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EDUCATION OF DAUGHTERS.

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THERE IS no subject so much connected with individual happiness and national prosperity as the education of daughters. It is a true, and therefore an old remark, that the situation and prospects of a country may be estimated by the character of its women ; and we all know it is hard to engraft upon a woman's character, habits and principles to which she was unaccustomed in her youthful days. It is always extremely difficult, and sometimes utterly impossible.—Is the present education of young ladies likely to contribute to their own ultimate happiness, or to the welfare of the country ? There are many honorable exceptions ; but we do think the general tone of female education is bad. The greatest and most universal error is teaching girls to exaggerate the importance of getting married : and of course to place an undue importance upon the polite attentions of gentlemen. It was but a few days since I heard a pretty and sensible girl say. “ Did you ever see a man so ridiculously fond of his daughters as Mr——? He is all the time with them. The other night at the party, I went and took Anna away by mere force ; for I knew she must feel dreadfully to have her fa-