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Mirandy on

Why Women Can't Vote

Aunt Mirandy Thinks They Were Born With a Wishbone Instead of a Backbone.

Dorothy Dix in Good Housekeeping Magazine.

"De reason dat women ain't got de right to vote ain't because dey is lackin' in sense in probubness," said Mirandy; "hit's because dey's lackin' in backbone. Dey ain't got no spinal column, an' dey hain't to blame for dat because hit's alone of de way dat de good Lawd made 'em."

"Now, last night, Brer Jenkins preached in chu'ch 'bout dat man down in Egypt—or some odder furrin city—whut is a-diggin' aroun' in de place where de Garden of Eden was, an' he say dat ef dis man ain't edzactly discovered de bone dat Eve was made out of, he's done found de next thing to hit. He's done found de place whar hit come from. He says dat de men whut lived befo' Adam had one mo' rib dan dem has got whut lived after him, and ef dat missin' rib ain't women, whar is hit? Dat's de question. Whar is hit?"

"Of cou'se de findin' of dat rib didn't make no difference to me, because I done made my peace mo' dan thirty years ago, an' I've been a sleeper in de chu'ch ever since. Mo'over I's got de faith, an' ef faith ain't believin' whut you knows ain't so, an' jest nat'ally can't be so, den I don't know whut hit is."

"I does des alike about de doctor and de preacher. I opens my mouth, an' shets my eyes, an' swallows whut ever dey pokes down me widout prognosticatin' about hit's inwardness, or how hit's gwine to wuk."

"I ain't never been one of dem dat run after ev'ry new belief dat come along, an' dat's de reason dat I ain't never took up wid dis heah doctrine 'bout things not bein' made at de start of de creation, but just havin' growed. Co'se, ev'jody to dere taste, but hit seems lak to me dat dem folks whut laks to claim a monkey for dere grandpa has got mighty little pride, an' mig'ity little call to brag on dere family tree."

"But I ain't never had no trouble in believin' dat woman was made out of man's rib. What worries me is why de Lawd's choice fell on de rib, which ain't nothin' but a sort of rafter to hold up a man's chest an' swell him out, an' make him look proud, but dat ain't nowise important in hitself, an' dat is about de easiest thing dat he can spare widout missin' it."

"Co'se I ain't a-presumin' to criticize de Good Marster, but hit does look lak to me dat when he was a-creatin' woman, an' had de whole man to cut from dat he could have saved us a lot of trouble ef he had made Eve out of a few j'int's of Adam's backbone, instid of dat rib."

"Yassum, dat's so, for ain't a rib de easiest squashed thing in de whole human body? An' when you goes to de market an' wants to git de tenderest roast do, 't you buy de rib roast?"

"Yassum, an' dat's de trouble wid women down to dis very day. Dey ain't got no backbone. Of a rib dey was made, an' a rib dey has stayed, an' n'body ain't got no right to expect nothin' else from 'em. Hit's because woman was made out of man's rib—an' from de way she acts hit looks lak she was made out of a floatin' rib at dat—an' man was left wid all of his backbone, dat he's got de comeuppance over woman. An' dat's de reason dat when women sets down an cry when we ought to git up an' heave bricks. Yassum, most of women's troubles in dis worl' comes of dere not havin' no backbone, an' I don't know nothin' dat makes you want to cry out of one side of yo' mouf an' dan is de fact dat most of de women in de worl' is down on dere knees prayin' for miracles to happen dat dey could make happen derselfs ef dey'd git up on dere hind legs an' make just one good fight for 'em. I ain't a-sayin' "

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notin' aginst dem Anti societies. I spects dey does lots of good, but I done took notice dat dem reforms reform most and quickest what you goes after wid a ax when yo' dander is up.

"I know how dat is myself. When me an' Ike fust got married, after he got tired of holdin' my hand, he began to segastuate off of de straight an' narrow path, away from home, an' back to de crap game an' de corner saloon. Co'se dis makes a mighty talk, an' some of de sisters in Israel comes to me an' axes, 'Did I want de prayers of de chu'ch for him?' an' I says, not until after my right arm give out."

"So dat night when Ike got home Ike found his lovin' wife a-waitin' up for him wid de rollin' pin in one hand an' de stove lifter in de odder, an' by de time he got out of de hospital hit looked lak he kinder lost his interest in wanderin' away from his own fireside. Leastways when he sort of looks wishful toward de do' of a night, an' he catches my eye a-wanderin' toward a flatiron, he settles back in his cheer, an' says he believes he feels too tired to go out a-nyway."

Yassum, dey talks 'bout de difference between men an' women, but de bigger t difference is in dis matter of de backbone, an' hit's whut keeps women good, an' gives dem de right to be bad, for dere ain't no foolishness dat a man will stand in a woman, an' dere ain't no foolishness dat a woman won't stand from a man."

Dat's de reason dat we women can't vote, an' ain't got no say so 'bout makin' de laws dat bosses us. Ain't we got de right on our side? Yassir, we'se got de right on our side, but we ain't got de backbone in us to jest retch out an' grab dat ballot."

"Dere ain't nobody 'sputin' de fact dat we'se got to ser pe up de money to pay de tax collector, even ef we does have to go down into a skirt pocket instid of pants pocket to git hit, an' our belongin' to de angel sect ain't gwine to keep us out of de jail ef we gets in a fight wid anodder lady, or we swipes a ruffled petticoat off of de clothes-line next do'."

"Furdermo', when de meat trust puts up de price of po'k chops hit's de women dat is got to squeeze de dollar until de eagle hollers a little louder to feed der chillun. Hit's women dat has got to patch der husband's breeches, and der old dresses one time mo' ef de tariff puts up de price of clothes. Hit's women dat has got to send der men folks out to fight ef war comes on de country."

"Hit's women dat has got to see der babies die ef de streets ain't cleaned, and de milk is watered. Hit's women dat has got to put der little chillun out to work when dey ought to be playin', ef times gits harder. An' so we women is des a-achin to have a finger in dat government pie, an' see ef we can't put a little mo' sweetenin' in hit, an' make it a little lighter, so dat hit won't set so heavy an' ondigestible on de stomachs of dem whut ain't millionaires."

"Yassir, we'se jest a ho'nin' for de franchise, an' we might have had hit any time dese last forty years ef we had had enough backbone in us to riz up an' fought one good fight for hit; but instid of dat we'se set aroun' a-holdin' our hands, an' all dat we'se done is to say in a meek voice to men:

"Please, sir, I don't lak to trouble you, but ef you'd kindly pass me de ballot hit sho'ly would be agreeable to me."

"An' instid of givin' hit to us men has kind of winked one eye to each odder an' sponed: 'Lawd, she don't want hit, or else she'd make a fuss 'bout hit. Dat's de way we did. We didn't go after de right to vote wid our pink tea manners on. Co'se some day we'se got to give her her share of de estate, but we'll hold on to it until she comes after hit with hay on her horns. Den we'll fork it over to her in a hurry."

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Sermon On Good Citizenship.

Stateville Landmark.

Discussing good citizenship in a sermon last Sunday, Rev. H. M. North, pastor of Edenton Street Methodist church, Raleigh, as reported by the Raleigh Times, wanted to know if the citizen who seeks release from jury duty is a good citizen. Mr. North argued that if the best citizenship accepted jury service instead of seeking to evade it, there would be fewer miscarriages of justice. All of which is true; and it must follow that the man who evades jury duty, who will not make the sacrifice and accept this service required of the citizen, is neglecting and evading the duties of citizenship and is not a good citizen. That may sound harsh but it is a fact that cannot be denied. The evasion of jury service by the more intelligent and the class most competent to discharge the duty, leaves the service to those less fitted for it and if there is a miscarriage of justice the blame is at the door of the man who failed to perform his duty as a citizen; and he is not a good citizen who neglects the duty of citizenship.

Now Charging Pellagra to Corn Whiskey.

Greensboro Special to Charlotte Observer.

Another strong argument for the temperance advocates and especially as relates to the use of corn whiskey, comes from the mountains of western North Carolina, according to a well-informed Buncombe citizen in Greensboro this week. While it has been contended by members of the medical profession for some time that corn bread, or the use of corn meal in other forms where the corn was not thoroughly ripened, produced pellagra, it has only recently been discovered that the use of corn whiskey likewise produced the dread disease, and that, according to this citizen from the mountains, at least two deaths have resulted in a comparatively recent period in Buncombe, the disease brought on by drinking corn whiskey. It is further stated that there are several other cases of pellagra in counties in western North Carolina and that the origin of the disease has been traced directly to the use of corn whiskey.

The first case brought to the attention of the physicians was that of a young man who was a hard drinker and who drank corn whiskey almost exclusively. The disease made rapid headway and it was only a few months before it was practically definitely ascertained that the disease was caused by corn taken into the stomach and system by means of corn whiskey.

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Washington Dispatch to Baltimore Sun.

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ALL DRUGGISTS 11-21

The Whole Story at Last.

Stateville Landmark.

At last the whole story is coming out about the Wilson-Harvey incident, and the story is to the credit of Woodrow Wilson and the consequent discomfiture of his enemies. When it was announced that the name of Woodrow Wilson as a candidate for President had been removed from the columns of Harper's Weekly, and that paper, which had so zealously championed him, was silent, there was wonder and much speculation. Then came the statement of Col. Harvey that the paper had ceased to advocate Gov. Wilson's nomination at the latter's request, and this was followed by Col. Watterson's story of the Harvey-Watterson-Wilson conference. While Col. Watterson stated that nothing discourteous took place in the conference; that he had advised Wilson months ago that the strenuous advocacy of his candidacy by the Harper publication might injure him, he professed to be greatly shocked at Gov. Wilson's manner during the conference. It was admitted that Harvey asked Wilson the plain question if he thought his advocacy of his candidacy was hurting him. To be plain and frank, Wilson had to answer yes. At once the hostile press denounced Wilson as an ingrate and a falsifier and a great effort was made to show that his prospects for the presidential nomination had vanished.

While some of his friends thought that Wilson might possibly have been more diplomatic in answering Harvey, they declined to accept the view of his enemies. Wilson wisely kept silent. Now the whole story of the conference is coming to light. It appears that Col. Harvey had sought the aid of Thos. F. Ryan, a wealthy man, to finance Wilson's campaign, which Ryan had agreed to do. When Wilson was advised of this he rejected the offer. It was then that Harvey asked him the question to which he gave a direct answer.

It may be that Harvey, and Watterson as his aid, acted in good faith in their purpose to secure aid from Ryan for Wilson's campaign; that being "practical politicians" they realized that money was necessary and thought it not amiss to secure it from interests which Wilson publicly opposes. But they knew at the same time that if the fact that Ryan was furnishing money for Wilson's campaign became public, Wilson's candidacy would be irreparably damaged; hence there are not a few who charge that a trap was laid for Wilson into which he declined to fall. The Landmark does not make this charge, but Watterson and Harvey have been very unjust to Wilson in permitting it to appear that he is an ingrate, when the fact was that they were trying to get him to do something he felt was not honorable; and if they felt there was nothing wrong in proposing to Wilson that Ryan finance his campaign, they should have told it in connection with their stories of the alleged "break." The fact that they kept back a part of the story, and the main part, is suspicious, to say the least.

The whole incident will re-sound to Gov. Wilson's credit. He is stronger today than ever and the indications are that his strength with the masses will grow as the discreditable effort to damage him become fully known.

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