

who does not engage in business or professional pursuits is not a parasite, as is manifest from the devoted service of a daughter or a sister. On the whole, it is commendable for every girl to place herself in a position of economic independence. The housewife is not a parasite; her management of home duties is worthy of great reward. It is not necessary that the wife should have a definite wage-scale or that there should be the commercializing of wifely domestic duties after the manner of the factory world. The daughter who remains at home, adding grace, refinement, and comfort to home life need not regard herself as a parasite. Protest should be entered against the modern everlasting monetizing of functions. Refinement and delicacy no money can buy. The diatribes against chivalry are cheap artillery. Beauty and strength are still safeguards in the ramparts of civilization.

The attempt to prescribe an external economic program for the mother seems ill-advised both from the view-point of the mother and from that of the industrial world. There are enough debatable problems to settle through the entrance into industrial life of women who can work regularly—the effect on the wage-scale, the adjustment of labor, the remuneration of the father who has to support children and wife whose duties at home are worth far more to the state than any she could undertake in a factory. The married woman who bears children and attends to her maternal functions will