

ten that the low scale of woman's wages is partly due to the fact that many a woman—a wife or a daughter living at home—can work and will work for a smaller wage than would be required for the maintenance of the woman who keeps herself wholly on her own earnings. Again the man works at his trade through all the years of his working life, the majority of women either cease from working when they marry, or work only during such intervals as they can spare from their more pressing home duties. Hence it is not reasonable to expect that women would attain the skill of men, and their inferiority in physical strength also makes them as workers less valuable. Therefore, if women were paid at the same rate, or nearly the same rate, as men, the tendency would be to substitute women for men.

It is very doubtful whether there will be any tangible gain for women if they obtain the vote, and if the gain is dubious the loss, on the other hand, is very dubious.

The woman, we say, is not to guide, nor even to think for herself. The man is always to be the wiser; he is to be the thinker, the ruler, the superior in knowledge and discretion, as in power. One sex cannot be compared to the other. Each has what the other has not; each completes the other, and is completed by the other; they are in nothing alike, and the happiness and perfection of both depends on each asking and receiving from the other what the other only can give.

The man's power is active, progressive, defensive. He is eminently the doer, the creator, the discoverer, the defender. His intellect is for speculation and invention; his energy for adventure, for war, wherever war is just, wherever conquest necessary. But the woman's power is not for battle, and her intellect is not for invention or creation. She sees the qualities of things. Her great function is praise; she enters into no contest, but infallibly adjudges the crown of contest. By her office and place she is protected from all danger and temptation. This is the true nature of home, and if once the anxieties of the outer life penetrate into it, and the hostile society of the outer world is allowed by either husband or wife to cross the threshold, it ceases to be home.

Therefore the man's duty, as a member of the commonwealth, is to assist in the maintenance, in the advance, in the defence of the State. The woman's duty, as a member of the commonwealth, is to assist in the comforting and in the beautiful adornment of the State.

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