

## A Woman's "Because."

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I THINK it were better to thoughtfully pause,  
 And consider on a moment a woman's "Because,"  
 Than to smile in a high supercilious way,  
 As though all were said. she could possibly say.  
 I think, if a miracle were to disclose  
 The thoughts, that behind this one word arose,  
 And marshalled themselves, each bearing its part,  
 Some straight from the head, some straight from the  
 heart ;

That you who can glibly and easily speak,  
 For utterance-word having seldom to seek,  
 Sometimes saying more than you mean ; and again  
 Speaking carelessly, heedless to whom you give pain;  
 If such insight were granted unto you, I say  
 You would hush your heart in a startled way,  
 For behind the brief word, to your great surprise,  
 Reason and logical thinking would rise.  
 Impulses, springing from Truth's hidden laws,  
 Oft underlying a woman's "Because" !

'Tis not there is little, but so much, to tell,  
 That she fails to express herself clearly and well ;  
 And the Age is so new wherein candor and grace  
 Dare acknowledge themselves from the selfsame  
 place.