

DAILY SENTINEL

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The Women of the South.

[From the Circular Extra-Page.]

For some days past the *Tribune*, which generally possesses the virtue of self-respect, notwithstanding its faults, has given vent to its ill humor at the turn of affairs, has lavished insults upon the women of the South. It seems to us that a thousand reasons, not to mention the simple one of propriety, should restrain a Northern journal from such attacks. The *Tribune* should remember, too, the heroic display made by the Confederate women for their cause. Whether this cause were good or bad, the Southern women have sustained it nobly, and with a force or character which recalls the ancient women of Sparta, and which has every where commanded respect and admiration.

Not satisfied with attacking the Southern women, the *Tribune* institutes between them and the women of the North a comparison at odds in which it is unjust.

"Our women," says Mr. Greeley's newspaper, "are everywhere a more cultivated class; the women of the South are more illiterate than the men."

We dispute the truth of this assertion.

There are at the South, as at the North, educated women and ignorant women, well bred and ill bred, vulgar women. But we do not believe that the proportion is so unfavorable to the South. The ladies of Charleston, of New Orleans and of Richmond have shown in all the European saloons where they have appeared, as brilliantly as those of New York and Boston.

That the Southern women are less literate than their husbands is very possible, but we do not consider this surely as a reproach. We do not like learned women, we are repelled by women versed in Latin and philosophy, and dislike Mr. Greeley, take the part of Henriette and Aimé Armande. A woman may be educated, certainly, but never let her become a pedant; and, above all, let her never parade her learning. We do not see at the South such physical and philosophical fads; we see only too many of them at the North; and what these gain in science, if science that may be called which consists in great number of ideas always confined and superficially understood, joined to enormous pretension, lose in grace and attraction. We say this without intending any injustice to those charming Northern women who avoid the grotesque and ridiculous, and resemble in this their sisters of the South.

Let us permit the *Tribune* to insist upon the "gross ignorance" of the Confederate women, and to refer to this ignorance, their energy and constancy during the war. We attribute the great qualities of which the Southern women have given noble examples to a higher origin ignorance. The *Tribune* has said it a hundred times, and we have done the same—

and if the Confederate women have been heroic, it is because they had faith in their cause—They are occasions in history when women, whose mission in ordinary times is to make the good wife, the tender mother, and to polish manners by the charm and grace which she brings into all social relations, may rise above herself and give examples of the highest virtues. These occasions occur when the sacred soil of her country, and with it (or through it) the domestic hearth and the family are threatened with invasion. These high virtues the women of the South have practiced without ostentation, without theatrical parade.

They have borne all privations, they have defied all outrages, by their proud and impulsive attitude. Soldiers, drunk with blood, could outrage their bodies, but their victims remained as pure as those Christian virgins whose memories the embracements of the executioner could not defile. All that is precious to women—dross, jewels, the luxuries of home—all these the Southern women gave up—they did not even recoil before sacrifices still more painful—they did not fear to break their hearts by sending forth their sons to do battle for a cause sacred in their eyes, like that Lacedemonean mother who showed a shield to her son and said simply—return with it—or upon it do thy duty, or die. Do not expect such trials from ignorant women, from souls without elevation.

And while dissolution lay over all the hearts of the South, while mothers had each day had fresh tears to wipe away, yet bravely bore their grief, how were the women of the North employed? In developing a costly luxury against which the *Tribune* itself cried out, calling at it to its soundest extent; feminine profligacy became more and more unrestrained. We know to what disastrous results this state of affairs had led. Some ladies, it is true, like Miss Anna Dickinson, gave lecture-missions to promiscuous audiences; others clung to the derision of the public; and others still enrolled themselves under the banner of misrepresentation. It is among these classes of women, who deny good sense and modesty in public exhibition, that the *Tribune* finds its place.

Let this journal, then, cease to insult these conqueror women of whom the defeat has not diminished the greatness; let it cease to submitter and diminish its position in sustaining an indecent paradox. The North, like the South, has its contingent of good, graceful, educated and elegant bred women; it has, perhaps, a larger number of that class who so little deserve the name of women, and for whom certain amoniments are made in the journals; it possesses, also, a greater share of learned and patriotic ladies—but for these will New Orleans not become envied of Boston. As for good and well-bred society, it is the same everywhere; and the *Tribune* may be sure that a woman of the world coming from Boston, would not feel out of place in New Orleans, nor would the contrary be true. In calumniating the Southern women, Mr. Greeley has simply proved that he does not know them, and that he knows still less the common laws of propriety.

Ack attended church last Sabbath, where they have scientific (quartette) singing, and was surprised at the difference between scientific singing and that he has been accustomed to in the backwoods. He furnishes us the following specimen of the style, which he copied from the original:

Waw-kaw, saw-kaw, raw raw raw raw;
Thaw saw-thaw raw raw raw raw;
Waw-kaw raw raw raw raw raw raw;
Aw raw raw raw raw raw raw.

Which rendered into English reads as follows:

Welcome sweet day of rest,
That saw the Lord arise;
Welcome to this reviving breast
And these rejoicing eyes.

Ack says that in the country they are poor enough to think it necessary for good singing that the words of the hymn should be sung.

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