

What Men Need Wives For.

Some will say to sweep the house, make the bed, darn the stockings and cook the meals; these are the duties of a wife, and chiefly what man wants a wife for most. Surely this is a great mistake. If this is all he needs then a servant oft-times will answer better.

If this is all, when a young man calls to see a young lady, send him into the pantry to taste the bread and cake she has made; let him inspect the needlework, put a broom into her hand and test her skill in sweeping etc. All of which are important features which should be acquired by our young ladies before entering into the matrimonial state. But what the true man wants most is her companionship, sympathy and love.

The way of life has many dark and dreary places in it. Oft-times the storms of adversity peels forth their thunderbolts, and the pinching hand of poverty from the skeleton forms of misfortune grasp him with an almost deathly grip. Then man needs in a wife a companion who will stand by him, not only with her sympathy and love; but one who is able to administer consolation in the darkest hour, by her council and keen intuitive perception, (with which women are more highly favored than men.)

All through life, through storm and sunshine, conflict and victory, adversity and prosperity man needs a wife who can cheer him by her council, warm him by

her love, and strengthen him by her sympathy: until in return the fires of love shall burn within his heart for the treasure he has found in her, and his strong arm shall ever be raised to protect her.—Ed.

Silent Influence.

'Silent Influence—We are touching our fellow-beings on all sides. They are affected for good or for evil by what we are, by what we say and do, even by what we think and feel. May flowers in the parlor breathe their fragrance through the atmosphere. We are each of us as silently saturating the atmosphere about us with the subtil aroma of our character. In the family circle, besides and beyond all the teaching, the daily life of each parent and child mysteriously modifies the life of every person of his household. The same process on a wider scale is going on through the community. No man liveth to himself and no man dieth to himself. Others are built up and strengthened by our unconscious deeds; and others may be wrenched out of their places and thrown by our unconscious influence.'

The Human Figure.

'The Human Figure.—The proportions of the human figure are strictly mathematical. The whole figure is six times the length of the foot. Whether the form be slender or plump, the rule holds good, any deviation from it is a departure from the highest beauty in proportion. The Greeks made all their statues