

working out. Times being hard it is up hill work. They made an agreement with the landlord's agent to pay the rent of the house at the end of a certain time, when the girls received money from a Fraser river farm. The floods came and tenants could not pay the amount the girls depended upon. The day the house rent was due the agent sent the balliff without notice to take possession of the house and all in it; one sister lying in bed sick was ordered to get up as they wanted the bed. However, she got permission to stay until next day and were then forced on the street without money or clothes, in a helpless starving condition. The sewing machine to the smallest article that would assist them to make a living was sold."

I have no means of knowing the names of the persons referred to above, but I believe "Fair Play" would be only doing what was right to expose the landlord, so that honest men and women would be able to shun him on the street.

It might seem that the maternal duties of actresses were the least successfully performed. It appears no the contrary that on the whole actresses are rather distinguished as mothers. Their children are not only tenderly cared for, but they arrive at positions of distinction and responsibility. The most prominent example seems only to half bear this assertion out. Sarah Bernhardt has been a devoted mother, but her son has not proved a valuable member of the community. The son of Madame Favart is a captain in the artillery service of France. One of the sons of Rachel was a naval officer and died in the service of his country. Another son is now in the diplomatic service. The son of Mme. Marie Laurent is a member of the municipal government of Paris. The private secretary of Bismarck was a son of the famous Tagliioni. One of the sons of Celine Monta-

land is a successful man on the Bourse, the other is at school at St. Cyr. The actresses of the Comedie Francaise vie with each other in the devotion to their parts as mothers. Bartet has a son in the naval school after taking a high rank as collegian. Samary, Baretta and Reichemberg compare their babies and relate infantile anecdotes between the acts just as do mothers who have never been behind the footlights. Croizette, who is now Mrs. Jacque Stern, left the stage to devote herself more entirely to a small Michael. Mrs. Kendal has acquired as much reputation as the British matron as the actress. When Ellen Terry was in this country a few years ago she had with her her daughter, now known under the stage name of Ailsa Craig. When she made her first appearance on any stage, in some private theatricals for the benefit of the Workingman's School, that night those who saw Ellen Terry saw the anxious mother, not the actress.

The New York World asked its feminine Sunday readers "what shortcoming in man is most distasteful to a woman, and why?" This is a question which no doubt goes to the root of the relations of married life. The paper has received 837 answers, which is a fairly representative number, although few women we imagine would have written an answer had they not some special grievance of their own, and they probably put their own grievance at the head.

Out of those hundreds of women but two objected to a man's being "wicked." Only fourteen had any marked objection to "unfaithfulness" or "inconstancy," while twenty-four consider a lack of good manners as the most unendurable defect in a man. One woman considers "shyness" the unpardonable sin; another can apparently stand all known vices, but cannot endure an unknown one

she calls "ineffectualness." One woman seriously dislikes a want of humor in a man, which is rather surprising.

Altogether the World has unearthed about fifty shortcomings in the unhappy sex, each one of which is the worst possible in the eyes of one or more fair ones.

This table will give a clear idea of what the women regarded the leading shortcomings:

Selfishness.....	151
Self-conceit.....	247
Effeminacy.....	142
Indifference (to woman).....	137
Inconstancy.....	24
Insincerity.....	24
Intemperance.....	23
Lack of will power.....	23
Insensibility to feminine charms.....	20
Want of pluck.....	20
Habitual use of bad language.....	19
Vacillation.....	19

The result of the municipal elections has clearly demonstrated the confidence which the electors of Victoria have in Mayor Teague. To any one but the most enthusiastic supporters of Alderman Wilson it did not seem as if the contest were necessary; in fact the result of the polling was the strongest evidence that the Mayor was entitled to a second term. There was much to be said in favor of the other two candidates, but the time in which to say it was too short.

Of those elected to seats at the Council Board, it can truthfully be said that there are many worthy of the confidence reposed in them. The election of a man of the integrity and honesty of John McMillan cannot be regarded as anything less than a wise dispensation of Providence, and the other two men in the North Ward give promise of working in the best interests of the city. There have been several changes in the other Wards, in some instances for the better and in some for the worse; but on the whole, I believe the new Council will prove vastly superior to the last. There is much to be done before Victoria attains the pre-eminence which by virtue of her geo-