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## TEUFELSDRÖCKH CONCERNING WOMEN

Women are stupid.  
They're cunning but they're stupid.  
Life with a capital L wants it that way.  
Their cunning is in their clefts  
Where nothing can dislodge it  
Not even Phil 301 at Queen's or Varsity.  
Women will never give the world a Spinoza,  
A Wagner or a Marx;  
Some lab technicians and second-rate poets, yes,  
But never an Einstein or a Goethe.  
Vision is strictly a man's prerogative,  
So's creativity Except for a handful of female freaks  
With hair on their chins and enlarged glands.  
The Amazons? Who ever doubted  
Women's viciousness could equal men's?  
Let them protest till kingdom come  
But Life who pre-arranged it this way  
Knew what she was about.  
And contrived matters wisely and for the best,  
Giving men souls and women holes.  
No male superiority is vaunted here;  
Both are requisite poles  
In this enterprise humans are embarked on;  
For spirit straining to get free from matter  
And the world that would forever keep it blind and chained,  
Its concern is not with copulation and birth  
But to go beyond the stars  
And come face to face at last with God.  
If women were dreamers too, where would it end?  
It would simply end. I mean, of course, the adventure.  
Woman is spirit's necessary anchorage,  
The blest assurance that it will never die;  
Let the kite soar marvellously into the sky,  
It is still held to the gorgeous flesh that holds it firm.



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OF EDEN!  
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— IRVING LAYTON