

and insinuations are untrue and most unjust, and that is putting it in its mildest form. If there is one in ten thousand so low as that, possessing the power to sufficiently ingratiate herself into the husband's affections, she will manage to carry out her design in spite of the law, even as it now is.

There is a point in your correspondent's article of Monday which interests me very much, simply as a matter of curiosity, however. I will take the liberty of giving his exact words, so there may be no mistake about it. He says: "All that frank, cordial and fearless intercourse, all those thousand endearing familiarities which hitherto have been not merely innocent, but the wife's sister's due from her new brother, and always accorded her, will no longer be innocent or possible." O, my dear Mr. Editor, what pen can sufficiently portray the excruciating sufferings which that brother-in-law will have to endure, or the awful deprivation which will fall to the lot of his wife's unmarried sister, if this law should be annulled! I should like to enquire a little more particularly about these "thousand endearing familiarities." How tantalizing to a poor unfortunate man like myself whose wife never had a sister: a thousand endearing familiarities missed, a thousand civilizing influences, however desirable, never to be obtained. I feel like the client who wept most bitterly while his advocate was pathetically pleading his case. When asked why he wept, he replied, "I didn't know-o-ow I had suff-uff-uffered so much." Perhaps, after all, there are not so many. Like the little boy who saw a hundred bears, but who at last acknowledged he had only seen one, and was not very sure about that, your correspondent, out of kindness at least to a few amiable sister-in-law-less gentlemen like myself, might be induced to cut down his figures somewhat. If there be, however, a thousand familiarities between any man and his wife's sister, or so large a number as to justify such an expression, this will probably account for the fear expressed that the unmarried may set out immediately that the present law is abrogated to supplant the married sister. If all these familiarities are permissible, as your correspondent says, under the law as it now is, I think a very strong argument is hereby presented for a change.

Yours,

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