# OBJECTIONS TO WOMAN SUFFRAGE THAT HAIL FROM CHINA—DRESSING SMALL BOYS—WAR MENU

## OVERUSE OF BRAIN BAD FOR MOTHER'S HAPPINESS

### An Objection to Woman Suffrage That Comes Direct From China—The Story of a Strange Test Made in the Far East

SOME of the arguments brought by American men against woman suffrage make you suspect they have been to school in China.

Not long ago at Boone University, safely tucked away six hundred miles up the Yangtse River, in the ancient walled city of Wuchang, the question of woman suffrage came up in the course of study. In the Woman's Citizen Professor James Arthur Muller, who presided over the class of sixteen, tells what happened.

"THEY opened their eyes with amazement," he said, "when I told them that a Miss Rankin sat in the Congress at Washington. We have not yet discussed the pros and cons of the question. We have merely told the facts."

Then Professor Muller decided to get their opinions on these facts, opinions that would be unique because they come from a land where suffrage is denied not only to the women, but to four-fifths of the men, and where any sort of suffrage at all is only twelve years old. He asked the students without warning to write down their thoughts on woman suffrage. Out of the class of sixteen six were against woman suffrage, eight were in favor of it and two were "on the fence."

TWO objectors seemed absolutely intuitively inspired as far as stock objections go. They wrote respectively:

"At present time a number of women rose up and asked for the permission to their Governments to give them rights to vote or to represent themselves in Congress. This is really the hard question for the Government to decide. To my opinion the women should not vote or to represent, for it is a trouble thing for both men and women to sit together and discuss some thing. If in case the woman has a good idea she better talks with her husband and asks her husband to bring out her idea, in order to save much trouble made in public places of both men and women."

"If a woman holds any office in the Government, although she has the ability to administer the political affairs, yet she will bring great harm to the future generation. A woman is the mother of the generation. If the mother overuses her brain or think too much, then her life will not be happy. Thus the future generation will not be so good as it ought to be."

The most positive in his disapproval of the women's cause, Professor Muller said, was a Japanese who happened to be in the class.

"According to me the woman suffrage is a greatest nonsense and entirely worthless."

He then went thoroughly into the arguments on each side of the question, revealing a surprisingly wide range of magazine reading, and concluded with this burst of rhetoric:

"While their children cry for hunger and their dresses broken and their houses full of dust, is it possible that women can be driven to the passionate struggles of the modern political competition and a political campaign?"

TWO of those in favor wrote as follows:

"There are many countries in the world regarding women as servants of men. I think this a great sin against heaven, because God gave them the right to use everything in the world and do works as men have done. Therefore for women to have right in Houses (i. e., legislatures) is a very good way to use their wisdoms and make up what men have not thought or discovered."

"Since the granting of woman suffrage in the United States the very few who have entered in politics have proved really satisfactory to be called politicians, with no difference to men whatever. Why should woman suffrage be not justifiable so far? And as the day goes on I dare anticipate that Senators in America and Ministers in England will certainly have their women comrades with them!"

### Bread Is the Staff, but Potatoes the Crutch

Bread is the staff of life, but you can make a very good crutch of potatoes.

That is to say, the need of the human stomach for bread can be very largely satisfied by potatoes if the idea can be fixed in the mind, that you aren't getting cheated of any necessary food material.

It is as much a war measure to eat potatoes at this time as it is to manufacture shells or give your money for the use of the Government.

It is of vital importance to send wheat across the sea to the armies and the Allies. We are short of wheat; we have great quantities of potatoes. Potatoes are not such good travelers as wheat, consequently we must eat the former and send the wheat on the long, dangerous journey to the war zone, where it will be received as a necessary factor of success.

The war cannot be won without food over there.

Wheat is what they must have. So what we must send. Eat potatoes in its stead in America.

### One Inch—One Hundred Miles

Telephone experts declare that if a person speaking over a phone holds the transmitter four inches from his mouth it is equivalent to adding about 250 miles to the line over which he is conversing, says Popular Mechanics. Carelessness in the manner of using a telephone instrument is one of the common causes for indistinct transmission. The best results are obtained by allowing about half an inch to intervene between the mouth and the transmitter.

### Ordnance Officer to Speak Here

The meeting of the American Chemical Society, Philadelphia section, in the Engineers' club tonight is to be addressed by Lieutenant Colonel A. S. Cushman, of the Ordnance Department, now at Frankford Arsenal. Chemistry and its relation to military primers of different types will be discussed in general terms. The nature of raw materials entering into the manufacture of primers will also be discussed.

## "HOME FIRES" IN CITY SCHOOLS

### EDITORIAL FOR WOMEN BY A WOMAN

By MARY V. GRICE

President of the Home and School League

A suggestive picture appeared in a recent publication. Two of our soldier boys, leaning against the walls of a trench, surrounded by the paraphernalia of trench life, were carrying on the following conversation:

First Soldier—"I wonder if they will hold out?"

Second Soldier—"Who, the Allies or the Boches?"

First Soldier—"Neither; I mean the folks at home."

Deep in our hearts is the throbbing assurance that the "folks at home" will "hold out." Yet in the face of the tremendous needs of the times it is nothing short of amazing stupidity or willful ignorance that allows our schoolhouses to lie unused and idle so many hours of every day and so many days of every month. This unnecessary waste goes on unchecked in the face of multiplying appeals to conserve and save.

The schoolhouse is the "center" right at hand from which should radiate not only war-work interests, but wartime inspiration. The demands upon the spirit of persons these days are beyond reckoning. Those servants of the public who are administering a public trust should, if they are blind, be made to see the great need on all sides for creating social standards and of inspiring people to live up to them.

That is the kind of "home fire" to light, and upon those of us "left behind" the claim rests weightily to see to it that this "fire" is kept burning.

In New York State alone 10,000 schools have become "centers" for national service. Why not the schools of Philadelphia? We are proud of the work the children have done. Why should the adults of the community be denied the wider service of the schoolhouse?

Every school could be a Red Cross center. Every schoolhouse could be the rallying point for its community for all the "drives" instituted by the national Government. If the "call to arms" comes why should it not come through the channel of the schoolhouse, that our boys may sign their names as soldiers of the flag under the shadow of that institution in which they first learned to pledge loyalty to the flag? We would recruit the youth of the country in such places in wartime just as we would open the doors of the schools at all times and make polling places wherein men and women could cast their ballots surrounded by all the finest influences of American traditions.

As a war measure, if one can see no further than the present, the demand is urgent for the opening of the schoolhouse every night. What about the throngs of girls left behind? Girls who have entered industry, hour all day, seeking recreation at night? Why should the great public school buildings be closed to them? The most potent "home fire" to guard and lend today is the leisure time of girls and young women. "All dressed up and no place to go" well expresses the condition of many.

And, again, what of the adults of each community who should be given accurate information — "information about the war, information about Government needs, information about opportunities and duties for personal patriotic service? The need of the moment is a realization of the financial needs of the war." How better could such information be "got over" to the people than by gathering them into school buildings, buildings to which they have already been wooed by the tender love of little children?

So much for war activities of the moment. But what of those "home fires" that our boys must find burning when they come back if the ideals for which they have been struggling are to be realized? Where better can democracy's pledges be redeemed than this common meeting place? Why not begin that community fellowship now that will go far toward unifying our many types of peoples? Our interests are so common just now. It seems the psychological moment to throw wide open the doors of the schools and bid the people to a wider social usage of property already their own. When once we do it it will be like the daylight-saving movement—so simple a transition that we shall wonder at our backwardness in waiting for so good a thing right at hand.

No function of democracy is purer than these "home fires" which some day will be lighted in every schoolhouse. For, as has been said by Doctor Turk in his discussion of the "Spirit of Democracy," "No barriers, economic, social, racial, creedal or political can withstand the genial influence of a company of friendly folk, meeting as spiritual neighbors to consider with generous good will the problems that touch the lives of all."

Mary V. Grice

## GIRL NAMED HEAD OF PENN LAW FRESHMEN DOESN'T CALL IT "JUST SIMPLY WONDERFUL"

### Pretty Frances Ethel Donaghue Says That Women Shouldn't Crow Over Such Successes

### It Gives Impression That They Think It's Surprising One of Sex Should Achieve Distinction

FRANCES ETHEL DONAGHUE

In spite of the fact that Miss Frances Ethel Donaghue, of Sergeant Hall, University of Pennsylvania, was chosen president of the first-year law class by unanimous vote, and in spite of the fact that such a thing is new in the history of the college, Miss Donaghue is almost fearful lest the news of this distinction be noised abroad.

"Men have a perfect right to laugh at women when the minute anything nice happens to them in a business way they start to crow over it, as if it were something that no one on earth had done until they came along," said Miss Donaghue, who is one of the only two women law students at Penn.

She was talking for a few moments between classes, one arm encircling a couple of fat, gray law books, the other, Miss Pinckney Lee Estes, of South Carolina, who is Miss Donaghue's only feminine classmate.

"I live at Hartford, Conn., and graduated from Vassar College, where I studied law a little, and I became very much interested in it. I've always thought that a woman ought to go into some profession or business seriously and then when I became so interested in law I came here. That's all there is about me."

At this Miss Estes, who had been warily silent, spoke up:

"She's doing splendidly. I know that naturally she doesn't want to crow about being made president of her class, because the men were so awfully decent about it, but it really was an honor. She was acclaimed! Besides she's pretty and young, and believes in a modest and decorous manner, I give you my word for it."

"There's just one thing I'd like people to know," said Miss Donaghue. "I'm serious about this. I shall practice if I ever graduate; it's not a lark, but a real business, and I can't bear to be thought a noodle of a girl that's out here because she thinks it's 'cute' to study law. Every one knows that the field in every endeavor is broadening for women and now is the time for them to get ready to do something if they are perfectly serious about wanting to work.

"They are going into all sorts of professions, medicine, surgery, farming, even fighting, and they are making good. I don't see why there should be any bitter sense of rivalry between them and men, just because they are women, or any more than there ever is between persons who are ambitious competitors in the same profession. The women who are good will get ahead of the men who aren't and vice versa. After a little while people won't shout it from the housetops whenever a woman gives a vague proof of human intelligence. It's not awfully flattering." Miss Donaghue started away, but stopped then to add earnestly:

"Be quite sure you understand that they chose me president of the class simply because they're very, very nice."

## ADVENTURES WITH A PURSE

### A DISPLAY OF SUITS FOR THE WEE MEN FOLK

#### Junior Can Be Patriotically Well Dressed and a Joy to His Mother's Eyes

The busy mother has difficulty in sparing time from her many, many duties to run off for a good old-fashioned shopping tour. "I am sure," she will exclaim, "that there must be all sorts of boys' suits from which to choose, but it is so difficult to know just where to find them!" And so she will keep pretty close to one style, with the hope that, a little later, perhaps, more time can be found.

To you who are so situated the display which was discovered on a little adventure recently will be a real joy. You need steal away for only a short time, and when you return you will be radiant with your success; and sonny boy's little heart will be gladdened with his wee new suits.

Perhaps you will select a rough-ish white sailor suit of heavy wash goods, with long full trousers, and middy blouse, under the square collar of which a black tie is brought around into a sailor's knot. This style can be had in several sizes, and the price is slightly less than $2.

Or perhaps you will prefer a practical brown norfolk suit, also of heavy wash material, with straight belt of the goods, and with collar and cuffs of white. This should prove very serviceable, for it is dark enough not to become easily soiled, and what an item that is with these little folks! The price is only $2.49.

Again, it is quite probable that the suit which will most appeal to you will be the simple little poplin, with small pink trousers, very straight and mannish, which button around the waist with large pearl buttons to a white shirt. The shirt is pleated over each shoulder, and a few pink smocking stitches relieve the plainness across the front. Tiny collar and cuffs match the color of the pants, and the price is $2.98.

Perhaps, however, the one he would love best is the smart soldier suit of khaki, with leather belt and shoulder straps. Can't you picture him marching proudly around the house dressed like a real soldier? The price is $5.98.

All styles and sizes abound in this display, which means that the most fastidious mother should find the very suit for which she has been looking.

For names of the shops where articles mentioned in "Adventures With a Purse" can be purchased, address Editor of Woman's Page, Evening Public Ledger, or phone the Woman's Department, Walnut 5000.

### CHURCH CALLS PASTOR

#### Holland Memorial Presbyterian Invites the Rev. John Loudenbough

A pastoral call has been sent to the Rev. John Janvier Louderbough, of Newark, N. J., from the Holland Memorial Presbyterian Church, Broad and Federal streets, it became known today.

The call was sent at a meeting of the congregation last night. The Rev. Louderbough is called to succeed the Rev. Gustav A. Breigleb, who resigned about a year ago to accept a call to the Westlake Presbyterian Church in Los Angeles, Cal.

## THE WOMAN'S EXCHANGE

*Letters and questions submitted to this department must be written on one side of the paper only and signed with the name of the writer. Special queries like those given below are invited. It is understood that the editor does not necessarily endorse the sentiment expressed. All communications for this department should be addressed as follows:* THE WOMAN'S EXCHANGE, *Evening Public Ledger, Philadelphia, Pa.*

### TODAY'S INQUIRIES

1. What is boning?
2. In placing flags in cakes, etc., what little holder will prevent the wood from coming in contact with the food and keep the little flagstaff clean so that it may again be worn in the buttonhole, etc.
3. Give the formula for a cake that does not require sugar.
4. Where is Susan B. Anthony, the pioneer woman suffragist of America, buried?
5. How is thread lace playing a prominent part in this season's wardrobe?
6. Before shampooing the hair, what brief treatment should be given?

### Engaged to German

*To the Editor of Woman's Page:*

Dear Madam—I am a girl eighteen years old and have been going with a young man seven years my senior. He is a German and not a citizen of the United States. He proposed to me and I loved him and accepted him, but now he thinks because he can't come on certain nights that I should sit in every night he doesn't come after working ten hours a day. I like to go to theatres and there he never takes me.

He gets angry when I keep asking him to take me. Since I have been engaged I have found out his jealous disposition, and several times I have thought I should break my engagement, as I don't think I could ever get along with him, also because I am strongly against Germany and he isn't. There are several young men where I work who invite me to shows. Do you think it would be wrong for me to go? Please give me some advice. Do you think I should give him up? If so, could I give him his ring back and tell him without hurting his feelings? Persons tell me I am doing wrong in marrying an alien enemy during these hard times of war. I am a constant reader, and thank you for any advice, which I am waiting for. BROKEN-HEARTED.

Frankly, my dear, I do not think you can be in love with the young man. If you were you would not want to go out with others, nor would you ask advice on the matter. When a girl is engaged there is no reason why she should not occasionally go to the theatre with another man if her fiance has no objections. If, however, he has, and the girl really loves him, she will not want to hurt him nor make him jealous.

The fact that he is not with the United States, too, must make things very difficult for you. I cannot think you do care for him, and even though giving him back his ring cannot help hurting him, if he loves you, it is better to tell him the truth now than to marry him not loving him as you should, and then perhaps be unhappy when it is too late.

### Mail Order Business

*To the Editor of Woman's Page:*

Dear Madam—I am a daily reader of your interesting column and think it is the best question column in Philadelphia.

Although I have never asked you for help, I now have a few questions which I hope you will answer as correctly as possible, and I assure you any answers you may give me will be greatly appreciated.

(1) I am writing a book on the mail-order business and would like to get some history as to its beginning and of some of the first men in the business, their dealings and success. Can you tell me if there is any such book which I can secure at some library or book store that would explain this, and if so can you tell me its title? If you are unable to give me this information, probably some of your readers can help me out.

(2) Will it require a license to publish this book and offer it for sale?

(3) In the mail-order business I notice there are a great many spare-time workers and many of them publish small papers, duration twenty-five cents a year for subscription. Now can you tell me if it is necessary for those spare-time workers to secure a license to sell their papers? This twenty-five cents a year merely pays for the envelopes and wrapping, so I do not think it would be necessary. J. R. B.

(1) In the reference room at the Public Library, Thirteenth and Locust streets, you will find in the Encyclopedia of Commerce, Accountancy and Business Administration, an article on the mail-order business that will be helpful to you. In the regular reading rooms at the library you will find two other books on this subject. The librarian will gladly look out for you.

(2) [illegible] license to [illegible]

(3) [illegible]

### YESTERDAY'S ANSWERS

1. The under part of a double boiler can be used to boil eggs or small vegetables while a cereal is cooking in the upper part. In this was a saving in fuel is effected.
2. The lately patented faucet attachment which produces soap suds when the faucet is turned on is a cup filled with scrap soap. The bottom of it is perforated and when soapy water is wanted for the dishes the cup is swung forward to position under the flowing water. It can be swung away when clear water is wanted.
3. "Shorts" and "middlings" are terms applied to the interior parts of the wheat berry which are separated from the wheat when white flour is made. They include the germ.
4. A thrift stamp party suggests itself for the up-to-the-minute, wartime entertainment. Thrift stamps are given as prizes and games having to do with them are played. One such game consists in drawing a thrift stamp from memory; another, in composing four-line war savings jingles.
5. Mrs. Emmeline Pankhurst is the leader of the Woman's Social and Political Union in England. She was formerly noted for her hunger striking, but since the war has come valiantly to the aid of her country.
6. The fence collar is the nostrading wired ruffle of organdie women have worn with high favor. Now the idea has invaded the millinery world and the fence collar is seen surrounding the crown of the newest hat.

### Free Dressmaking Course

*To the Editor of Woman's Page:*

Dear Madam—Having read your answers to problems and knowing you have helped so many, I come to you with mine. I am a girl who has always been anxious to learn dressmaking. Of course, I have a little time through the day to spare and about three hours at night, but cannot afford the expense to go through. Could you tell me if there is a school of any kind that gives courses at night?

At what age can a girl be her own "boss" and at what age can a girl marry without the consent of her parents in this city?

ANXIOUS.

There are free dressmaking courses given at night in the public high schools. The classes meet from 7 to 9 o'clock Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday evenings. These courses are given at the William Penn High School, Fifteenth and Mount Vernon streets; the South Philadelphia High School, Broad and Jackson streets, and the West Philadelphia High School, Forty-seventh and Walnut streets. There are no qualifications for entering.

A girl may marry without the consent of her parents at the age of twenty-one in Pennsylvania. She becomes of age at twenty and is legally her own "boss." This should not mean, however, that a girl should consider herself above taking the advice of her parents. Twenty-one is really very young, after all, and it seems to me too young for a girl to decide all things for herself when there is a wise mother within call.

### Country Walks

*To the Editor of Woman's Page:*

Dear Madam—Now that the weather is getting fine I thought I would like to take a walk some day in the woods or the country where I could get some wild flowers, but have no idea where to go. Could you tell me of a nice place and how to get there?

DAURA.

There are lovely walks out around Oak Lane and they are very easy to get to. Take car No. 24 running north on Sixteenth street, No. 65 running north on Fifth, or No. 55 going north on Eleventh. Any of these will take you to Oak Lane. Get off at Oak Lane avenue and walk straight back over the railroad bridge until you come to the "country." Turn to the left and follow any of these country roads. Explore the different ones. I can vouch that violets grow along these paths. It is a little early for them.

There are good country walks to be reached by taking the subway to Sixty-third street. Cross Sixty-third street and go through the gateway in the wooden fence on the right side of the little stream. Take the path which leads to the [illegible] you will find [illegible]

## Cape of Seal Brown Gloveskin Cloth

This graceful cape is of seal brown gloveskin cloth, with a deep self-color fringe so modish this season. The back falls becomingly in loose folds, caught at the belt by a narrow sash which is drawn through slits under the arms and tied simply in front. The scarf collar adds a youthful note. The original model is lined with gold-color pussy willow silk.

### MEETING IN WISSINOMING

#### Transit and Liberty Loan Topics Before Improvement Association

C. Oscar Beasley, chairman of the special committee on rapid transit, will address a meeting of the Wissinoming Improvement Association tonight. The meeting, which is called for 8:15, will be held in Brotherhood Hall, Torresdale avenue and Vankirk street. The organization will complete plans to participate in a Liberty Loan parade to be held on Saturday.

### Lecture on Russia's Message

Dr. Louis Wilkinson will continue his course on "The Message of Russia" this afternoon in Witherspoon Hall under the auspices of the University Extension Society. This series of lectures is designed to show the soul of the Russian people, its formidable power in work now and weakness in power. "Tolstoy: The Co-creator of Inaction," is the subject of the lecture.

### Tomorrow's War Menu

The recipe for any dish mentioned here will be forwarded upon receipt of a self-addressed, stamped envelope.

BREAKFAST

Stewed Prunes
Oatmeal
Barley Flour Griddle Cakes Coffee

LUNCHEON

Corn Bisque
Japanese Salad
Honey Cake Tea

DINNER (No Bread)

Baked Halibut Steak
Peas Mashed Potatoes
Orange Syrup

**Barley Flour Griddle Cakes**

Three cupfuls barley flour, two teaspoonfuls baking powder, one-quarter teaspoonful salt, one teaspoonful soda, two cupfuls sour milk, one egg, two tablespoonfuls melted fat.

Mix and sift flour, baking powder and salt. Combine sour milk and egg well beaten and melted fat; add soda dissolved in a little cold water. Sift in flour mixture and beat well. Drop by spoonfuls on a greased hot griddle and cook as for other griddle cakes.

**Japanese Salad**

Two cupfuls cooked rice, one-half cupful nut meats, lettuce leaves, one-half cupful celery, mayonnaise dressing, pimentos.

Mix with the seasoned rice the celery and the nut meats. Arrange lettuce leaves in a salad dish and heap up the rice mixture in the center. Dress with mayonnaise and garnish with bits of pimenton cut into fancy shapes, or with halved walnut meats or almonds.


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1 Cup Sugar Pinch of Salt.

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