

**WHAT WOMAN WAS MADE FOR.**

By L. A. Miller.

This may seem a tough topic, but our Holy Scripture aids in solving the perplexing proposition. "And with the rib, which the Lord God has taken from man, made her woman, and brought unto the man."

"And Adam said, this is now bone of my bone and flesh of my flesh, she shall be called woman, because she was taken out of man."

"Therefore shall a man leave his father and his mother and shall cleave unto his wife, and they shall be one flesh."—Genesis II.

This is the beginning of woman and shows how she came to be here. It is always important to know where and how troubles begin; also, the why as well as the wherefore of troublesome things. This is learned from a preceding paragraph:

"The Lord God said: It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helpmeet for him."

What is woman's mission, or what was the object of her creation? To be a helpmeet to man. A helpmeet; an assistant; a partner; a helper; a consort; a wife.

Woman's physical nature, her disposition and her aspirations accord perfectly with this idea of her being a helpmeet to man. It was seen that man was imperfect as he stood alone and woman was created as his complement, woman, as was Adam; and woman still retains, and ever will, the same relation to man that Eve did to Adam—a helpmeet, a partner, an assistant, a wife. Whenever woman is found outside her sphere; whenever she assumes the place of man and makes him her complement, then she is abnormal. There is no special law against a woman being abnormal in appearance. It is abnormal for her to have whiskers, or masculine features or to usurp the prerogatives of man in the economy of life.

The complement of a perfect circle cannot be the circle itself, neither can the circle be perfect if the complement is wanting. A circle from which its complement has been removed is as imperfect as a wagon wheel with a section taken out from center to circumference. Therefore, if woman is man's complement—and that is what she was intended to be—he is imperfect without her; while she is even more imperfect without that which she was destined to complete—in fact, is helpless and unprotected.

A man-woman; that is a woman who ignores her mission, denies her station and usurps the place of man, is a monstrosity, an abnormal creature, a lusus naturæ.

A woman-man; that is a man who has stepped into woman's sphere, is likewise a monstrosity, an abnormality, a biddy.

That the sphere in which men and women are comparatively independent of each other is large, there can be no doubt. Neither is it doubted that there are degrees of a similar character in these spheres, and it is not denied that woman is every whit as efficient in the discharge of the duties peculiar to these similar degrees as man. Women who have an insatiable desire to rush into the breeches under the guise of defending their rights, but which is in reality an effort to wrest from man certain prerogatives bequeathed him by heaven, are usually to a degree, disgusting to womanly women and manly men. When such as these marry they unceremoniously step into the breeches, leaving the man to become a biddy, if he is not one already.

There is no greater abnormality than a woman in breeches, unless it is a man in petticoats. The world offers no obstacle whatever to a woman fulfilling her mission. She may neglect to fit herself for it, or her natural guardians and teachers may fail in her primary training and thereby cause her to make a complete and miserable failure. Woman's instincts are right and may almost invariably be trusted if she has been properly educated.

She naturally takes to the domestic side of life. In childhood she prefers playing "housekeeping" to making sleds; nursing doll-babies rather than playing "horse" and is proud of her first successful attempt at cooking a steak, as the boy is of his first attempt at sled-making. From playing housekeeping she as naturally drifts toward the reality as he does toward the shop or the mill. From dressing dolls to dressing ladies is as natural as from digging tunnels in the ash pile to building railroads. It is just as much the woman's duty to cook the food as it is a man's duty to provide it, and she is no more of a drudge in doing so than he is.

Girls know instinctively that their mission is to join themselves to men when they have reached the age of maturity. Were they taught that they would have a share of the labors, cares and responsibilities of this new life to bear there would be more happiness and fewer disappointments in this world. Remember girls there is no trouble in finding good husbands and good homes for all those who are competent to become the heads of households.

**Education.**

"I'm goin' to school now and studyin' hard to learn all I can and pa says books is all right but he wants me to learn something else. He says there's lots of men just chock full of books that can't make a livin'. Pa says, 'Keep your eyes open, son, and watch what's goin' on around you and think about it.' Pa says, 'Keep watchin' the chickens and see how many eggs they're layin' and what kind of chickens they are and what kind of feed they're gettin' and all about 'em and the same way with the pigs and sheep and cows and horses and everything else on the farm.' He says the best way to learn a thing is to do it. And pa says I can learn a whole lot from books but I've got to have some sense or it won't do me any good.—Jimmy Jones.

**PLEASANT GAP.**

Byron Hartline, of Millmont, is visiting here among friends.

George Devinney and family moved to Lemont on Monday last.

Jack Mulfinger and wife, of Spring Mills, were visitors here last week.

Miss Maude Kanarr, of Milesburg, spent Sunday with Miss Verda Tate.

Miss Helen Schreffler left Thursday for Akron, Ohio, on her summer vacation.

Harold Kerstetter and wife were week-end visitors with friends in Tyrone.

Children's day exercises will be held Sunday morning in the Methodist church.

The High school scholars celebrated their last day of school on Monday by having a picnic at Hecla park.

To get something for nothing is an innate disposition in man. He is probably the outgrowth of the animal side of nature.

Hugh Crumlish and wife, accompanied by H. J. Griffith and family, motored to Pittsburgh last Friday for an indefinite visit.

William Kerstetter and a few associates left on Monday for a few days' outing at their mountain camp adjacent to the Bear Meadows.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Noll returned home from Philadelphia on Tuesday, where they had been visiting with Mr. Noll's sister, Mrs. Paul Keller.

Mrs. J. C. Greenoble and her daughter, Mrs. R. S. Sterrett, of Lock Haven; also Mrs. William Derome, of Williamsport, were here for the commencement exercises last week.

Harry Grove and wife brought their children to grandmother, Mrs. John Herman, on Sunday morning soon after sunrise, then departed for Shamokin in their car, returning to the Gap at 8:25 p. m.

It is surprising how our Sabbath schools are growing; this applies to both of our congregations, the Methodist and Lutheran. It is a pleasure to see our state roads lined with bright, cheerful and neatly dressed children en route for Sabbath school on Sabbath morning. Both congregations are hustling and keep close tab on our young and rising generation. Unfortunately our prayer meetings seem to be degenerating. Fifty years ago we had the most prosperous prayer meeting that could be found anywhere. The active workers then were Michael Weaver, Martin Mease, John Barnes Sr., Mrs. Griffith, and numerous others. People walked to these meetings four or five miles and the church was packed to overflowing.

Rev. Ard, of the Bellefonte Lutheran church, was the chosen orator for our commencement exercises and so well did he handle the proposition that the entire community can't forget the glorious occasion. The selection was a grand one. A genius for religion is valued far above all the rest, because the man who has it incarnates in himself the instinct of mankind, brings it to their consciousness, puts it in form, and is a leader of men in departments deemed by humanity most important of all. It is the emotion implanted in a gifted man that inspires him with a wish to communicate his thoughts and feelings to others; to teach them piety, the ideal love of God, morality, the clean keeping of all laws that are just philanthropy (the blossom and the fruit on the tree of human charity), the affectionate regard for the welfare of humanity.

Rev. Ard was the man our High school was looking forward to. When work is to be done, when cool, practical judgment is wanted, when a champion and a hero is required, Rev. Ard is ever willing to come to the front with his strong, influential nerve, his willing mind and hands, and his brave and hopeful heart. He is an earnest and faithful preacher of the gospel. He does his work faithfully and well. He has fine social qualities and remarkable conversational gifts; he is always a welcome guest, and wields great influence over those with whom he associates. He is respected and admired by all outside of his church as well as those in his church.

Our Memorial day was very appropriately observed. Thirty-six flags were required to carry out the complete program. The cemetery was thoroughly cleaned up, which reflects great credit on the management. Rev. Smith, of the United Brethren congregation, Bellefonte, was the orator on the occasion and made a remarkable impression on his large audience. The speaker is a man of colossal intellect, with a heart to match his mind. Rev. Smith is apparently a disciple of nature, and is at home with any horizon that encircles him, with God above and terra firma below. Were we to put up a fence to keep him out of any promising field of labor, he would leap over the bars as a hunter would into a meadow of clover. By his power of instinct and intuition, he discovers new things, creates new forms out of old substances. His efforts are not the result of mere mechanism.

There is a breath, and life and freedom in his extemporaneous speech, and a depth of over-brimming fullness in his discourses, such as Lake Michigan might suggest. As a manly, heroic, hearty advocate of physical, moral and religious culture Rev. Smith deserves generous and grateful recognition. He is a scholar and a thinker with sufficient imagination to color

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his reasoning without hiding it in the fresco-work of fancy. Fifteen years ago we had fourteen Civil war veterans at the Gap; today we have only two survivors, and unfortunately one of the two was deprived of the beautiful service on account of the illness of his wife. It does not need a seer or a prophet to foretell that in a few years after we are all gone the sacredness of this one day of patriotic memories will be dead and gone. Unless its original purpose is wisely safeguarded. Recent statistics show that four hundred Civil war veterans answer their last call monthly; looks like a speedy extinction.

Strew bright flowers upon the graves; a more fitting ceremony can scarcely be conceived. It recalls the bright day of the past, betokens a bright remembrance and a recognition of the purity of the cause for which they died. By keeping green and fragrant the memory of those who gathered around our flag, stood between our noble institutions and their sworn enemies, and drove back the tide of war that threatened to sweep the entire face of our fair land, is the more efficient way to create within the hearts of the young, love for their country and respect for their noble ancestry. The duty of the living is now to make their tranquil resting-place an honored and secure place. Therefore, let it become the pleasure

of every comrade to use his influence to secure an observance of the day in keeping with its spirit. Let there be social, and a living over of the war again; not a reviving of a spirit of hatred, or the bitterness between the North and South immediately after its close, but a living over of the stirring scenes. Great credit is due to our lodge of the P. O. S. of A., for the very capable manner in which they conducted the Memorial services here.

Statistics given out by the National Automobile Dealers' Association show that 35,000 automobiles were stolen in twenty-eight cities of the United States in 1922, compared with 37,554, the previous year. Clarence A. Vane, manager of the association, ascribed this decrease to "low price levels for new automobiles" which, he said, "are rapidly eliminating the market for stolen motor vehicles."

Hidden away from the gaze of the world, and out of sight of trusted friends, is the image of a soul wife to whom they are true and faithful, and whose memory is finally cherished, and whose honor they respect. Upon the altar of the heart their burns with undiminished brightness the flame that was kindled in the noonday of youth or in manhood's early morn, while yet life was young and ardent.

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