



A Woman's Ideas.

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ARE women generally happier than men? One writer at least thinks they are, and he explains his belief in this way:—

"A man is happy when he has anything to make him happy, but a woman is happy when she has nothing to make her unhappy.

"One source of woman's greater fund of happiness lies in her love of detail," says this writer. "Women enjoy as a rule every detail of social life. They delight in the minutiae of their work. They do not do it, as man does, simply for the sake of the result to be obtained.

"Women look closely at what they are doing, and not ahead. If they have a worry, it is one of the present, and as soon as the cause of it disappears they are serene again, regardless of whether or not it may reappear in the future.

"For woman time goes faster. She finds pleasure in so many little things that men overlook; for instance, a child's aimless prattle in the street, the coo and smile of a baby, the sound of a band, (you will always find more women and children listening to a band than men). The colour schemes and decorations of shop windows, and a thousand and one other trifles wherein woman takes pleasure and man ignores.

"Men, no doubt have more opportunities of keen pleasure than women, but these opportunities are short-lived. The

happiness of the moment they are less fitted to take.

"Woman takes pleasure in each jewel of that mosaic which makes up happiness, while man stands off and observes that the pattern is not complete."

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The idea is prevalent among some women that sarcasm adds piquancy to their attractions. They imagine that men regard the sarcastic woman as a person of superior wit, to be sought after and admired.

It is true that men are sometimes attracted in this way, but it is not because they feel any distinct admiration for the sarcastic woman; she is perhaps a type they have not met before, and up to a certain point they enjoy her pungency. All the same the sarcastic young lady is usually "left on the shelf" and very often becomes an acrimonious old maid. Hence the origin of the term: "Sour, sarcastic spinster-hood."

In a man's eyes the greatest charms a woman can have are gentleness, sweetness and modesty. No sarcastic woman has these qualities; her words are tipped with the poison of unkindness; she cares not to what extent she hurts another's feelings or reputation, even her modesty is sacrificed at times for the sake of a witty sarcasm.

There is no better way for a woman to endear herself to other than by, at