

is obliged to leave it to servants. In the majority of cases, also, she cannot see that she should at once discontinue those little extravagances which she has so long cultivated, and perhaps in her immediate neighborhood she has some married schoolfellows or acquaintances with whom she likes to vie, whether better off or not. But what is to become of the unfortunate husband in the meantime? Harassed and depressed in his increased exertions to meet his legitimate additional expenses, he is met with demands upon his purse that he did not expect, and is, therefore, ill prepared to meet. Instead of looking forward to his home as a place of comfort and retirement, he must sooner or later regard it as a clog, and either gives up the struggle and plunges recklessly into excitement, only to end in failure, or sinks into a mere money-grubber, the paymaster of his wife's bills, and becomes known as "Mrs. So-and-So's husband." Of course these affairs must naturally be apparent to men's bachelor friends, and have a great deterrent effect.

It will be said that I am describing an extreme case, but your readers will be able to recognize the general features of the circumstances of perhaps several of their acquaintances. But what is the remedy for this?

Too much stress cannot be laid upon the fact that the arts of housekeeping should occupy *with a woman* at least as high a place as any of the so-called accomplishments; and it is the duty of every mother to impress this upon her daughters, in order that, by proper preparation for their duties, they may be saved, perhaps, years of discomfort and misery. When the women have arrived at some state of perfection in these arts, I may then consider whether my income is sufficient to warrant my relinquishing the title of

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