

indifference. If she is regarded as constitutionally incapable of sharing the highest thoughts and aspirations, in a few cases she may clamor loudly for her "rights," but as a rule she is too sad for anything but a silence broken now and then by the irrepressible ebullitions of wounded pride. Even if she does come at length to realize our worst picture of Xanthippe, the degeneration of character does not lie wholly at her door.

We are in no special danger now-a-days of falling into habits of domestic negligence through excess of speculation. Christianity, too, must needs have given us an idea of the place of women which the best thought of classical antiquity never reached at all. But there is still room for emphasizing the significance of the home as affording the best stimulus for the fulfilment of other relationships. Alas for our national future if familiarity here breeds contempt, and the most sacred duties of life are ignored in the keen struggle for place or fortune!

No true woman desires any false methods of "emancipation." But she does desire, with perfect right, freedom to move in the sphere of her most natural activities neither hindered by prejudice nor paralysed by neglect. A man's attitude in the circle of the home affords a good test of his character and is an idea to his hopes of real progress in the broad field of the world. The Recording Angel stands among our Lares and Penates and writes his verdict there.

There is no ineradicable infirmity in women which obliges her to study the art of vituperation. In most cases she is goaded into it, and no one can feel the injury as much as she does herself. It is a great mistake to imagine that the mental and emotional sides of human nature are developed in inverse proportion. On the contrary, love must be intelligent and intelligence must be loving before either can reach its fullest exercise. The groves of the Academy should be contiguous to the garden of earth's Paradise. And though neither the realm of thought or feeling will be without its thorns, Eve, as a rule, is well qualified to walk through both.