

THE CLARION

A WOMAN'S WISDOM.

You blame me, that I cannot love
As you can love, my friend;
You call me heartless—light of faith—
Because my fancies end.

SOUND ADVICE.

Choosing a Husband or Wife a Serious Matter.
James C. Jackson.]
To become a husband is as serious a matter to a man as it is for a woman to become a wife. Marriage is no child's play. It brings added care, trial, perplexity, and it requires a great deal of the happiness which legitimately comes out of it to make the balance even in its favor. Very few people marry in marriage, and yet this is the cause of unhappiness is germane to the subject, but because those who do not know, first, how to get a wife, and second, how to live happily. You have already made your choice, wise, I am bound to believe. The qualities of character which have led you to choose as you have, will make your love grow daily while you are together.

But what is the real root of the situation which the preacher justly touched with words of fire? What is the final cause of the various tendencies and evils which he depicted? The Easy Chair has preached more than one sermon upon the same text. The root of the wild excesses, of fashionable folly, deepening into actual crime, is the view of women which men generally adopt and which women generally accept. It lies in the refusal to recognize in women the same liberty of choice in the conduct of life which men assert and maintain for themselves. It lies in the distrust of those laws of nature in regard to women which are implicitly trusted in regard to men, and in the assumption of men to decide for women what is becoming in women. Men perpetually talk of the sphere of woman as if women did not know their own sphere quite as well as men know theirs, and men argue about the occupations and education of women as if women were not as competent to choose for themselves as men for themselves. But if men are to decide what is truly womanly, and direct the activities and studies of women, practically denying them the freedom of choice, which men will fight to the death to secure for themselves, the consequences are inevitable. Not more surely will he that sows the wind reap the whirlwind than he who would impose upon society to-day the medieval estimate of women reproduce medieval morals and manners.—Editors Easy Chair, in Harper's Magazine for May.

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