

Progressive and Practical Ideas for Women

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THE MASTER HAND

The hand that rocks the cradle rules the world is a subtle flattery which has contributed in no small degree to keeping women content in an inferior position. The statement on the face of it is highly presumptuous, for in broadest justice, women being but half of the world, could ask no more than joint sovereignty with the other half.

The hand that rocks the cradle is too weary to grasp its scepter—too weary from useless toil, too weary from doing the manifold tasks that machinery should do for it.

Needs to get Vision.

Once let a woman get a vision of the power she might wield, she will make machinery do her drudgery that she may fit herself for her sovereignty.

It is a bitter fact that all the wonderful modern machinery has signally failed to relieve human toil and suffering, and particularly is this true in woman's sphere of work. It is easy to see the relation between a threshing machine and better living conditions for the farmer, but the relation of a cooperative laundry and good citizenship is not so tangible.

Neglects Mind for Body.

Whenever woman realizes that in spending so much time on dress, she is doing so at the cost of leaving undeveloped the mind that should be a power in shaping the ideals of her children, she will speedily simplify her dress to serve her needs and have it factory-made.

When woman consigns her crochet hook and embroidery hoops to a museum and begins studying the economic conditions that make child labor possible, then can we hope to feel her power in the councils of the nation.

Must Have Equal Opportunity

It matters not whether you believe woman's power should be wielded directly through the ballot or indirectly, through husband and son, all must agree that if her influence is to have any weight, she must have equal opportunity with man for education and mental development.

WENT A STEP TOO FAR.

Dame fashion went a step too far when, in a particularly capricious mood, she conceived the fad of "bobbed" hair. She intended it as a temptation for only the most daring of her devotees, but some women with courage of another sort have found in it the one dignified alternative for false hair.

EVERYBODY'S OPPORTUNITY

(From Youth's Companion)

How many people we meet who are living narrow lives, complaining of their lack of opportunity.

Take the woman who feels helplessly that she does not know how to think—she has had no chance to study, or to meet people of great interests and great purposes. Yet there are libraries—city libraries, country libraries, loan and traveling libraries, with all the wealth of the world's thought and experience—all hers for the taking. She may not know how to think "great thoughts" herself—comparatively few people do—but through a book she may live with some master mind until his thoughts become a part of her very life. It is not the mere reading of many chapters of print, but the love of such a master, that starts the life growing.

We want markets for the things we sell and we want markets for the things we buy. The only way we will ever get them is to get together and go after them.

The only independent farmer today is the organized farmer.



A WINTER COZY.

MATERIALS needed: 3½ ounces of white wool; 1 ball of silk in very pale blue or pink, for border; a rather coarse bone hook and a fine one; two yards of silk ribbon ¾ inch wide, pale blue or pink.

Make 44 chain very loosely. This commences the back.
1st row—1 d c, 1 ch, 1 tr, all into the 2nd chain from hook, * miss 1 ch, 1 d c, 1 ch, 1 tr in next and repeat from * to end, when you should have 22 shell stitches, 1 ch, turn.

2nd row—Like the last, putting the stitches on the d c stitches of last row, turn with 1 ch, repeat this row till you have 40 rows.

41st row—This commences the sleeves. Make 20 ch, turn and work like 1st row, making 10 shells on chain, 22 shells on work already done, 20 ch for other sleeve, turn and work 10 shells on the chain and continue to end, making 42 shells in all. Work 10 more rows of 42 shells. Turn, and work 16 rows of 16 shells only, finishing the last of these at the inner edge of work, that is the neck side, make 10 ch, turn, and work 5 shells as described in 1st row and 16 shells on work already done, making 21 in all. Work 10 rows of 21 shells, finishing at inner edge as before. Turn and work 11 shells only. Work 40 rows of 11 shells. This finishes one side of front and sleeve. Join the wool and work second sleeve and front in the same way. Sew up underarm and sleeve seams.

For Border.—1 tr, 2 ch, 1 tr into the 1 ch at the end of a row, * 1 tr, 2 ch, 1 tr in next ch, repeat from * all round coat and round neck and sleeves. At back of coat the trebles will be worked into same stitches as the shells were worked in first row.

2nd row—5 tr in 1 space of 2 ch, 1 d c in next, repeat all round as before.

3rd row—Take the silk and the fine hook, * 1 d c on d c of last row, 3 ch, miss a treble, 1 d c, 3 ch, 1 d c on each of next 3 tr, 3 ch, miss a treble, and repeat from *.

Turn sleeves back a little to form cuffs. Run ribbon in and out the treble stitches on sleeves and neck, finishing with bows.

WHY WOMEN SHOULD VOTE

Mrs. Carrie Chapman Catt, chairman of the committee which directed the campaign for women suffrage in New York, has given nineteen reasons why women should be granted the ballot. All these reasons, she says, may be summed up in these two: Because it is just, and because it is expedient.

Other reasons among the nineteen are:

8,000,000 Workers.

Because 8,000,000 women in the United States are wageworkers, and their health and that of future citizens is often endangered by evil working conditions that can be remedied only by legislation. Disfranchised labor lower wages, and voteless women are compelled to take less pay for their work.

Because the strongest interest in women's lives is in their homes and families, in having pure water, milk and other food, clean and safe

streets, well-supported schools. As all of these are directly affected by politics, women need the influence of a vote.

Best Way to Serve State.

Because busy housemothers and professional women can serve the state only by the means used by the busy men, namely, by casting a ballot.

Because women are consumers as well as producers; and as they bear their share of the burdens of government, they should share alike in its privileges.

Because a government is neither Democratic nor Republican when one half of the people have the power to control the other half, but it simply places all women under the rule of men, instead of the rule of a king or an emperor.

Because there is no reason why all women should be included in the only classes deprived of suffrage; namely, the insane, feeble-minded, orientals and convicts.

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Thoughts On Chivalry

(Inez Haynes Gillmore.)

I was thinking about chivalry the other day. This was in regard to the violent ending of the Frank case and the excuse which Georgit makes for that violence—chivalric consideration of its women. I remembered that the age of consent in Georgia is ten years and that children are permitted to work day and night in the mills there. I have no doubt that chivalry was a great glowing ideal to the age that brought it forth. The trouble with the modern translation is that it has limited its meaning. Nowadays we think that a chivalrous man is one who is gentle to women, but I suppose in the age which produced chivalry a chivalrous man was gentle to all weak creatures whether they were women or men or children or beasts. In that true sense, I suppose Abraham Lincoln was the most chivalrous man who ever lived; for he has probably helped more of the helpless than any other one man.

Some Interesting Testimony.

And then thinking of chivalry and the Frank case and Abraham Lincoln, my mind went back to some testimony given before the United States Commission on Industrial Relations in Washington last May.

Mr. A. J. McKelway, testifying in regard to child labor in the South, said in passing that if child labor had been abolished in Georgia, Mary Phagan would be alive today; for she would not have entered the factory in which she met her doom until two years later.

And then thinking of chivalry and Georgia and the Frank case and child labor, my mind went back to Lincoln again and veered off to Lincoln's son.

Looks Like Anarchy and Hate.

This is a strange universe in which we live and sometimes it looks as though it were in a state of anarchy—an anarchy of hate and not of love. If it were not for what looks like a law of averages and a law of compensation—

Robert Lincoln testified before the commission on Industrial Relations. His testimony indicated that the five thousand negro porters in the employ of the Pullman Company are virtually the slaves of that company. Thus the Abraham Lincoln of one generation frees all the black people in America and the Robert Lincoln of another generation puts five thousand or them back into slavery again.... But—note this anecdote, told by Mr. McKelway:

It happens that the children who work in the Georgia mills are almost all white. When child labor came up for discussion in the Georgia Legislature a little while ago, the excitement among the white legislators was so great that they were limited to three-minute speeches. Finally a negro member arose.

Laws for Beasts, Birds and Fishes.

"Mr. Speaker," he said, "I am not much interested in this; for our negro children don't work in the mills. But we've legislated here for the beasts of the earth, the birds of the air, the fishes of the sea, and I'm in favor of legislation for the little white children of this State." So Abraham Lincoln frees the blacks and his son enslaves them again. But the black man pays back his debt to Lincoln by trying to free the little white children. Perhaps this may not seem to have much to do with suffrage; but I was only thinking of chivalry.

Some of the reactionary Republicans are urging General Goethals to throw his hat into the ring for 1916. Wonder if it will be a Panama hat?

Business plays a queer game, it robs the farmer who digs potatoes and rewards the soldier who digs graves.