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An Act Regulating Hours of Labor in Manufacturing Establishments and Prohibiting Labor of Children under 12 Years of Age.

The General Assembly of North Carolina do enact:

SECTION 1. That no child under twelve years of age shall be employed or work in any factory or manufacturing establishment within this state: Provided, this act shall not apply to oyster canning and packing manufacturies in this State, where said canning and packing manufactories pay for opening or shucking oysters by the gallon or bushel.

SEC. 2. That not exceeding sixty-six hours shall constitute a week's work in all factories and manufacturing establishments of this State, and no person under 18 years of age shall be required to work in such factories or establishments a longer period than sixty-six hours in one week: Provided, that this section shall not apply to engineers, firemen, machinists, superintendents, overseers, section and yard hands, office men, watchmen or repairers of break downs.

SEC. 3. All parents, or persons standing in relation of parent, upon hiring their children to any factory or manufacturing establishment, shall furnish such establishment a written statement of the age of such child or children being so hired, and any such parent, or person standing in the relation of parent to such child or children, who shall in such written statement misstate the age of such child or children being so employed, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction shall be punished at the discretion of the Court. Any mill owner, superintendent or other person acting in behalf of a factory or manufacturing establishment who shall knowingly or wilfully violate the provisions of this act shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction shall be punished at the discretion of the Court.

SEC. 4. That this act shall be in force from and after January 1st, 1904.

In The General Assembly read three time; and ratified this 6th of March, A. D. 1903.

Should the Wife have an Allowance?

Should the wife have an allowance, a definite sum set apart out of the family income for herself, or should she have to ask her husband, as if it were charity, for money with which to buy her hats, gloves, ribbons, and the thousand and one needful trifles? Men are apt to think that, because women do not do the work for which they (the men) are paid, they have no part in earning it, and are sooner or later inclined to ask, "Where is the quarter I gave you yesterday?"

Marriage is a partnership in a special sense, in which the man is generally the bread-winner; but it by no means follows that the woman is merely an ornament or a doll arrayed in pretty dresses or house gowns. In the ideal home the wife bears her share of the burdens that must come, it would seem, to all of us. She keeps the house more or less elaborately, according to the circumstances. If she has one servant or more, her burdens take other forms than as if she did her own work. If she has children, there is the responsibility of caring for them and training them. The mother's influence upon her children for good or evil is very great. If there are guests at the home, the matter of entertainment largely devolves upon the wife. Her duties are multifarious, and, when she has done all, she is expected to be a companion for her husband, and to be interested in the things in which he is interested. All this is just as much the contribution to the household happiness and comfort as the money the husband brings home every week. In business matters the wife should be treated like a business partner; she should have an allowance, and should not have a false sentiment about asking for it. -Religious Herald.

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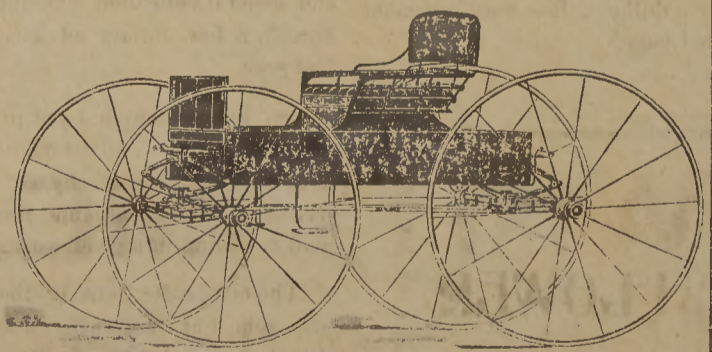
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