

in such cases. Many a noble and excellent man has been made worse than a fool by such a corrupt woman. Even now the thing is being done.

Why will men of sense and good judgment in all other directions, be led so like the ox to the slaughter? Do they not know that everything will be exaggerated and made the worst of? Verily they will be made to understand. They may not mean much, only a little answering folly. No matter, only let madam once feel your arms about her and your case is settled. She will report you as a vile hypocrite, and there will always be plenty to believe her and to spread the story.

Never will even your friends, those who love you best, who forgive you and make every possible excuse for you, be able quite to forget the matter. Ever and anon as they look at you, or think of you, they will groan in spirit, saying mentally, "Why did he? how could he put himself in her power? He well knew—men always know such things—that her conduct was unbecoming and wrong. As a true and worthy man he should have held himself above her. He should have scorned to encourage any woman to do the least thing unworthy of her sex."

Woe worth the day when a decent man falls under the temptation of flirting with an unprincipled woman. If he be a good man—one to whom hearts cling that would spill every drop of blood to save him from touch of dishonor, how much worse his case, how much more deplorable his folly. But none are so good that this temptation may not reach them. "Let him that thinketh he standeth, take heed lest he fall."

Let it be understood that any woman be her reputation and social standing what it may, who will hang about a man, and bewilder and befool him, only to gratify her vanity, is essentially, a wanton, and no good motive holds her back from open sensuality. And Oh, ye fathers and brothers, husbands and friends, will ye not have pity on your-

selves and your mothers, your wives and your sisters, and treat those wantons as they deserve? They do not love you. They seek your hurt and loss. They are carnal and profane, defiled and defiling. Touch them not.

Remember in those moments when you most need to remember, that "What a man soweth, that shall he also reap," and that "nothing is covered that shall not be made known."

Does any man say, "Pshaw! what's the harm of a little sport with a foolish woman?" Then let him consider how it would appear to him were his mother, his sister, or his wife to carry on the same "sport" with a man of similar character. Also let him ponder the words, "The way of a fool is right in his own eyes; but he that harkeneth unto counsel is wise."

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### The Diamond.

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Ko-i-noor is the name of one of the most brilliant and purest diamonds. This name was given it by an Asiatic Indian prince. He was so enraptured with the brilliancy of the beautiful gem, that he gave it this name—in English 'Mountain of Light.'

It was found in the mines of Golconda, before the Christian era. At the time of Christ it was in the possession of the Rajah of Oojein. For three hundred years it passed from father to son, and kingdom to kingdom. It has been a trophy of war, and a guarantee of peace between nations. It has adorned the heads and sceptres of the great; it has been coveted by civilized and uncivilized nations.

In the fourteenth century it was in the possession of Alladin, who placed it among the treasures of Delhi. It was afterwards won by a prince on a battle-field, was taken from him by his conqueror, Nidir Shah, and is now in England, and brilliantly blazes among other bright jewels which adorn the crown of the Queen.

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