

WOMEN OF OLD TIME AND NEW.

Lecture of George W. Curtis Continued.

Chivalry was pretty much women as goddesses and treated them as toys. Shakespeare has drawn women so truly that Shelly says: "She was one of Shakespeare's women."

Do the merry groups who look at the play of the "Spirit of '76," and laugh because a woman becomes a judge, remember Portia, more truly a woman because she is a judge? Is she less feminine than Juliet in the balcony of Verona?

It has been said, I cannot think that God made woman so delicate, so glorious, to be only stewards of our houses.

Addison dawns all the women of whom he writes on his fingers, and says in an undertone, "Play with your pretty fans, my dears."

Pope says: "From some pleasure, some to business take, But every woman is at heart a rake."

And Byron says: "Maidens, like moths, are ever caught by glare, And Mammon wins his way where seraphs might despair."

And this bright particular seraph married one of the richest women of her times for her money, and so treated her that she was forced to leave him in less than a year.

The same view of women is reflected in the novels of those days, their one idea being what Charles Lamb calls "the undivided pursuit of lawless gallantry."

Men compliment women, and compliment is a pretty mask of contempt. The man who most compliments women is the man who most despises them.

Take the old story of the ragged slipper eaten out of gallantry toward its fair possessor. But those who joined in that singular repast would have roared with laughter at Defoe's project of a college for women. For those who most flatter women have least respect for them as women.

Mrs. Barbold wrote of the fair: "Your best, your sweetest empire is to please."

Many a woman thinks a good match is anything in coat and trousers with \$30,000 a year.

All criticisms of pictures or books, or intellectual work done by women, is done with depreciation.

Dr. Craik said that Johanna Bailey's tragedies were "the best ever written by a woman." What does this mean; what is the standard? Are all the plays written by men superior to all those written by women? When it is said that a work is "good for a woman," all is left unsaid, and the inferred meaning is that it is pretty bad work.

This is all wrong. A picture is a picture, and a book is a book, by whomsoever made.

How ridiculous it would be to say that Elizabeth Tudor was a very good queen—for a woman!

It is like looking at a painting done by an artist who holds his brush with his toes. You say, it is a good picture—for a man who holds his brush with his toes; implying that a man who holds his brush with his toes can not be a good painter.

So, when you say, "Well done, for a woman," you mean that a woman is not capable of the best work—that she is mentally inferior to man.

See, too, how woman is treated at a feast. After great orators have made their speeches, in which they complimented the ladies, and Richard, Earl of Devon, has spoken of my soul, somebody proposes "Woman—Heaven's best gift to man," which is responded to, while the band play:

"Will you come to Kail win Grove, bonnie lassie!" And the report of these proceedings is not generally read with derisive laughter. But women can not feel complimented any more than men would feel if a few semi-fuddled women should propose:

"Man—Our natural lord and master."

We may be asked, Is not the general sphere of woman limited by nature? If you turn, is there any subject on which there has been so much nonsense talked as on the sphere of woman? Why not suffer woman's sphere to disclose itself as the sphere of man does? We do not consider the ladies in society unfeminine, but Pericles or Demosthenes would have thought them so.

Perhaps some young man in this audience, with his arm in the wrong place, says, laughs as you will there on the platform, but do you deny that home is the proper sphere of woman? Deny it? Bless your heart! No! But do you think that heaven does not help to keep her there, and that if we do tie her to her child's cradle she will run away from it?

What could be known of men's sphere if they were free to do for themselves? To the freedom of choice and liberty of growth away from me and how do I know my sphere? How can you, women, ever find your sphere if you have no privilege to choose or develop? Why is every opportunity of education opening, but because it is now felt that, like men, women have an untrammelled freedom of choice, and if any particular sphere is limited for them, it is by special work, infirmities, trust, duty, and then they will know it a thousand fold better than men.

Jenny Lind, with her powers of song, and Lucretia Mott, speaking in the cause of liberty, are with song and speech doing what God appointed; and whatever innocent thing He gives a woman the wish and power to do, that, and that only, for her is truly feminine.

John of Arc in her special calling, Mrs. Stowe in her special calling, Mrs. Garrison with her boat, and Mrs. Patton steering the ship to safety, all were truly in their spheres of duty. Do you ask me whether these are not not exceptional cases? Yes, for all great human excellence is exceptional. Do you ask if these are feminine women? To you women who differ I say that Florence Nightingale, alone among rule soldiers, breaking down the doors to reach the hospital supplies which they refused to give her, seems to me quite as lovely as the woman in the ball room whose embroidery is in another girl's face a pinched hue of starvation, and whose pearls are tears of despair in her eyes.

Individual right of development is now conceded as regards every other interest in society.

When one point is gained the rest is made easy. To-day I gain, to-morrow I Waterloo. To-day Bunker Hill and we are retreating, to-morrow Yorktown, and British surrender. To-day a few fanatical abolitionists, to-morrow emancipation for a race. To-day a handful of women laughed at, to-morrow the Chief Justice, saying, "Why not?" and Senators agreeing who never agreed before, and vociferous candidates for Governors saying, "I knew it all the time."

When once the tide rises no prayer will hold the ocean back. The gay picnic party must hurry to the shore. The gaily old man who don't believe in movements, "Mary, calling the cattle home across the sands of Dee," must fly, for the tide is rising, the sea is covering the places lately dry. The tide of humanity, liberty, and justice lifts us all, carries us all forward to the good time. We have left the old, and we go on. God helping us to find the true woman in the free American home.

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