

that the same with a workingman?
—Hugo Vreeburg, 5941 S. Michigan.

THE WEAK SEX.—It pleases mankind to place all women in the weak class. But is there any truth in the charge?

Men say women show it in their primping, their powdering and their general make-up, and man has to stand all the hard knocks of life. Go into any popular saloon any time of day and what a sight you will behold. There you will find men gathered before the large bar glass, like flies on a daub of honey, some making speeches, gesturing, grimacing, all with their eyes glued upon their own noble features, or so they consider them. Some will closely watch every move and facial expression they make while they slowly sip a glass of beer, while their wives are home wrestling with the high cost of living with what little he has grudgingly handed her on pay day. Some men spend most of their lives before a bar mirror.

They make a noise so loud you can hear them in the next block if their wives spend 50 cents on toilet articles to keep up their complexions, but they will spend a large part of their pay before a bar mirror, buying drinks for barroom bums as an excuse for standing before these mirrors.

The saloonkeeper is wise; he knows what will draw them. A saloon without a mirror would be very unpopular, indeed.

Behold the male flirt standing on the corner with the belief that if he can only get a woman to look upon his noble countenance she can't fail to fall for him. Many a man built on the lines of a prizefighter is nothing but a whimpering kid in home life, leaning on some frail woman not more than half his size, and she has to coax and pet and flatter him to be able to live with him at all. Who is it that quits first in a time of family financial distress? Go to the

court of domestic relations and you will get your answer. It is always the wife who sticks and tries to keep her family together. So, is man right in saying women are weak?—S. L. Sprout.

DEFENDS OPERATORS.—If M. J. Foyer will take some of his spare time and visit a telephone office he will see that he hasn't discovered anything at all. He'll see that the operators don't charge on a call that is busy or has not answered. From a constant reader.—R. J.

CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS.—A morning paper reports an item of news as follows: "Sleuths Seeking Pretext to Keep Eloper in Jail," with a concluding statement charged to Capt. Larkin in these words: "I'll have to figure out a way to keep him in jail."

Now, the above may not appear very important to the average newspaper reader, but to one who has gauged the tendency of the times, as seen in official abuse of power, not legal authority, this attitude of a Chicago police officer has added significance, for this is a brazen attempt, publicly announced, to defy a man's constitutional rights to "life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness." What is this to mean if we are to allow such transgressions of authority to continue when perpetrated by paid officials of our government whose sole duty is to see to the enforcement of the law, and its obedience, not violation?

I, for one, subscribe to the advice given by Annie Besant, wherein she states: "Oppose the tyrant, no matter who he is or where he may be," and in this instance Capt. Larkin has sought to place himself in the position of a tyrant by his open defiance of constitutional rights and guarantees. In my opinion it is time for the defenders of these inalienable rights to organize for their protection and security, so that all citizens of this