

The Domain of Woman.

TALKS BY "TERESA."

THE HAND THAT ROCKS THE CRADLE ROCKS THE WORLD... Here is a letter upon the much disputed domestic servant question...

To "Teresa" - Having read with interest your several paragraphs under the heading "The Hand that Rocks the Cradle..."

Having visited several offices, stores, etc., where girls were employed, being informed of the wages they received, I was struck with the unreasonableness...

Then comes the question, why do girls take such places where there are so many disadvantages to contend with? Why not engage as a domestic where they will have a good comfortable home...

My correspondent's remarks about the illiteracy of domestic servants are I venture to think, open to question. In the present days of almost universal education...

My correspondent favours us with a burst of rhetorical fireworks in which American history, liberty, union, domestic service, and slavery are inextricably mingled...

The fact is that absolute liberty, the liberty of newspaper ravers, and socialistic agitation does not, and never can, exist. Is there one of us who can say, "I am responsible to no one, I have no duties to perform..."

I myself at various times have had to perform almost all the household duties that could fall to the lot of a woman, and I cannot see anything particularly disgusting or degrading in over the household.

that is the treatment of servants in illness. In the majority of cases, if a servant is sick, who is straightway packed off to the hospital in some cases even, turned adrift to shift for herself the best way she can.

But, some may remark, it is very different in one's own house. I confess I cannot see it; if a thing is degrading to one it is quite as much so to another, no matter where or when it is done...

The fact is, there is no legitimacy that must be done that can be considered in itself degrading, whether performed voluntarily or in consideration of a salary.

I think this is about the worst country anywhere for serving the last bit of wage and the last scrap of work out of people.

Do they not realize that they are acting in precisely the same manner as the man who having been forgiven the whole of his debt by a merciful Lord, deliberately turns upon a fellow-servant and demands the last farthing owing to him?

I tell them solemnly, to beware before it is too late, to remember that they themselves are servants, and that with whatsoever measure they mete unto others, it shall be meted unto them again.

Some time back a gentleman on the staff of one of our daily newspapers received a large number of letters from domestic servants, many of which he inserted in his department, and so far from betraying either illiteracy or incapacity, they were exceedingly well written, and showed that the writers knew not only what they wanted to say, but how to say it.

Of course there are exceptions, there are some women who seem to have a slight impression that the servant is human, possessing a heart, flesh and blood like themselves, and God above.

I have often wished mistresses felt more responsibility with regard to them than they do.

THE ANGELUS. 1. The angel of the Lord declared unto Mary; and she conceived of the Holy Ghost. Hail Mary full of grace the Lord is with thee. Blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death.

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In answer to the question of the reporter the Dean gave the following history of the devotion of the Angelus: It is the custom, not of obligation, but of tradition, that wherever there is a Catholic church with a bell in the tower the Angelus is repeated three times daily, and the Catholics are reminded of the time by the ringing of the bell.

This pious practice obtains in every Catholic country and goes back to the eleventh century, when Pope Urban II at the council of Clermont, in 1095, ordered that the bells be rung every day in the morning, at noon and in the evening, and that at each time the Angelus salutation be repeated.

Longfellow in his Evangeline refers to this pious custom when he states that the farmers in the distance paused in their labors when "sweetly over the village the bell of the Angelus sounded."

Mrs. Susan Moody in her very readable and interesting work, entitled "Life in the Clearings," expresses her admiration of this custom. She says: "When the bell commences to toll there's a long pause between each of the first three strokes. This is to allow the pious Catholic to say a short prayer."

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Presented Him with an Address. - LAMARCA March 10.—On Monday evening the executive committee of St. Patrick's Literary society wanted on C. J. Donovan, its energetic and hard working secretary, at his residence, the occasion being the presentation of a beautiful illuminated address on the eve of his departure for Boston.

Mr. Donovan replied in a few words, regretting having to sever such pleasant relations as he has had with the society, and thanked the members for the beautifully worded address presented to him; also for the kind support given him at all times.

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