herb and the smallest flower a place where it plants its roots in search of some permanent residence; every ear of corn its home on the stalk, and every kernel of grain its own little cell. The very hills make themselves homes, and the waters their places of abode. Man, noble and intelligent, is no exception to this great home-law, but on the contrary, exemplifies it most perfectly. Endowed with social qualities, he seeks and craves a home, which shall be the centre of most of the joys of life, and every care should be taken that home should be very attractive, a peaceful retreat from the busy, rushing, crushing outside world-a place within whose enclosure we may say to strife and discord, "thus far shalt thou come, and no farther,"-a place where the songs of the birds are the sweetest, the flowers most fragrant, and every by-path a pleasant association.

When God finished his wondrous work of creation, his crowning act was the formation of man, but we learn that God saw that it was not good for man to be alone, and that he made woman, and gave her to Adam for a companion and helpmate. Our mother Eve, in her innocence, is represented as surpassingly lovely in form and feature, and no doubt elicited Adam's warmest love and admiration.

The human race has been deteriorating for six thousand years or more, and woman has been in a measure despoiled of many of her graces by false education and custom, but she is still man's admiration, and though all the sex do not possess a "beautiful face," there are many gifted with a "beautiful soul." The wise man of the Bible says "that beauty is vain, but a woman that feareth the Lord, she shall be praised." We would not by any means undervalue Heaven's beautiful gift; yet we are of the opinion that there are many sterling qualities to be sought after in a companion for life—far exceeding personal appearance. Man without woman and woman without man are imperfect beings; but united by the ties which bind kindred hearts may each honorably fill the place assigned to them.

Woman in her weakness cannot go forth unaided to struggle with life's ills, but the strong arm of her protector, and a large place in his heart, what can she not accomplish? As the graceful vine, which has long twined its foliage about the oak, and been lifted by it into sunshine, will cling more closely in the raging storm, so it is beautifully ordered that woman more dependent, and the ornament of man in his prosperity, should be his solace and comfort in adversity. How often have we remarked that disasters which break down the spirit of man, and prostrate him in the dust, seem to call forth woman's energies, and she rises superior to every obstacle.

We cannot agree with many, that weman's destiny points to the public walks of life or to the professions which have hitherto been almost exclusively monopolized by the sterner sex, neither to the tented field, where carnigo and blood, and the groans of the wounded and dying cause the stoutest heart to sicken. Surely from such scenes, timid, shrinking woman must recoil; but where is the labour assigned her? We, unhesitatingly, answer, in her home. Here she erects her throne; here sways her regal sceptre, and here asserts her queenly authority. Here her companion learns to appreciate her, and here her children rise up to call her blessed, as can be adduced from the testimony of many great and good men, who have attributed all their prosperity to a mother's influence. And since the destinies of nations are moulded in the home, and by a mother's early training, how important that woman should be thoroughly educated, morally, mentally and physically, that she may better discharge the very important duties assigned to her. Time was when woman turned her wheel, plied her needle, and her task was done. Time is when her intellectual powers require to be called forth, and inactivity on her part is fatal to the elevation of the race; but the gem of all others which enriches her character is unaffected piety. This must be her ornament, her star, by which she may most surely guide those under her care through the many vicissitudes of life, and finally into the haven of rest.

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