

WHAT ARE WOMEN?

Weaker or Stronger Than Men or Essentially Different?

If we fully admit the idea of woman as a citizen by right and not merely through toleration, we come at once to the most interesting of all questions—the inherent likeness or unlikeness of the intellectual life of the two sexes.

We have here perhaps a genuine clew. To put this in a concrete way, man's mind intellectually conceives the idea of a house and makes an abstract plan of it, as architect; this is the intellect, the first of our three groups of powers.

The difference between a house and a home is the added psychic element. It is a matter of feeling, yet here feeling, we will all admit, is the vital matter.

This is merely a simile. We have not used it to arrive at the platitudes that "woman's sphere is the home" and that consequently she should keep out of politics.

CARE OF THE EYES.

Some Simple Rules Which Will Tend to Preserve the Sight.

An eminent physician lays down these simple laws on the general care of the eyes for persons who wish to retain the strength of their eyesight to green old age.

When reading, writing, drawing, sewing or engaged in similar work always take care that the room is comfortably cool, that the feet are warm, that there is nothing tight about the neck and that there is plenty of light.

Do not habitually lie down when reading.

Never study or write before breakfast or artificial light.

Avoid reading or sewing by twilight or when debilitated by recent illness, especially fever.

When the eyes have any defect avoid fine needlework, drawing of fine maps and all such employment except for very short tasks, not exceeding half an hour each.

Never play "tricks" with the eyes, such as squinting, rolling them, and so on.

In all forms of labor requiring the exercise of vision on minute subjects the worker should rise from his task now and then, take a few deep inspirations with the mouth closed, stretch the frame, throw the arms backward and forward and, if possible, step to a window or into the open air, if only for a moment.

Reading in a moving car certainly involves an undesirable strain and should be avoided as far as practicable. If you will read, obtain books or papers with large type.

The eyes are often affected when the stomach is out of order. Consult an oculist without delay for serious or persistent weakness or pain of the eyes.

Smuggling in Old England.

Smuggling was very generally practiced in England in former times. A London journal says: "Hardly a family upon our coast-line has not a smuggling record."

Lord Shaftesbury, father of the philanthropist, sat at dinner at Heron court with the last of the Hooper family, chairman of customs, when, with a great shouting and clatter, a cavalcade of smugglers with wags and loads of smuggled spirits dashed into view.

Shaftesbury sprang to the window and called his host resolutely with his back to the window, nor would he move until the last echo of the train had died away. When, ten minutes later, a troop of mounted men pulled up at his door, he was truthfully able to say that he had seen nothing of the lawless ones.

Not Allowed to Think.

The "poor relation" always has a cheerless time of it. A certain district visitor found that it made little difference whether the poor relation moved in high society or in the humble circles of Johnson's court, with which her work had away, with which her work had away, with which her work had away.

"Where is Aunt Josephine this winter?" she asked the land of one of her families. "Is she with her brother or that cousin who is so kind to her?"

"She's stopping at her brother Lorenzo's," was the reply, "an' I know she's having a mighty hard time, missy. She didn't want to go noway, I'm certain sure ob dat. But I tell you how 'tis, missy. Pore ole Aunt Josephine, she's got so pov'ty-stricken she hasn't reely got any 'pinions left."

THE ISTHMUS OF PANAMA AND THE MONROE DOCTRINE

By ELIHU ROOT, Ex-Secretary of War

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Among the Kalarians of Bengal engagement is a matter of minutes only. A lad sees the lass of his choice carrying a full pitcher from the well. He steals behind her and lets fly an arrow between the crook and the arm that holds it. It is as if he should say: "Go on, beloved, without fear. My bow shall protect thee and clear for thee a road through life."

No country in the world has such abnormally long courtships as Bohemia. Among the peasantry especially engagements lasting fifteen and twenty years are so common as to call for no remark whatever—Family Doctor.

Couldn't Bluff Him. "It was right funny," said Uncle Hoses, telling of the orchestral concert. "A smart aleck lookin' feller set in the middle, an' all ter once the little man at the end o' the line hit the big drum a sassy rap. Well, the smart aleck feller shakes a little stick at the drummer, an' what does he do but hit her up ag'in just to show he was as good as the next man. An', by jinks, he didn't take no back talk, or, rather, no orders, from the smart aleck man, because he jest kept on a-whackin' that big drum in spite o' the boss' shakin' that stick, as if to say he'd catch it if he didn't quit. Yes, sir; I gloried in his spunk, if he was little. An' at the end o' the tune he whooped it up on that drum harder than ever. A little man fer nerve every time."

His Synonym. A Chinese boy who works in a Philadelphia laundry and who is studying English had occasion the other day to write a letter to the young woman who is his Sunday school teacher. Not wishing to begin his letter in the stereotyped way with "Dear Miss," for he considered her worthy of something special, he took his English dictionary to look up an equivalent for the word "dear."

His teacher was much surprised and highly edified when she opened the letter. This is the way it began: "Expensive Miss."—Youth.

The Dearest Heir. Years ago a millionaire died in Paris. At church, while the priests were reciting the prayers for the dead, one of the mourners, who was edited by the fervor with which one of the heirs was reading out of a book which he held in his hand and which was supposed to be a collection of prayers for the departed. A neighbor, happening to glance at it, discovered that the little volume was nothing more nor less than a copy of the civil code, open at the chapter on successions.

Brain Work and Longevity. In a lecture on longevity delivered before the Royal College of Physicians Sir Hermann Weber, himself an octogenarian, gave official support to the doctrine that brain work does not kill, but rather the reverse. A few of his instances were Bophaeus, Plato, Galen, Clever, Melville, Blumcrack, Monmouth and Gladstone, to whom we might add Bobbes, Carlyle, Spencer and Kelvin. The facts are that brain work increases the supply of blood to the nerve cells and promotes their nutrition and health.

Pen and Name. A writer in a London newspaper says: "The other day I heard an Englishman defending our system of copyright on the ground that we are the only nation on earth who can say that the system is based on one basis. For there are 240 names in the body and 240 names in the pen; there are 120 names in the head and trunk and 120 in the limbs and 120 names in half a sovereign; each limb contains 20 bones, and a half crown contains 20 pence; in the royal crown there are 24 bones and in a dollar 24 cents, and so we have 24 in us each side, so we have 24 names in every shilling. We have the proportions of the statistics of our commerce conform to nature's teaching. No wonder it is a sign."

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THE FORMAL RULES OF INTERNATIONAL LAW ARE BUT DECLARATIONS OF WHAT IS JUST AND RIGHT IN THE GENERALITY OF CASES.

The Monroe doctrine itself, upon which we stand so firmly, is an assertion of our right for our own interest to interfere with the action of every other nation in those parts of this hemisphere where others are sovereign and where we have no sovereignty or claim of sovereignty.

IT IS AN ASSERTION OF A RIGHT UNDER THE UNIVERSAL RULE THAT ALL SOVEREIGNTY IS HELD SUBJECT TO LIMITATIONS IN ITS EXERCISE ARISING FROM THE JUST INTERESTS OF OTHER NATIONS.

WOMAN CAN HOLD HER TONGUE

By Mrs. FRANK LESLIE

ONE of the most frequent gibes of mankind against woman-kind is that it CANNOT hold its tongue and must have the last word in a controversy.

My own impression is that the sexes in this as in many other directions share the foibles about equally and that THERE ARE AS MANY MALE AS FEMALE CHATTERBOXES.

Of course every one knows that a woman's tongue is far more nimble than a man's; that she has a great deal more to say and thinks of a reply or a retort a great deal sooner than a man does; that her thoughts or fancies formulate themselves more readily, and she has a great many more of them.

Then, again, women in society have to talk more than men do—that is to say, the average woman has to talk more than the average man—and those awful pauses ensue which are so fatal to a social occasion.

I appeal to my sister women to bear me out in the statement that 90 per cent of the EXPENSE OF CONVERSATION, as the French call it, in society, or, for that matter, in private, except among the nearest relatives, is borne by our sex, and I'm sure I don't know what would become of society or of man in his social relations if the women, to refute the charge of being great talkers, should form "a trust" and put up the price of speech and hoard it in the treasury of their own brains for awhile.

And not in society only—in the family circle, when the head of house comes home tired, rather cross and disposed to grumble at everything, does it cheer and recuperate him to find a silent wife and daughter, each occupied with her own thoughts or her book and, although ready to respond to his remarks with perfect amiability, originating nothing and relapsing into silence the moment his questions are answered!

AND THAT MAN AND MANY, MANY MORE OF HIS KIND KNOW AT HEART, WHATEVER THEIR TONGUES MAY SAY, THAT WOMAN'S FACILITY OF SPEECH AND WILLINGNESS TO USE IT RIGHTLY ARE THE TRUE SUNSHINE OF HER HOME.

EUROPE'S WORKING PEOPLE DO NOT FAVOR RUSSIA

By PAULINE BIGELOW, Author and Dramatist.

THE WORKING PEOPLE of Europe are not for Russia at all. Only the people in high official positions hope for Russian success. The German government looks to Russia to win because Russia and Germany represent the last remaining of the DESPOTIC governments.

It is very likely that the United States will one of these days stretch out her hand when some European power tries to DOMINEER over a weaker nation and tell the greater power to have away. Germany may some time try to annex the Netherlands while the form of government is almost republican. Then in her own interests the United States WOULD HAVE TO intervene.

TUBERCULOSIS IN HENS.

California Professor Says Disease Is Prevalent on Ranches.

Now that his experiments with diseased fowls in California have demonstrated the fact that tuberculosis is one of the most widely prevalent diseases in the poultry ranches of the state, Dr. Archibald E. Ward, veterinarian of the University of California agricultural department, is pursuing investigations to discover whether or not any relationship between this and bovine or human tuberculosis. Furthermore, the consideration of the possible significance of fowl tuberculosis has awakened the desire to know whether or not the deadly organisms are present in the egg.

Dr. Ward, although just commenced on these investigations, has this to say on the second point: "It appears to be true that hens badly infected do not lay. In the thirty postmortems of tuberculosis hens that have come under the writer's observation but one hen contained an egg. The thorough cooking to which poultry is subjected renders rather remote the possible danger of human infection by ingestion. Careful observation to determine if newly hatched chicks suffer from tuberculosis will throw light on the question of tubercle bacilli in eggs."

Owing to the fact that tuberculosis is a fowl disease a sufficient number of birds at one time to excite fear, its existence in a flock has come to be regarded as a matter of course and has attracted little attention from the owners. Under the conditions obtaining in the poultry industry in California Dr. Ward says all the individuals of an infected flock must be regarded as possible sources of danger to healthy birds.

But where the application of such a general rule would IMPAIR THE JUST RIGHTS or imperil the existence of neighboring states or would unduly threaten the peace of a continent or would injuriously affect the general interests of mankind it has always been the practice of civilized nations to deny the application of the FORMAL rule and compel conformity to the principles of JUSTICE upon which all rules depend. The Danubian principalities and Greece and Crete and Egypt, the passage of the Dardanelles and the neutralization of the Black sea are familiar examples of limitations in derogation of those GENERAL rules of international law which describe the sovereignty of nations.

Profitable pigeon raising depends upon securing the right kind of stock, careful attention and proper management. Homing pigeons and Dragons are regarded as the best breeds, while a cross between the two is also favorably mentioned. A large house is better and more economical than several small ones, but in no case should accommodate more than 300 pairs.

Double House and Yards. Fowls should have outdoor exercise during the warmer months of the year. If they cannot be allowed their liberty they should have access to a large grass yard. If the house contains a number of pens of fowls it will be found more economical to arrange the yards side by side in front of it. The yards should be the same width as the inside pens of the house (eight feet

DAIRY CATTLE. An inquirer asked Professor Shaw of the St. Paul Farmer, "What breed of bull would you advise me to use on my scrub cows to get good milkers in Minnesota?"

The professor advises him to use a Red Poll, Shorthorn or Brown Swiss bull, thus ignoring all that the world has accomplished in the past 500 years in the way of developing cattle of up-to-date dairy capacity.

Keeping Old Cows. A good many cows are kept beyond their profit paying time because their owners hardly know when to sell them. He does not like to sell them to the butcher for a sou, and if they are well along in years he thinks it may cost more than they are worth to try to fatten them, and so they are kept on and on, eating their own heads off and the profit on some other cow at the same time.

Body Lice. To reach body lice on fowls it is necessary to handle each bird, applying a good insect powder through the feathers and close down to the skin. If this is done three times, about a week or ten days apart, the birds will thereafter keep themselves substantially free of body lice if supplied with a good diet food. This is the method adopted on the large poultry plants.

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BE GENTLE WITH COWS.

An Ohio Man's Test to Determine the Cost of Rough Handling.

Not long ago a man who had the work of testing several dairies of his hands told me that he made a trial in his own herd to see just what would be the result of excitement upon the cows, says F. Vincent in Ohio Farmer. He kept a careful record of what his cows did one day, noting the number of pounds and making a test with the Babcock machine. The next day he had the cows driven into the yard as usual. He then went down with a dog to which the cows were not accustomed and drove the herd into the barn with considerable yelling and flourishing of sticks mingled with the barking of the dog. The cows were then milked. The milk was weighed as on the previous night and a test made of the butter fat it contained. It was found that there was a marked falling off in the amount of milk obtained, but this was not the most serious loss. The percentage of butter fat dropped perceptibly. Suppose this system of exciting the cows should be followed up for a season, what would be the result? Such experiments as my friend made prove that the loss must be remarkable. Few of us are rich enough to carry on business that way. And yet there are hundreds of farmers who are doing just that thing. They allow their cows to be harried by dogs and yelled at by hired men.

A careful milker, quiet in his ways about the barn and stable and gentle in his manner toward his cows, will be worth many dollars more in the course of a single season than one who works on the principle that the cow is nothing but a machine.

There is not a cow anywhere, no matter how poorly bred she may be, that will not respond to kindly treatment. She knows the very sound of the voice of the man who comes around her. She will come up to him in the open yard in a friendly way if he is willing to meet her halfway, or she will run away from him if she feels that he has no sympathy with her.

Of course dairymen highly organized the animal in the more susceptible sex to these influences. And the rough, harsh and unfeeling man has no more place among a lot of high strung, nervous cows than a bull has in a china shop.

Poor Butter. Ten cent butter as a rule is loaded down with ignorance. Ignorance presides at every step in the history—ignorance of what the maker should have known to have made it worth as much as the better fat as an exchange. The original butter fat as it came from the cow is all right, but ignorance took it in hand, and its course was downward from that time on.

What an amount of punishment they can endure! These people stand on their own legs, but when they meet butter surrounded by their own dirt and bull butter, outwitted and out-fraud.

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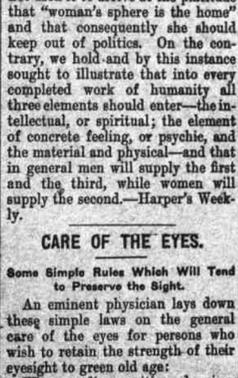
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