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What of the Young and Unmarried Men.

How does your case stand before the examining board on morality? Will a close inspection cause you to squirm, and wish yourself in some other clime? Methinks that even a slight inquiry pertaining to your habits and morality, would bring the blush of shame to your cheek and the memory of your good mother and chaste sisters would add to your discomfort.

How is it with you? Will you bear inspection? Are you willing I should enter into details and tell that last escapade of yours? But then I forget, you're a man.

One of those noble creatures, in your own estimation, whom the earth doth honor, or who honoreth the earth by giving it and its unalterable laws, an occasional compliment.

One of those Greatnesses when compared with our sex, we sink into insignificance.

You have a right to make smutty remarks of the woman of questionable character going along the street, but it is entirely beneath your dignity and manhood to make an effort to drag her from the mire into which she has fallen, but rather your work is in the opposite direction. And who is to blame for her fallen condition, in ninety cases out of a hundred?

In some cases we admit the woman is responsible, but in a very large majority it is the premeditated, diabolical scheme originating in the brain of the fiend, seducer, who believes his proper sphere in society is with the respectable and chaste and if any allusion is made to his dark damnable secret work becomes highly incensed, and the poor girl bears the stigma and the fiend, in human shape, pursues his course associating with respectable persons our daughters and sisters, recognized frequently by mothers of marriageable daughters as a good "catch."

In this respect the reproach remains with our sex, but this is no excuse for that embodiment of infallible flesh that ruins forever the misguided being who once was pure, but listened to the wiles of the seducer to the slaying of her soul and honor.

But what of the man? He hardly gives his hellish work a passing thought and thinks his chances for heaven and happiness on a par with the most respectable.

Now in conclusion I ask of parents and especially mothers; Is it right that we should permit our daughters to recognize or associate with known dissolute young men? Or rather would it not be more proper to teach our daughters to expect the same moral conduct of their male companions, their mothers demand of them.

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TARIFF REFORM.

The overwhelming majority voted at the last presidential election favorable to tariff reform, plainly indicates the wishes of the people, whether or not this reform will ad-

vance the interest of all is another question. But one thing is certain the people demand it, and the administration in that respect is following the wish of the people in accordance with the democratic national platform.

\*The sheep industry here, which is very important, it is thought by many sheep men will suffer, and to such an extent as to demoralize the trade, while it is argued by other that it will not effect the price of wool only for a very short time, that the protection doesn't really protect the producer, but is taken advantage of by the manufacturer and the profits pocketed by him and the producer gets only what his wool would be worth without protection. Be that as it may the protection is not yet taken off and why is it the last years crop of wool is so low?

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