

man. But it cannot be supposed that he should philosophise about roundness of numbers in the poor quarters, or the paucity of figures in the white bungalows. As he fills in his official report, the women with the patient lips and tired eyes, or the Asiatic cooks and Danish housemaids interest him only in so far as they lengthen or shorten his labors.

Should you, a new comer, talk about the country to the older settler (you very likely will. You all do). If your listener be a man, and turn away with a grim smile, remember that there is no connection between efforts put forth and results. Put aside your rod, or gun, or whatever else you happen to be playing with at the time, and watch him clear the land.

Better still, try your hand at it yourself. If your listener be a woman, it is more complicated.

Women are dissimilar, and have often only their sex in common.

This one may put out eager hands for all the suffragist papers you may have about you.

Do not for a moment let this mislead you; she does not really care for any of these things.

She loves the woman things. The hearth. The cradle.

Yes, if your listener be a woman, you being a person of substance and strong sympathies, go forth and do battle for her. Go, rescue for her the wisdom of the Talmud, and sift for her the best from modern science.

For there she stands between the splendid woods,