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"WOULDN'T MARRY A MECHANIC."

A young man began visiting a young woman, and appeared to be well pleased with her company. One evening he called when it was quite late, which led the young lady to inquire where he had been.

"I had to work to-night."

"What! do you work for a living?" she inquired in astonishment.

"Certainly," replied the young man. "I am a mechanic."

"I dislike the name of mechanic," and she turned up her pretty nose.

That was the last time the young man visited the young woman. He is now a wealthy man, and has one of the best women in the country for his wife. The lady who disliked "the name of mechanic" is now the wife of a miserable sot, a regular vagrant about grey-shops, and the soft, verdant, and miserable girl is obliged to take in washing to support herself and children.

Do you dislike the name of mechanic—your whose brothers are nothing but well-dressed loafers?

We pity any girl who has so little brains, who is so green and so soft as to think less of a young man because he is a mechanic—as the Son of God himself was. Those girls who despise young men who work for a living are likely to be menials to some of them some day when adversity has humbled their pride, and experience has given them common sense.—*The Christian.*

"CONSIDER YOURSELF UNDER ARREST."

Mrs. Livermore, in her book entitled "My Story of the War," gives a very interesting sketch of "Mother Bickerdyke," a famous character in those times. She was an energetic, sympathetic woman, of slight education, who had a natural aptitude for nursing, and an unflinching love for "her boys," as she called the soldiers. Mother Bickerdyke was always to the fore when there was work to be done, and no trials or difficulties ever daunted her. After the battle of Chattanooga she was for weeks the only woman with the 1,800 wounded. The weather was bitterly cold, and the sick were nearly frozen to death in spite of big fires. At last the wood gave out one awful night, and it seemed, indeed, as if those who could not move about would perish of the cold. Mother Bickerdyke had the utmost scorn for red tape, and a mind equal to all emergencies. She called on a few of her faithful "boys" to follow her, and, armed with an ax, proceeded to make firewood of the palisades. Soon an officer came along, and looked on with dismay; there was nothing else would save the wounded, but such irregularity, such rashness must be punished. "Consider yourself under arrest," he called to Mother Bickerdyke the next time she passed him laden with planks. "All right, major, I'm under arrest; only don't interfere with me till the weather moderates," was the undaunted reply.—*Our Dumb Animals.*

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