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Speaker Carlisle.

Mr. Carlisle is a very close reasoner. His strength in congress, when he was on the floor as a debater, consisted in his ability to analyze questions and to make thoroughly clear, direct statements. He never affected any of the arts of the rhetorician, nor has he ever attempted any impassioned style of delivery. He rarely used gestures. He is a thoroughly courteous man, and never indulges in personalities. He thinks that arguments in behalf of public measures are wakening by appeals to prejudices or the use of personalities. He treats his opponents with almost the same courtesy that he extends to his friends. He is as unlike the average southern type as one can well imagine. He is never embarrassed. I have never seen him, in the most trying periods in the house, lose his composure. He is a man in the neighborhood of six feet in height. His shoulders sloop slightly. He always dresses in plain black, and his dress is as neat as his habits are precise. His head is large and very evenly developed. His high forehead is made to seem more high from the fact that his hair is worn away at the corners. He has a black wisp which comes down, Napoleon-like, upon his forehead. His eyebrows are thick and bushy, and are so arched as to give a wide-open expression to his eyes. His eyes are a clear gray and moderately full underneath the long lids. His cheek-bones are high, with slight depressions at the base, on each side of a strong, firmly-lined, expressive mouth. His nose is large—a cross between a Roman and a straight—with full, wide nostrils. His jaw is heavy, indicating great tenacity of purpose. His face is smooth shaven. The blue tint of his shaven beard is almost the only color in his pallid countenance. He can nearly always be found at his desk in his room at the Riggs house, where he lives, when not occupied at the house. He is not fond of going out into general society, but he is one of the most companionable of men among his friends. He has a quaint humor and appreciation of fun which no stranger would suspect from looking into his serious, self-contained countenance.—*Cor. New York World.*

Shop Girls as Wives.

A Lancashire bachelor complains in a local paper that all the "nice girls" are sent nowadays to assist in shops. Having but a limited income, he wants a wife who has some knowledge of household management and work, whereas, these "young ladies" are only accomplished in the art of selling goods across the counter. Would it not be better, he asks, for their mothers to keep them at home, instead of hiring servants to do the work which they could quite as well perform? That would, no doubt, save the wages of a domestic, but a shop assistant receives considerably higher pay, and some loss of income would, therefore, plainly result from adopting this plan. On the other hand, it is incontestable that the domestic sphere of employment would afford much better training for future wifehood. We do not attach much weight to the argument that the shop assistant is exposed to more temptation than if kept at home. In society as at present constituted, there are plenty of pitfalls for "nice girls" in every direction, and those disposed to tumble into them will find a way in one place as well as in another. But the complaining bachelor makes out a strong case for reform when he declares that young ladies who have been assistants at shops do not make thrifty and helpful wives for men in narrow circumstances. They are more ornamental, no doubt, than the home-trained damsels, but that superiority does not count for much in promoting domestic comfort.

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