

Progressive and Practical Ideas for Women

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WOMAN'S TWOFOLD NATURE

Woman, discontented and homesick in the business world, and woman, dissatisfied in the home, is the theme of a strong and, unusually interesting article by Nancy Musselman in the November Good House-keeping Magazine.

Development of the world's industries has taken social service out of the home, she tells us, and, as the instinct to serve is one of the strongest impelling forces of woman's nature, she has followed these industries out into the world. But the world demands that she either give up serving or give up mothering. "It allows no such thing as half time work in either field."

Why Not Have Both?

"She has her business, but she wants her child, she has her profession, but she wants her love; she has her office, but she wants her home. And why, if you please, should she not have both—should she not be allowed to live out her life to the fullest, satisfying all the good impulses of which she finds herself possessed?"

This twofold expression of her nature is essential if woman is to have happiness and a full, rich life, but the world will have to be educated to that ideal and conditions of labor altered so that woman may have both a home life and a world life.

World Built By Man

"Material things have a wonderful way of ultimately adjusting themselves to spiritual needs. The cause it was built by and for man, and not because of any foreordained and inherent necessity. It is quite conceivable that the influence of commercial world is what it is today because brought to bear upon it will be equally powerful in altering it to suit her needs."

And this transformation, the writer urges, will lessen the sex-antagonism that prevails today, bring about more real sympathy between men and women and a closer relationship between parents and children.

Something More Than Laws

"And meanwhile, she concludes, both the most glorious and the most difficult position in the world today is that of the woman who is trying to be both a world-woman and a home-woman. It is pioneer work she is doing. One such woman who succeeds in being both a competent public servant and a capable honored mother is doing more toward the establishment of the new day than all the laws that the Senate and the House can pass. Not that we do not need the laws. We do. But laws and privileges are something laid on from the outside; while such fullness of life as these women are finding is something that springs from within, and gives unalterable proof that herein lies woman's highest development."

GIVE THE GIRLS A CHANCE

An educator and psychologist, thru the public press, gives some interesting and helpful suggestions to parents as to what kind of presents to give their children.

Choose something that will be conducive to mental development and that will arouse the creative instinct. Study the tastes of your children," he says, "especially your boys, and give presents to develop these tastes." "Give your girls a needle and thread."

But suppose your boy is fitted for a tailor and your girl for an electrical engineer. Suppose your son has the latent genius of a Poiret and your daughter the gift of language and ability that would fit her for the public platform.

Give your girls a chance!

A good high market now and then is relished by the best of men.

A "Hug-me-tight" In Your Favorite Color



A WINTER COMFORT.

THIS attractive garment may be knitted of Shetland wool the color of your coat lining or any becoming contrasting shade. It is surplice style and snugly ties in the back, the double breasted effect giving added warmth over the chest. These useful garments are almost a necessity under any coat not interlined and allow the girl devoted to silk sweaters to wear hers for walking till very late in the year. This makes an agreeable Christmas gift.

A WOMAN'S BEAUTY

"She has a typical Grecian nose and other features so regular as to make a most beautiful face," says a critic of one of the well known actresses who has now joined the movies.

That's the way to describe beauty in a cow, a railroad station, an automobile, or anything else in which there's no possibility of a soul showing forth, but to people of intelligence and judgement there must be something more than type and regularity to make the human face truly beautiful.

Every girl, every middle-aged, every old woman can be beautiful. Right thoughts, bright thoughts, happy thoughts make a beauty more impressive and lasting than can regularity of feature and all the artificial aids in the market. The Grecian nose wrinkles at 35 and the other "artistic" features are often gone

at 40. The happy disposition written in woman's face by generous and bright thoughts is a beauty that cheats time.

Very often a plain-faced woman is most beautiful. It is not the shape of the face but what's in the face that makes true beauty. That actress may be most beautiful, facially, but she'll be a failure in the movies unless she puts sentiment into her posings for the camera.

Every woman is before a camera—the eyes of the public. She can be beautiful if her face reflects bright thoughts, happy thoughts. The public especially the masculine part of it, is growing more and more practical every day, is appreciating, more and more, beauty of the soul rather than the regularities of the surface effects.

Just remember that a farmers elevator with business men in control is not a farmers elevator.

HER WORD IS LAW.

Associate Judge, Ida L. Gregory, of the famous juvenile court, presided over by Judge Ben. B. Lindsey in Denver, has been a conspicuous figure in juvenile work for a decade. First through her connection with the night school for boys, and later for the part she played in bringing the juvenile court to its present standard of excellency; as probation officer, clerk and more recently as associate judge.

In 1903, Mrs. Gregory entered the juvenile court service, the very day the law, which created it, went into effect. Since then more than thirty thousand children have passed through her hands.

First Woman Judge

She has the distinction of being the first woman in the United States to receive an appointment of associate judgeship receiving as she did the appointment about seven years ago. As Judge Lindsey has said: "Why shouldn't we have women as assistants in juvenile work?"

All cases involving young girls are heard privately by Judge Lindsey and Mrs. Gregory, with parents present if possible. And they do not hesitate to mete out punishment to the parents if, in their opinion, they are culpable. When Judge Lindsey is away—and that is quite often—Mrs. Gregory takes full charge of the court, carrying on the work equally as well. And those who know say it is remarkable the work she does.

President of Poet's Club.

She also has been president of the Poet's and Authors' Club of Colorado and of the Colorado Art Club as well. One day while the art students were giving an exhibit, a poor boy gazed longingly in at the window. For lack of the small admission charge, he jammed his cap over his eyes and started whistling down the street. From the inside a lady saw him and hastened out to invite him.

"I ain't got the price," he said, turning away.

"But I have," she assured him.

While they went picture gazing, he confided his hopes to her and she to him. He it seemed, longed for knowledge, but had not the means or chance to acquire it. She dreamed of founding a night school for just such as he. Why wait? They decided to begin at once.

Starts Boys Night School.

"Bring your brother and the other boys you know, who want to learn and we will start tonight," she told him.

It takes courage and capital to start such things, and Mrs. Gregory furnished both. In this way Colorado's first night school for boys made its humble beginning. From five to four hundred and fifty pupils in four and a half years and from a teaching staff, of which she was the sole member, to a staff of instructors, which included some educators, whose names are now among the most prominent in Colorado, is her record. The City of Denver has since taken over the school.

Certainly this rather nervous, energetic little woman has done and is still doing rather big things in her quiet way.

THE BEND AND THE CURVE

When woman dresses for comfort, grace and ease instead of for style which means for show, then will she be judged by the bent of her mind instead of the curve of her ankle.

Too Literal.—The teacher of natural geography directed all her pupils to write a definition of the word "geyser." Willie evolved this definition: "A kaiser is a disturbance of the earth's surface."—New York Evening post.

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