

WOMEN IN REVOLT.

IN so far as the feminist movement is hostile to man, it is unnatural and destructive. In so far as it helps the development of woman, it is natural and evolutionary. The most dangerous and anti-social people in the community are the man who wants to put the woman back in the harem, and the woman who advises her sisters to distrust the man. The woman cannot be too intelligent, too widely conversant with life, too profoundly informed, too cultured or too highly endowed mentally. It is not only her hand that rocks the cradle but it is her mind that moulds the earliest thoughts of the next generation. The brainy mother gives her children a half-dozen years' start over those of the frivolous or dull woman. But to say all this is not to utter a syllable of commendation for the spirit sometimes displayed by what are called "advanced women" of vicious hostility against the sex of their fathers, their husbands and their sons. Hatred is no more a sign of mentality than love is an evidence of a feeble mind.

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THIS side of the feminist movement is sometimes spoken of as a "revolt." A "revolt" against whom? A revolt implies a tyranny; and it is the veriest nonsense to talk as if the average man were a tyrant so far as his "women folk" are concerned. He is much more apt to be giving up a great share of his life to the task of making them happy. The "revolt" seems at times by the direction of its impetus to be one against natural conditions. Thus women demand a share in the government of the nation, ignoring the fact that nature has denied them the strength which alone can carry with it the power of government. Man might as well "revolt" because nature has denied him the power to bear and rear children and so put his impress upon the next generation. He can stand at the gate and defend his family; he can cover them with a roof and put food in their mouths; it is his industry which usually decides what sort of an education they are to have. But when the plastic mind of youth is receiving the indelible impressions which will outlast the deepest writing of the after-years upon the tablets of the mind and shine forth in old age when all else is forgotten, the man must stand aside and see this decisive work of primal character-building done by the hand of the woman he has chosen for the task.

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THERE is nothing more stupid, more mischievous, more destructive of the best hopes of the future than to sow enmity between the sexes. They are natural partners. A man shall leave his own father and mother and cleave unto his wife. If they do not work together in mutual trust and helpfulness, society will disappear and civilisation will come to wreck. There is more hope for humanity in one simple-minded man and wife with their little family about them, than in all the riotous Suffragettes and shrill-voiced women cursing men with swollen throats who could be got together at a dozen councils or conventions. Of course, there are bad men, cruel men, brutal men, selfish men, just as there are bad women, heartless women, frivolous women, mercenary women. But because a person happens to get tied up to one of these exceptions to the good general rule for his or her life partner, that is no reason why they should blaspheme against love and trust and decry a whole sex. Let them get loose again as speedily and as quietly as they can, and thank God that there are so few mistakes.

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I HAVE a theory that early marriages would obviate most of these mistakes. I know that most people hold the opposite theory. They argue that very young people cannot be good judges of life partners and that if they will wait for years of discretion they will choose more wisely. This, however, seems to me to be the wrong theory of marriage. We should not wait until character has ripened and then try to choose the one most suited to our particular bumps and angles, but should rather let the natural attraction which comes so sweetly and without calculation in youth draw us to congenial

partners while tastes are yet to be acquired and life interests picked up. Then the young couple can go forth upon life's highway hand in hand, breathing the same airs, lifting their faces to the same sun, bowing together under the same storms, and growing nearer to each other with every trial that falls upon them and every reward that smiles over the edge of the world. That is the way to mate congenial couples. Let them grow up together. To wait until tastes have formed and character has hardened and standards have been adopted is to expect a miracle if the union is to be perfect.

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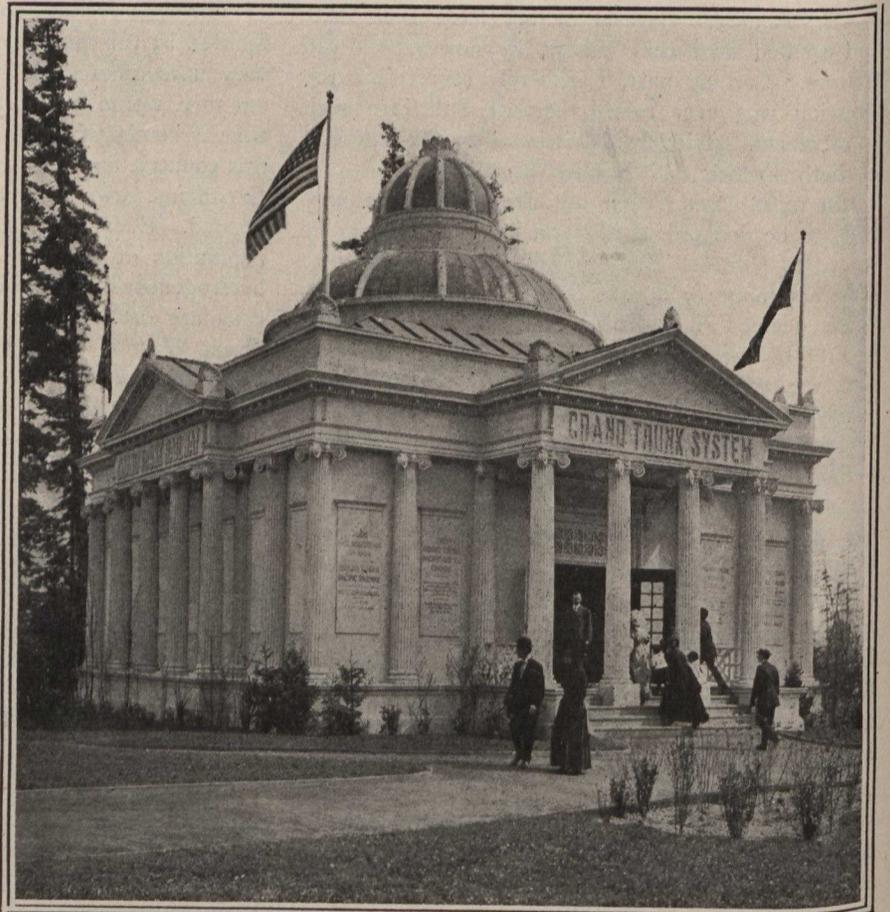
THERE is happily no danger that men who are disappointed in their relations with women will "revolt" and form a society and try to embitter their whole sex against the "wantons." They would be simply laughed at. The "woman-hater" is always a joke and usually ends by getting married and living "happy ever after." Our sex has too much humour to take seriously the rantings of one, two or three misanthropes who should form themselves into an organisation and "view the ladies with alarm." There will never be a "man's rights movement." But some day I expect to see a Happy Wives' Defensive League formed to protest against the unjust abuse of their faithful and affectionate husbands and the possible misleading of their budding daughters. It is not at all likely that the "ranters" will actually affect the opinions of any really nice girls who attract beaux as a candle draws moths; but the Happy Wives may decide to take no risks. In that case, we will see the feminist "revolt" dealt with in proper fashion. Women are very business-like when they see a house-cleaning job that sorely needs the doing.

THE MONOCLE MAN.

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FORTUNATE indeed is McGill in the princely munificence of its benefactors. Lord Strathcona has again added to his list of magnificent contributions towards the sound and practical education of Canadians by a donation of half a million dollars to McGill University. Of this sum fifty thousand dollars is to go towards a much-needed augmentation of the salaries in the medical faculty. The improvement of medical education and the higher education of women have ever been Lord Strathcona's chief interests. Four hundred and fifty thousand of his present gift will be devoted to rebuilding the medical building, destroyed by fire a couple of years ago.

The Royal Victoria College, one of the finest in the world, which he built and equipped and handed over to McGill, was such a gift as had not been previously donated by any one man outside of the Johns Hopkins at Baltimore. His Lordship also contributes generously towards the cost of maintenance. Outside of this splendid hospital he had, before the latest gift, contributed nearly a million dollars to the building up and endowment of McGill.—*Montreal Star*.



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