

OF INTEREST TO WOMEN.

CHATTY CHEERFUL'S GOSSIP.

I HAVE read both Pere Grinator's remarks to me and also L. C's answer, and, frankly, I do not like either of them. It is rather a heavy and tedious subject to handle for one who only intended to write chatty articles, but I cannot quite, for conscience sake, let them pass unnoticed. If Pere Grinator had stopped to think, I do not think he would have written that woman is the greatest factor of evil in the world. Take a crowd or audience anywhere you may wish and you will find that for every bad woman, or every woman who would influence men for the bad, you will have ten good ones—ten who would improve men and give them higher aspirations; ten who would make a man wish he were good enough and pure enough to be their equal. When you want me to read history, do not give me such subjects as an unprincipled heathen queen, who used all her beauty and diplomacy for the sake of gaining what did not belong to her. That good men can be influenced, and that a great many are influenced by women for evil is an undoubted fact, but that is just where their vanity would serve them to a good purpose. If they were found out and exposed, if they only suffered as the women have to, half of the evil in the world would never happen. It is the license that men are allowed that ruins them, not the women.

I do not believe that the majority of men are sordid, avaricious and callous-hearted, as L. C. would insinuate. They are simply selfish. Man has held undisputed sway for so long that he can never believe a woman should have equal rights with himself. He generally considers himself first. They have been accustomed from the first Adam to say "Eve did it and I fell," but women are gradually educating them out of this. The times are gradually changing. It is no longer woman's one ambition to be married and settled down and to take anything in the shape of a man rather than have nothing. All over the world, women are taking possession of what at one time were considered man's exclusive rights, and we hear of doctors, lawyers, captains and other positions being filled by women—and competently filled. When women are in the majority, when voting depends on the most Christian and God-fearing man being appointed as leader—and not the most popular—then we may hope for a change for the less baneful effects of liquor and for men being granted no more license than women are.

One would infer from L. C's remarks that marriage is a failure. But this is far from being the case. The number of widows who marry a second and even a third time would disprove this. Men are inclined to be a little selfish and exacting. They love to be waited on and given in to; but should not we be the same, if after a day's cares and toils and business worries we come home tired and perhaps dispirited? It is only man's way of showing his appreciation of you when he lets you wait on him; for see him in a tantrum when you have forgotten to sew on a button. Why he'll even jab himself with a pin to prove to you how badly used he is, and get fearful scratches with the needle when trying to sew on the offending button rather than let you do it. He only allows you to wait on him as a privilege, and when—after his little tiff is over he catches your hand and pulls you up for a forgiving kiss, why it is worth while to forget a button once in a while. Every one knows of the trials and troubles of a mother's life, but, when you have little feet to wait on you and little helping hands to comfort you, you forget all about those trifles and thank God he has given you a home and husband and children to love you.

And now, as a parting word of advice to both of you, do not look down on the human race.

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CHATTY CHEERFUL.

Six new diseases, we are told, have come into existence with the styles of dress which require the wearing of multitudinous and heavy skirts. Indeed, I wonder that there are not sixty, says that vigorous writer, Elizabeth Stuart Ward. No doctrine but the doctrine of the "survival of the fittest" will touch the problem. We are of tougher stuff than our brothers, or we should have sunk in our shackles long ago.

Stripes seem to have given up the fight and are now only employed for petticoats, some of which are perfect poems or dreams with their wealth of exquisite lace and dainty, charming bows; in fact petticoats nowadays cost more than actual dresses, being made as they are of superb silks, brocatelles, satins or moires, and

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From the fact that very narrow trimmings are in vogue, many will be able to indulge in them that have not been able to before. The jacket effects now popular for corsages, whether as fronts only, or fronts and a slashed back, offer a field for fur, as the edges of French dresses made in this manner are piped with it, and plaid and draped silk or cloth vests are edged with a band of fur, or with Directoire revers piped with the ever attractive fur.