

ETICAT COLUMN

(All queries regarding conduct of people visiting the fair, places to visit, correct conduct in all contingencies, pertinent and impertinent questions of the day, will be cheerfully answered by Anti Totum. Do not be afraid of over-working her. She is engaged for the occasion and paid a munificent salary by the Aggravated Hopper Co.)

What has become of the old-fashioned daughter who used to brush mother's hair while she rested?

Answer: Daughter doesn't brush mother's hair nowadays except when she wants to wear it herself.

Are the polls a fit place for women?

Answer: Peary and Cook say, it is too cold at the poles for women, especially if they insist on wearing split skirts.

What has become of the old-time politicians who used to stomp the state and kiss the babies?

Answer: Kissing is declared unsanitary by Dr. Dean. The candidate takes care of the baby now on election day so mother can vote.

Are suffragists all socialists?

Answer: No. Reuben; socialists are all suffragists.

Is the red flag at the anti booth a socialist flag?

Answer: Es machts nichts aus, Heide, the socialists gave the anti permission to use it at the last parade in Washington.

Is it true that the anti at the fair grounds are advertising The Suffrage Daily News?

Answer: Yes, dearie, the best of feeling exists between the manager of The News and the anti chaperon. The News advertises the Alaskan curios and the anti reciprocate by helping make the Staff Daily the best seller on the grounds.

SUFFRAGE SIDELIGHTS.

A suffrage "newswite" approached a lady and offered a suffrage daily. "No, thanks," said the lady; "I'm an anti." "All the more reason for reading it," cheerfully said the "newswite." "But, pray, why are you an anti?" "Well, you see," replied the lady, "I have been a voter for several years in Idaho, and I am never going to vote any more." "Well, now, what's the reason for that?" asked the "newswite." Continued the lady: "You see, every time I went to the polls to cast a ballot they always made me tell my age. Anyone could see that I was over 21, and I just won't stand for it any more—so I've quit."

One of the ardent believers in suffrage whose home is in Butte came into headquarters Wednesday. She was accompanied by Mr. Paul O. Sultzer.

Superintendent of Schools Nora Hogan of Carbon county was a headquarters visitor Wednesday. Miss Hogan is one of the supporters of the suffrage campaign in the coal county.

STOP!

Women and Compensation.

Women and children bear the brunt of industrial accidents. A man who is killed is dead, but his wife is a widow and his children are orphans. He is at peace; they are at war, fighting for bread.

Is this always to be true? Cannot some system be devised whereby the wife and the child will cease to bear the burden?

The answer is, **Workmen's Compensation Laws.**

Such a measure is now up to a vote this fall. In case of death resulting from an industrial accident the class of industry in which the accident occurs pays the widow \$30 per month as long as she lives or remarries, and pays each of three children \$7.50 per month; boys to 16 years, girls to 18 years.

Get the Men to Vote for This! **PEOPLE'S POWER LEAGUE Adv.**



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A NEW ERA FOR WOMEN

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order to those who look and labor for the new civilization. There are many forces contributing to the emancipation of woman. Co-education as it has developed in our nation has brought the sexes together in happy and useful relations, taught woman her new power and led man to see her great strength for coordinated service with him. The western states give woman the ballot when she asks for it because they know her worth and trustworthiness. It is significant that no eastern or southern state, where the old ideas favoring segregation of the sexes for education obtain, has given women the ballot. Yesterday the hardships of travel allowed only men to be globe-trotters. Today with modern means of locomotion women in great numbers are touring every part of the globe, and the benefits of travel in broader conceptions of life and the new possibilities for the race make women restless and the new visions create new forces for emancipation. Women will never again go back to the old restricted life of the past.

Woman has entered the modern business and professional world and side by side with men makes good. There are over 350,000 woman taxpayers in the land today—women who are able to manage their business with success. They demand the right to say how these taxes shall be expended for the public weal. The modern woman is the omnivorous reader of the age. Up to 25 years ago she read light fiction, but today our best women are reading books and magazines that have a social message. It is significant that last year among the six best sellers were books like "The Woman Thou Gavest Me" and "Inside the Cup," books that have social messages that shatter old notions and compel re-adjustment of ideas. Chautauqua and Lyceum today flourish in every center of our national life. Who attend these educational affairs? Two or three women to every man. Who are the star attractions there? Men with great social messages: Bryan, La Follette, Taylor, Green, Jane Addams, etc. The women go and hear. They go away to think and to act for the realization of these ideals. The modern industrialism has created an army of women who earn their own living entirely independent of men. Today there are millions of intelligent women who are economically independent and who find in their new freedom from the man with the purse an incentive to struggle for a new order. In countries like Germany, where the militant male makes militarism his religion, there are vast numbers of females in excess of the males. In 1911 the industrial census of Germany shows over 900,000 excess females. What will 1916 show? This surplus of sex must have relief and social justice. Deeper than all these things is

the demand of science for sex equality. Biology goes back to the origin of things and finds that the life of male and female is identical in its origin and development. It takes no account of religious dogma, color line or nationalities. Its dictum is that life having an equal origin and development in the race demands an equal right for expression. Biology knows only racial justice and that demands equality of privilege. Psychology, which is the science that tells the thinker how he thinks the thought that he thinks, decrees that woman is the equal with man in the equipment and use of the five cardinal senses, in feelings, perceptions, emotions and reasoning powers. It shows that women as a whole differ less from men than different classes of men differ from each other. The physical life of male and female is essentially the same. It varies under different environment and responds differently under different stimuli, but any one group in the race will, if given equal privilege and environment for a short time, show a similar, almost uniform physical life. Political science when freed from the bias of the male element will know no difference in the units which make up the society of a given state, but will have equal tasks and responsibilities for all. And the test of desirable citizenship will not be in sex but in function. The person, not the sex, that functions fruitfully will be given place.

It might be illuminative to state a few of the objections which anti-suffragists use and to notice what hard slodding the anti have. Let me mention a few of these objections which I have heard. I call them spooks, because they agree with the spook definition, which is "a black cat in a dark room that isn't there." When you go to put your hand on one of these spooks it isn't there:

1. Woman is not fitted by her present and former life to cast an intelligent ballot. Neither are the



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millions of foreigners who come here unable to read or write our language understand our institutions or appreciate our ideals. Women are more intelligent than the average negro voter, the stupid poor white trash of the south, or the drunken riff-raff which composes the venal vote of every large American city.

2. Ninety-two per cent of the American women are either indifferent or opposed to suffrage. That begs the question. According to social justice the intelligent 8 per cent who do want the ballot cannot be justly denied. Most women who are organized to fight suffrage are led and backed by a poor and male interest who use them as pawns in playing the game.

3. Women should not ask or expect an equal part in a state which they are unable to defend equally with men. This error flows out of failure to see that woman complements man as the complement of woman and that difference of function and task is essential to the best product of the whole. If woman

cannot fight in the ranks as a soldier she can make other contributions equally as valuable in other spheres.

4. Nature has decreed woman for wifehood and motherhood, and race suicide will follow equal suffrage and rights. Well, what of it? I doubt whether this would follow, but if it did it might do good. What we want is not more of us, but a better brand of us.

5. Equal suffrage will coarsen women and destroy those tender sympathies and graces that endears women to men. That is what our great-grandfathers said about equal educational advantages. All of which isn't true. This is simply a veiled proposition coming from the old concept of woman as an inferior and as something for the delectation of the male.

6. Women will not vote on the moral side of political issues. Neither do men. Men show no angelic qualities at the polls and frequently fight good measures for years. Will women do worse?

7. Militant suffragism in England shows the utter fallacy of the movement. Absolutely false since every sane man knows that the militant type is an effect and not a cause. Treat Englishwomen as we treat them in the western half of the United States and militant tactics could not exist. The conditions that produce those types do not exist here.

8. Men are opposed to it and government must be obedient to the will of the people. Which people? Are women people? Or are they things?

9. Woman's education unfit her for the equal franchise. That cannot be since women in this land today on the average are much better educated and intelligent on the ideals and institutions of popular government than were the men who founded this nation at the close of the Revolutionary war.

10. Woman's place is in the home and it is man's duty to defend her from the rough edge of economic necessity. But there are nearly 20,000,000 of women in the western world who are wholly or in large part earning their own living. These are forced into the field formerly held by men. Neither man nor women are responsible for the modern industrial order, but it is here and it is impossible for men to support women as they did under former conditions.

11. Politics do not concern women. Indeed! Are not women interested in the price of food, education of children, domestic and social hygiene, temperance and prohibition, marriage and divorce laws, inheritance laws, rural conditions, labor

laws, etc. They are and that settles it.

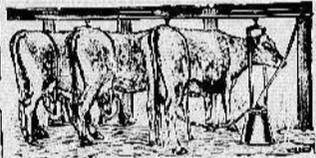
12. This is not the time for it. But we cannot afford the prodigious waste of woman's energy in fighting for a chance to help us carry a burden that we confess is too heavy for us.

And so we might go on ad infinitum ad nauseum. Especially ad nauseum. Let me say in closing that I believe the best men of our nation desire women not as mere mollies and home servants but as companions, intelligent and sympathetic, on the long trail that reaches forward to the full-orbed day when human society will dwell in peace and plenty in the ideal state-homes of the world.

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