

American Hubbies Not Slaves, Declare New York Women

French Writer Who Said So Evidently
Got Only a Passing View of
Our Home Life.

By *Nicola Greeley-Smith.*



President of the Mothers' Club and now prominently identified with New York school work, and I held court-martial on this audacious French woman yesterday afternoon, at which the American man was triumphantly exonerated of the charge of slavery and his accuser convicted of superficial observation and a truly kangaroo tendency to jump at conclusions.

Don't See Real Home.

"Foreigners in America," observed Mrs. Hastings, "and Americans abroad are too apt to form snap judgments of things they really know nothing about. A foreign traveller spends perhaps three weeks here. He sees absolutely nothing of the American home. His acquaintance is generally confined to the 'hotel' husband and wife, whom I consider experiences on American life. He notes the fine gowns the wife wears into the hotel dining-room, he takes quite seriously the husband's joking remarks about what an expensive she is, and then he goes back home and writes a book about the poor, driven slave, the American husband."

"Yes," I acquiesced, "and the American wife buys it and reads it and perhaps reads a paper about it at her club. But don't you think there is at least some ground for the general foreign criticism of the extravagance of the American wife?"

"No," said Mrs. Hastings, decidedly. "I do not. The majority of American wives live well within their husbands' means—American wives can afford to live better than foreign wives, because they are less identified with the professions or the public lives of their husbands."

Where Wife is Saving.

"An American wife may have a very beautiful home and yet not spend very

there are a thousand who deny themselves new clothes that their daughters may wear them, or pinch and save in every possible way that their sons may be sent to college."

"Foreigners," I said, "conclude from the fact that the American wife is not her husband's slave that he must be hers. The word matrimony seems strangely identified in their minds with slavery."

"In America," said Mrs. Hastings, "marriage means comradeship, companionship, partnership."

"Yes," I acquiesced, "and even the occasional henpecked man we meet has the benefit of American institutions. It's a government by consent of the governed, and therefore constitutional. The man who lets his wife rule him generally does it because he has more faith in her judgment than in his own. The wisest, most balanced man has moments when he resembles only a naughty little boy, and even the most disagreeable wife is only good discipline for him."

Mrs. Hastings laughed.

"That isn't my way of looking at it, exactly," she said. "But there is absolutely no view of the American home, except that of ignorance and superficiality, that justifies this French criticism of the American husband."

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"Special Investigators" Sent
Out by Bingham.

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