You could not forget me, Molly,
And you would not if you could.
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Women have the same rights in the Knights of Labor organization as men, and are better members, so far as sticking by the order and supporting it with their money go. It has been remarked that they have little to say concerning the government, and take little interest in the discussions that arise. A member of one of the District Assemblies, commenting upon this fact, said that some effort should be made to get the women interested. He suggested that some particularly earnest women ought to bring around their knitting and crochet work. Then, as the men talked, the women would be led to talk, too. But not one woman had the nerve to bring her knitting around, and the women still sit and listen.

In all the Knights of Labor organizations there is but one woman who has shown herself capable of sitting in the front row right among the leaders, and that is Mrs. Elizabeth Rodgers, the wife of George Rodgers. She is Master Workman of District Assembly 24 of Chicago, and was one of its delegates at the recent Knights of Labor Convention at Richmond. Her husband, George Rodgers, was also a delegate, though many of the newspaper correspondents then reported him as having been in his grave for six months. He was taken ill after his return from Richmond, and, but for Mrs. Rodger's care would have died. Mrs. Rodgers's baby, Elizabeth Rodgers, is the youngest Knight of Labor in the world. It was born on Sept. 10, and carried to Richmond on Oct. 1. It had to be a Knight of Labor before admission, and was numbered 800. Master Workman T. V. Powderly pinned on its badge.

Elizabeth Rodgers.

Mrs. Rodgers was born in Woodford, which is situated on a beautiful arm of Lough Derg, in the county Galway, Ireland, on Aug. 25, 1847. She emigrated to this country when 6 years of age with her mother. She lived a short time in this city, and then went to London, Ontario, where her mother lives now.

Mrs. Rodgers is of medium statue, and weighs about 160 pounds. She has light brown hair. A pleasant, easy manner of speaking distinguishes her. She is the mother of twelve children, nine of whom are now alive—three boys and six girls.

Mrs. Rodgers organized the first working women's union in Chicago more than ten years ago, and was its presiding officer for two years. She was President of the Eighth Ward Land League, and also of the Daughters of Erin. She presided at the memorial meeting in Chicago at the death of Fanny Parnell. She has been delegate to the State Trades Assemby of Illinois for seven years and the delegate from Local Assembly 1,789 of Chicago to District Assembly 24 for four years. All this time she was Master Workman of Local Assembly 1,789. She succeeded J. P. Murphy as Master Workman of District Assembly 24 this year.

Mrs. Rodgers says: "I have had a great deal of experience in strikes. My husband, who is a moulder, has been blacklisted all over this western country for six years. No employer dare employ him. I have had to sell my furniture three times in our married life. To keep my family together I ran a boarding house in Detroit. The foundry bosses told the foundry men who were my boarders that they could not board with me if they wanted to remain in their shops. The boarders sought employment elsewhere. Then my butcher and baker and grocer were tampered with, and they were more easily persuaded than the boarders. In a little while I could not feed my boarders or my children."

Her husband, George Rodgers, is a member of the Executive Board of District Assembly 24, of which he is Chairman. He is non-conservative in all trade and union matters. He was born in Pembrokeshire, South Wales, on Feb. 29, 1844. He lived in London, Canada, and it was there he met and married his wife. He was a delegate from the Iron Moulders' Union of London to the International Iron Moulders' Union, which met in Philadelphia in 1870. He was a delegate to the Richmond Convention in 1872 from Detroit. He has been President of the Trade and Labor Assembly of Illinois for more than eight years, and was Master Workman of District Assembly 24 and its Treasurer.

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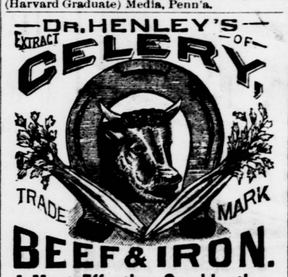

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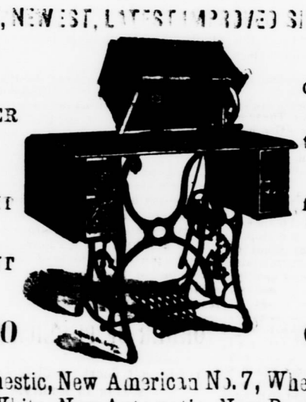

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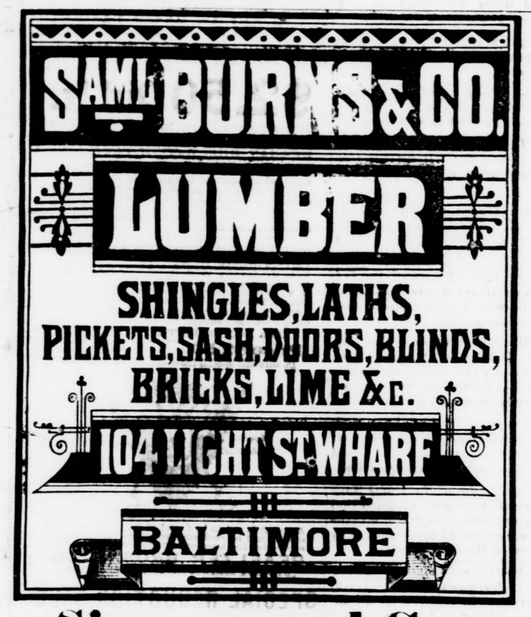

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