

WOMAN'S RIGHTS.

One of Them Has Just Been Recognized by the Illinois Legislature.

Chicago Journal.
The passage of a law by the general assembly at late session giving mothers, equally with fathers, the right of guardianship over minor children strikes off one of the last shackles from woman in which the common law bound her. "The parents of a minor shall have equal powers, rights, and duties concerning the minor. In case the father and mother live apart, the court may, for good reason, award the custody and education of the minor to either parent, or to some other person."

The progress of the emancipation of woman from a state of martial slavery and self-effacement before the law has been long and painful. It was in 1792 that Mary Wollstonecraft struck the first blow for her sex in her once celebrated book, "The Vindication of the Rights of Woman." This was a plea for equality of education, a protest against the assumption that woman was only the plaything of man, and asserting that intellectual companionship was the chief, as it is the lasting, happiness of marriage.

So far as this part of her work is concerned it is unanswerable, and her arguments have lain at the base of all the reforms accomplished in behalf of woman. Unfortunately she mixed up with her main theme several more dangerous and more questionable topics not usually mentioned in books for general circulation, discussing them with a plainness of speech and want of reticence that turned opinion against her. But she started a great movement that has gone on from that day to this, particularly in this country until at last a married woman is on an equality with her husband before the law. She can dispose of her property by will; her individuality is no longer merged in that of her husband; she can possess manage and, and convey her own real and personal property in a large porportion of the states; she has equal rights under the divorce laws; she is made liable for family expenses, if she has a separate estate, and she can sue and be sued as if she were a single woman.

It has taken years of hard and persistent labor and agitation to bring about these just and equitable reforms, but in Illinois at least they are at last accomplished, as they are indeed in a large proportion of the states. Among those deserving of commendation for strenuous labor in behalf of this last reform is Mrs. Catharine Waugh McCulloch, of Chicago, whose active work and arguments at Springfield did much to secure the passage of the bill. Her pamphlet, entitled "Mr. Lex" is a most admirable presentation of the wrongs of woman under the old law, which gave the father almost despotic control over his children while his mother was absolutely powerless.

After July the 1st next this will no longer be the law.

A Remarkable Person.

Father John Sergieff, the author of the little book "Truths About God," is in many ways a remarkable person. He is a priest of the Orthodox or Greek Catholic church, and his fame has spread outside the confines of Russia, where, at Cronstadt, he lives. His life, we are told, recalls those of the first Apostles. He is a man of extraordinary devoutness and simplicity of life, and is credited with remarkable healing powers. "To those who believe in Father John—and their name is legion—the age of miracles not yet over. Crowds press around him whenever he leaves his humble abode, and are happy if they can only touch the hem of his modest garb. Father John's life is one of uninterrupted and self-sacrificing charity and Christian ministrations among the poor, the sick and the needy; not, however, refusing his presence and his prayers to the well to do and the rich, who send for him when other help fails, and never in vain, from all parts of the country." E. C. Goulaeff, who has translated the book, testifies that his daughter's deafness was cured by Father John's prayed for her in house.

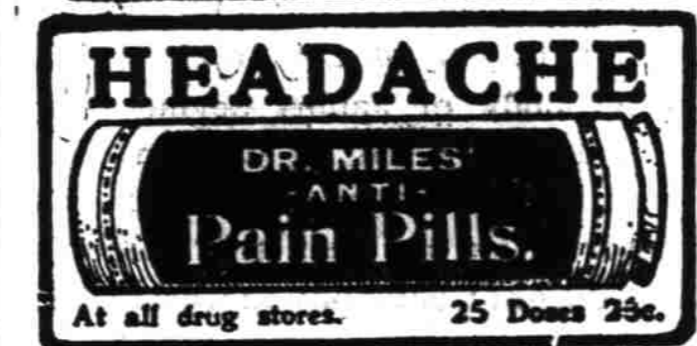
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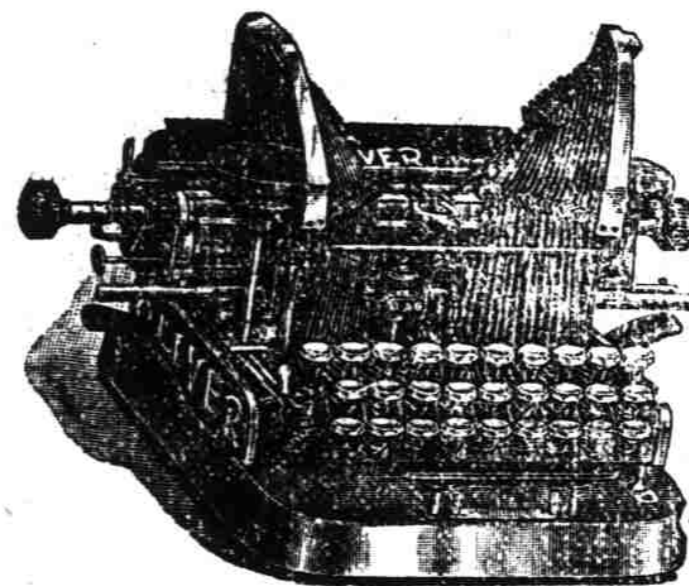
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