

tired of their husbands without even a suggestion of wanting some other man? If any such there be, it is well to view with alarm the cultivation by husbands of intimacies with other women. Such a wife is likely at any moment to seize on the chance, and give her wandering husband his release. Many a woman would be the better for the separation, and many a man is taking very grave chances when he even remotely conveys to his wife a suggestion that "there is another one still, and a dearer one."

Nobody who is wise pretends to understand women. But it is more than likely there is a countless number of them who would dissolve the marriage tie in a minute if "hubband" should suggest that a better happiness awaits him with some later divinity. And while no one understands women, one may with perfect safety declare that of these who are willing for a separation, the very greater number do not consent because there is another man in the case.

As a rule, they have had all the man they want. They have sampled the species, and have found that husbands have at least one point of resemblance to ice: They are not what they are cracked up to be.

You men, be careful.

WHY DO THEY HESITATE?

OUT of Davis county comes a newspaper item like this:

Our people are setting great stores on the building of the great highline canal which will add several thousand acres to the irrigated area of the Clearfield and Clinton districts.

And that certainly is true of many of the land owners south of the Weber canyon. But there are others who seem to make delay in final decision. They have held their idle land at a fancy price, although it certainly never has produced any revenue for them. They could do a very great help to their district, and to the whole state of Utah, by joining with the promoters of the new high-line canal, and insuring the beginning of work with the beginning of another season.

There are thousands of idle acres in Davis and Weber counties, and the north half of Salt Lake. Most of them are above the old and excellent Davis and Weber canal. Remaining dry, those acres will never yield a tenth part of their possibility. With water, they will be the garden spot of the state. And by insuring the success of the high-line canal, owners of property there will multiply their riches. Their now idle and undesirable land will be worth hundreds of dollars an acre.

Some of them have been tardy in accepting the proposals of the new company. Certainly they are standing in their own light.

Why do they hesitate?

"SAFETY FIRST," SAYS THE COMPANY.

THE railroads of the west, in particular, are fostering an increase in the safety appliances of their lines. They are working for a diminishing of the causes for accidents,

A Sermon for Today THE ROOT OF THE SOCIAL EVIL

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EVERY man today is compelled by the keenest competition to live at his best. That which takes from him his power to meet the demands which labor and society put upon him must be shunned. We may preach sermons, make addresses, publish pamphlets, books and reports upon vice of all kinds, but they will be more forceful only when they convince a man that he must not only some day pay the penalty for them in the future world, but that in this world they are taking away from him his power to live at his best, and thereby lowering his efficiency. We are approaching a subject today which is decreasing the efficiency of the people of the nation. The integrity of the home, the nation, and the individual himself demands the repression of the social evil as a commercial business.

But when we come to a discussion of this subject we find that prostitution demands youth for its perpetuation. On the public rests the mighty responsibility of seeing to it that the demand is not supplied through the breaking down of the early education of the young girl or her exploitation in the business world. What show has she in the competitive system which exists today? Whatever her chances may be, to stand or to fall, she is here in hordes in the business world as our problem. Let us do something to give her at least a living wage. If she is not sufficiently skilled to earn it, let us mix some religious justice with our business and do something to increase her efficiency which she has never been able to develop through no fault of her own.

The girl who has no home soon learns of "city poverty," all the more cruel to her because of the artificial contrasts. She quickly learns of the possibilities about her, of the joys of comfort, good food, entertainment, attractive clothes. Poverty becomes a menace and a shame. One who has not

And at the very time when safety devices are voluntarily being provided, the sentiment of hostility to the railroads, the sentiment aimed at crippling them, is being cultivated by demagogues.

Safety devices cost money. They prove a saving in the long run; but the same may be said of good rolling stock, and adequate crossing guards. Railroad companies should be accorded a fair return for their services for the very reason that they are doing all in their power to make railroading less hazardous. They are making better provision for those who are hurt. They are expending money in mighty sums for the betterment of their lines in every particular of equipment.

The sentiment of the public should be prompt to recognize and co-operate with the companies by desisting from the past course of enmity and causeless criticism.

beheld the struggle or come in personal contact with the tempted soul of the underpaid girl can never realize what the poverty of the city means to her. One who has never seen her bravely fighting against such fearful odds will never understand. A day's sickness or a week out of work is a tragedy in her life. They mean trips to the pawnbrokers, meager dinners, a weakened will, often a plunge into the abyss from which she so often never escapes.

I want to say a word to men—men who support this business of women's souls, 50 per cent of whom are married men who have promised to be true and honorable to some woman they loved—to all men, whether they be barterers of the body or those who make demands. There is only one moral law. It is alike for men and women. Again there is a contract called matrimony which is a solemn contract made between those who love. It carries with it the elements of vested rights—even a solemn promise before God. A signature represents honor—it is there. Has this contract been kept inviolate? To one who hears the ghastly life story of fallen women it is ever the same—the story of treachery, seduction, and downfall—the flagrant act of man—the ruin of a soul by man.

It is a man and not a woman problem which we face today—commercialized by man, supported by man, the supply of fresh victims furnished by men—men who have lost that fine instinct of chivalry and that splendid honor for womanhood where the destruction of a woman's soul is abhorrent, and where the defense of a woman's purity is truly the occasion for a valiant fight.

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