

SEEKING A FEMININE INTELLECT SUBJECT OF DISCUSSION CORRESPONDENCE

IS WOMAN'S MIND INFERIOR TO MAN'S? M'LISS QUESTIONS

Modern Psychologists, Having Got Over Surprise That Women Can Think, Now Consider How She Does It

HAVING admitted finally and with great show of reluctance that woman has a mind, modern psychologists and other thinkers of deep masculine thoughts are now having the time of their lives deciding just what sort of a mind this feminine organ of mentality is, any way.

Mr. Havelock Ellis, that brilliant analyst of our sex and its ways, contributes in the current Atlantic Monthly some interesting, albeit maddening, data to this subject. "Most people," he writes, "whether men or women, seem to have felt that women had little use for mind; it was their husband's business to furnish that; their part was to seek knowledge, as they were taught to seek God, through men. The sphere of women was generally held to be—as it still is commonly held to be in Germany, though today no country is so actively engaged in disproving this statement—children, church, cooking."

erled out, "are the exceptions." And thus they tried to save themselves from humiliation. Now, however, ideas concerning child culture and cooking and churchgoing have undergone a revolution. Woman's work is no longer put in the class of mere manual, mechanical labor. The study of the proper care of the child has become a matter for the serious consideration of the colleges. Cooking is a fine art. Even men do not scorn to learn and practice it. And as for theology, man has come to realize that he must save his own soul, since his wife, with her thousand and one modern interests, has no longer the time to do double duty in an endeavor to save it along with her own. Women now will accept "kinder, kuchen und kirche" as the chief elements of their sphere only because they have been placed on an intellectual basis.

Mr. Ellis, however, in his discussion is not very flattering. He resorts to the old argument that the mind of man is, all things considered, superior to woman's because there have been more male geniuses in the world than female ones. He does not, in all fairness, neglect to inform us that there are likewise more male idiots. But with maddening persistence he points out that "women are normally nearer the threshold of idiocy than men, but are able by their precocity and cleverness to disguise the fact."

Personally, I hold that a sex which can disguise from another sex (admittedly, by its own members at least, the most intelligent and intellectual that it, the former, is near the threshold of idiocy is well equipped with gray matter. But Mr. Ellis leaves us little ground for self-complacency. If we are smarter at school and at college than our masculine co-students, it is merely because we develop earlier. We are the hares in the race which the tortoise wins. If we succeed in business as well as and sometimes better than our masculine coworkers, it is because we are granted special privileges. Tra la, la, la. It is to laugh uproariously. M'LISS.

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