

**Sex and Contributory Negligence.**

The Supreme Court of Michigan has granted a new trial in an action for damages against the Michigan Central Railroad Company, which, in the ground taken by the plaintiff, presented a novel question. A young girl was killed by a train of cars of the defendant company, and the plaintiff contended that contributory negligence could not be alleged by the company to invalidate the claim for damages, since the same degree of care was not required from a child as from an adult, and furthermore, that the law did not expect or demand as much prudence in a woman as in a man. The jury gave a verdict to the plaintiff, allowing for the youth and likewise for the sex of the victim. The Court held that the instructions of the Court below were correct, so far as concerns the directions respecting the age of the deceased, but that it was an error to charge the jury that the sex of the plaintiff affected the rule as to reasonable care and prudence. The same care is expected on the part of a woman as on that of a man.

The Court dwelt upon the fact that the difference in sex has much to do with the application of legal principles in many cases. Police regulations make distinctions. Words and conduct which in the presence of men would be condemned in bad taste, may be punished as criminal when women are present. The law makes allowances for natural differences between men and women, and for the results of their varying modes of life and occupations. A decision in Michigan was quoted which declared, with obvious propriety, that the same skill in driving a horse could not be attributed to a woman as to a man, and that a person meeting a woman on the street when a collision was threatened should remember her possible deficiencies. While this is all true, the law nowhere has laid down the general principle that less care is required of a woman than of a man. Moreover, a greater degree of caution is expected on a woman's part, timidity and inexperience producing a care which is absent from the conduct of men. The Court held that it, therefore, is unphilosophical and unreasonable to establish a rule of law which necessitates less caution on the part of a woman.

The immunities of women are not to be gainsaid, and the deference and leniency which are due them must not be withheld. This decision of the Michigan court, however, excludes any excessive allowance for the errors of judgment and conduct based on the element of sex, and shows that while women are less likely than men to expose themselves to danger the fact of their being women is not to excuse negligence when the risk is assumed. If this decision is to stand for good law, as it probably will, the equality of the sexes is established in an important particular. Women must be as careful as men when they are in physical danger. They may be on a different footing when standing at the ballot-box, but when crossing a track before an oncoming train, that equality, as shown by this decision, is indisputable.—*Boston Advertiser.*

**Young Criminals.**

—The criminal news of a single week recently makes a sad showing of boyish depravity. An Illinois boy killed the girl who rejected his addresses on account of his dissipation. Two Arkansas boys quarrelled over a rabbit hunt, and one slew the other with an ax. A St. Louis boy stabbed the playmate who teased him for his ignorance of English. A West Virginia boy shot the rival in a girl's affections. A Virginia boy confesses the poisoning of two persons. A Texas boy shot a little girl because she refused to put down a pail when he ordered her to. A Kansas boy was on trial for intentionally drowning a play-fellow. Two Wisconsin boys maltreated a child nearly to death. Three boys pleaded guilty to highway robbery in Chicago. An Iowa boy is a forger. A Missouri boy set fire to a house. A New Mexico boy shot a baby. A Colorado horse thief is aged eight years, and none of the criminals mentioned are over sixteen.—*Chicago Herald.*

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