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## Our Woman's Department

The Journal's Weekly Budget of Club News and Items of Interest Pertaining to the Home.

### THE BRAVEST BATTLE.

The bravest battle that ever was fought—  
Shall I tell you where and when?  
On the maps of the world you will find it not;  
It was fought by the mothers of men.

Nay, not with cannon or battle-ship.  
With sword or noble pen;  
Nay, not with eloquent word or thought,  
From mouths of wonderful men.

But deep in a walled-up woman's heart—  
Of woman that would not yield,  
But patiently, silently, bore her part—  
Lo! there in that battle-field.

No marshalling troops, no bivouac song;  
No banner to gleam and wave;  
And oh! these battles they last so long,  
From boyhood to the grave.

Yet faithful still as a bridge of stars,  
She fights in her walled-up town—  
Fights on and on in the endless wars,  
Then silent, unseen, goes down.  
—Joanquin Miller.

Miss Rebecca Taylor, the war department clerk, who was discharged for writing letters to the papers criticizing the president, has announced that she will apply to the courts for her rights under the civil service law. She says there is a principle at stake, the right of American free speech. If necessary she will carry the case to the highest tribunal in the land, and it is said the plucky young woman will have plenty of financial backing to carry out her threat. The discharge of Miss Taylor was brought about by Secretary Root. She was one of the best clerks in the bureau, her fellow toilers assert. But she was very re-

ponsible to criticize the administration, indeed! Of course, any number of clerks may jump into the Washington newspapers to score those who oppose the Republican policy. Any number of them have done so from time to time. That's all right, but up-to-date none have been discharged from their public berths or censured.

At Reikjavik, Iceland, the temperance women, who are known as "white-ribbons," have taken to standing at the doors of public houses from 4 p. m. until closing hours, urging men not to enter.

A woman living in Maine is said to make a living by administering, for a small fee, thrashings to such of the children of the neighborhood as are in need of correction.

A Miss Vining writes in an Eastern paper concerning the growing drink habit among the young women of Boston and New York. The idea that her charge is well founded is extremely shocking to Western women.

A young lady who is secretary to a prominent physician says that she does not think the profession of medicine is a very desirable one for young women. A great many of the patients she says, are really not sick at all. They have nothing to do, and so imagine that they are ill. The doctor listens in patience while they tell their tale of woe, and then usually says: "Now, I don't think you are sick. All you need is a little more exercise."

In a recent sermon in the Church of the Disciples, Julia Ward Howe referred to the Los Angeles Woman's Club biennial, and drew an illustration from the life of Lucy Stone. She said:

"A few weeks ago the women throughout this vast continent were to be seen gathered in bands and traversing its broad expanse in order to attend a convention on the Pacific slope. No one derides or questions them now. They cross the continent in all peace and serenity, and their course is marked by the most friendly attentions. They hold their convention, full of weighty considerations of human welfare and return as peacefully as they went. Where did this new freedom come from? Who first divined and suggested the secret of this womanly power to help every laudable device of men's minds? The lonely dreamer, once ridiculed and set at naught, now crowned in the crowning of her aspirations. In this, also, I see something of the glory of God in a human face."

In the testimony of Archbishop Nazareda, of Manila, before the Philippine commission, lately printed as a separate document, there is a curious passage bearing on woman suffrage which says:

"The woman is better than the man in every way; in intelligence, in virtue and in labor, and a great deal more economical. She is much given to trade and trafficking. If any rights or privileges are to be granted to the natives do not give them to the men, but to the women."

Q. "Then you think it would be much better to give the women the right to vote than the men?" Ans. "Oh, much more. Why, even in the fields it is the women who do the work. The men go to the cock fights and gamble. The woman is the one who supports the men here; so every law of justice demands that even in political life they should have the privilege over the men." (Senate document 190, p. 109.)

Governor Taft also testified before the Congress of the United States that if any Filipinos were to have the elective franchise it should be the women, because they were more capable of exercising it.

It remains to be seen what position our grand and glorious Republic will give these superior Filipino women when it becomes necessary to provide for a more permanent civil government in that country. Will our government say to these women as they virtually say to their own women: "You are a part of the greatest republic in the world whose foundation principles are 'the consent of the governed' and 'no taxation without representation,' but we only mean the 'consent' of the men people and 'no taxation without representation' for men only, therefore you must be represented by your men even though they are less capable than you."—Elvora Monroe Babcock.

Massachusetts women are rejoicing because the legislature has just passed a law making mothers equal guardians of their minor children with the fathers. Under the old law, the husband had the sole control and disposal of the children.

This sometimes led to great hardship. In the legislative debate, Senator Jones told of a case where a Chinaman married a respectable Irish woman. When their first baby was three days old, the husband gave it to his brother to be taken away to China and brought up there. The mother, through the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children, appealed to the courts; but the judge promptly decided that the husband was within his rights. He is the sole legal owner of the baby; he had the sole

right to what should be done with it. Lucy Stone began to ask for a change in this law as far back as 1847. The Massachusetts Woman's Suffrage Association has petitioned for it again and again. Fresh attention was called last year to the need of a change in the statutes by the Naramore tragedy. A hard-working and tender-hearted young mother killed her six children, in a fit of distraction caused by the determination of her shiftless and drunken husband to separate them from her and place them in the hands of strangers, as he had the legal right to do.

This year the equal guardianship bill was endorsed not only by the Children's Friends Society, the State Federation of Women's Clubs, the State W. C. T. U., the Woman's Relief Corps, and more than a hundred other societies, aggregating 34,000 women. It has taken Massachusetts women 55 years to secure this self-evidently just law, by the slow method of "indirect influence." In Colorado, after women were granted the ballot, the very next legislature passed a bill giving mothers equal guardianship of their children.

Massachusetts is the twelfth state to enact such legislation. In 33 out of the 45 states of the Union, the husband still has the sole custody and guardianship of the children. Fortunately, in America most men are better than the law, and few husbands use the extreme and tyrannical power that the law gives them.

### ON HER BIRTHDAY.

"I ask not of the flying years  
To yield their tale of hopes and fears."

It is enough that in this day  
Love's fulfillment holds its sway,  
What matter of the future hours  
If we but know this day is ours,  
And as the years roll on apace,  
Thy heart still finds the same fond place  
With him who in devotion sweet  
Would lay this tribute at thy feet.

Some Evanston students have organized an anti-kissing society, and the general belief seems to be that in the parlance of the street, "They have a long and rocky road before them."

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