

Saint Mary's Beacon

Where Women Reign Supreme.

There is at least one spot on earth where women have their rights. If they do not it is their own fault, for they are supreme arbiters of social and industrial conditions, and run everything to suit their own caprices. The place in question as described by The Boston Journal is the township of Besjukovschina, located in central Russia.

Whether or not the women had the privilege of naming the place is not known. If they are guilty they proved themselves a failure at the start, for there are several letters in the alphabet they did not employ in designating it.

It was in 1861 that an epidemic had reduced the population to the verge of starvation, and the women, led by Saschka, ordered the men to leave and go to the city to find work.

The women remained alone and began to till the farms. The men were allowed to return only for the holidays.

This woman State comprises a territory of ten square miles and is divided into seven villages.

Saschka and seven other women, the wives of the exiled elders, administered all public affairs, such as the levying of the taxes, the allotment of acres to the various families, the keeping up of the churches, the paying of shepherds, et cetera. They also assume the recruiting officer's duties by sending those men who attain the proper age to town in order to submit to medical examination.

In the summer the fields of the district afford a peculiar aspect. One may ride over the Besjukovschina domain from morning till night without encountering a single male being.

All the work, the hardest as well as the lighter manipulations, is executed by women and girls of different ages. With naked feet and arms they trot behind the plow, throw out seeds and gather fruit.

Here we observe a dozen or more sturdy members of the weaker sex engaged in lifting a mighty rock; again we see others bucking down trees or subduing a cutting horse or a wild bull.

Towards evening all hands assemble in the church squares of the seven villages to hear reports of common interest, the women acting mayors being the speech-makers, who discuss public questions in decisive and business-like manner. This done, the women go home to attend to their own affairs.

Besides cultivating the fields they keep the roads in order and occasionally set up a new cottage or stable.

When, on the occasion of his coronation, the Czar released some twenty thousand communities of the obligation to discharge their back taxes, Besjukovschina, not being benefited, and that is nearly the only regretful incident.

Saschka's administration has so far developed in the eyes of her partners. A government statistician who visited the colony recently gathered material showing that since their enforced grass-widowhood the Besjukovschina women die at an earlier period than was their fate during the old days of serfdom.

THE WRONG POCKET.—One day last month two ladies entered a tramway car at a time when seats are a possibility. One was a stout, overdressed lady, the other was evidently her daughter.

'Shall I pay the fare, mamma? I have my purse with me,' said the young lady, sweetly.

'Oh, no; I'll pay. I have plenty of change.' Thereupon she leaned sideways and commenced the intricate process of searching her draperies for her pocket. After a minute or two of fumbling, during which her face grew an apoplectic red, she exclaimed, tragically—

'Laura! what shall I do? I've been robbed! My purse is gone—my pocket is entirely empty.'

'Perhaps, madam,' said the gentleman by her side, in whose coat pocket she had been fumbling all the time, 'perhaps if you search your own pocket instead of mine you will be more likely to find your purse.'

He is happy whose circumstances suit his temper; but he is more excellent who can suit his temper to any circumstance.—Hume.

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BOTH ARE SAD CASES.—"Mine is a pitiable case," said the man who had reached the melancholy stage as he leaned up against the bar. "What a woe it is to have a wife who has the habit of locking you out of your own house!"

"You ain't one, two or three with me," said the other, melancholy man. "Mine has a habit of locking me in."—Pittsburg Chronicle.

A horse blanket is not costly and saves the horse from colds and disease. Progressive dairymen now blanket the cows when taking them to fairs in order to protect against draughts of air due to causes that may not be anticipated.

"But didn't you take me for better or for worse?"

"Yes, but things have come to a point where I'm going to insist on some of the better."

Never marry a girl who is not afraid of a mouse unless you want to play second violin.—Chicago News.

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