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Women as Politicians.

From the N. Y. Nation.

Whatever may be the result of the inquiry now going on as to the professions for which women are best fitted, there can be little doubt that greater and greater numbers of them will hereafter take part in political discussion, and that once they get the franchise they will introduce into the political arena a greater or less number of questions as peculiarly "women's questions," and demand for them special legislation or special treatment of some kind at the hands of the State or General Government.

It is, therefore, not a minute too soon for women who want to influence legislation, either through the press or the platform, to begin their political education. They should make themselves moderately acquainted with the influences which regulate the conduct of men in society, and with the extent to which they can be suspended or directed by legislation, as far as has been ascertained by human experience; in other words, to make themselves moderately acquainted with history, political economy, and jurisprudence.

If, therefore, female politicians as soon as they appear in the political arena are simply going to reinforce the ranks of those who make a mockery of reason and experience, disdain to argue, and vote and make speeches by the aid of an inner light of their own, of which the rest of the world knows nothing, and to treat the nature of man, as seen and known in the world, as if it did not form the leading element in all the great social problems, female politicians, instead of proving a blessing to the country, will prove a curse.

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Female politicians, however, thus far, with three or four exceptions—we would willingly make the number larger if we could—have not given, on the platform or in the press, much, if any, indication of either thought, study, or experience. They show, indeed, an ardent interest in the growth of human happiness, and in the means of promoting them through legislation; they seem to be in a state of simplicity not far removed from that of very small children about their father's capacity for procuring money.

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point of view, and with strict reference to their bearing upon legitimate enterprise and prosperity. The resumption of specie payments has been discussed at great length, and the relative merits and feasibility of the plans most generally advocated have been carefully balanced. The conclusions eventually arrived at, therefore, represent the matured judgment of a body which experiences predisposes it to reject the views most likely to divert an unpleasant process of unnecessary embarrassments.

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Congress and the Message. We wish Congress would bear in mind that it takes two to quarrel. The President's Message is a document as well calculated to provoke a saint as could well be concocted. But Congressmen would have proved themselves to be saints more effectually if they had refused to be provoked. That the message of the President of the United States, sent into Congress in pursuance of his constitutional duty, should be read to that body is a matter of course. That body is not responsible for its character. It cannot be hurt by its temper or tone.

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A Chicken and Celery Convention. From the N. Y. World. The annual meeting of the Pennsylvania Anti-Slavery Society met in Philadelphia on Thursday. As there is no slavery in this country, excepting the subjugation of intelligent, tax-paying white citizens to their black barbarian rulers at the South, or the slavery of ignorance so prevalent in the schoolhouses of the Republic in this State, or the slavery which compels white children to work in the Massachusetts factories from twelve to fifteen hours a day, we should conclude that the fresh war of anti-slavery was to be waged against Cuba, or against the savagery of slavery which the free Republic of Liberia, in Africa, is now trying to suppress, if the Anti-Slavery Standard, which publishes the call for the meeting, did not enlighten us as to the fresh wrongs which threaten our own colored man and brother.

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