements that the ordinary little necessary movements of progression on the street become impossible. In order to live up to the silly dictates of a crasy fashion plate!

"It is all such a tremendous waste of monals other than the women's own. All these things mean extravagance and extravagance and extravagance of women often drives mean the newspapers do not, beneath big headilines, chronice the downfail of some man, led into his wrongdoing by like efforts to supply a woman with the foolish, therefore sinful, things she trayed. The moneyed file of the cases, when the newspapers do not, beneath the level will be still the strength of the cases, when the newspapers do not, beneath big headilines, chronice the downfail of some man, led into his wrongdoing by like efforts to supply a woman with the foolish, therefore sinful, things she trayed. Extravagance sands, every y year, a multitude of men to prison; it is eards other men to early gaves, it is very serious and worthy of deep thought, continual discussion.

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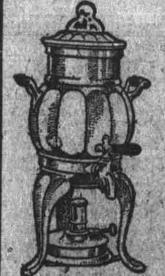


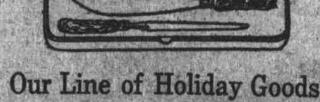


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