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## CIRCLE CHAT.

### THEY WERE BORN FOR IT.

The expression about the poet's being born not made is applicable to other less elevated occupations, and it is equally true with regard to the preacher, the teacher, the doctor, and in short every other calling to a greater or less extent. The more exalted the position the more painfully failure is shown in it and the cases that come before our notice of wrong

selections are few indeed in comparison with the numbers that are struggling through the world under the burden of an occupation for which they were not adapted.

It is simple to understand that the work of a mechanic, though easily accomplished by one whose inclination has led him to learn his trade would come very hard upon a professional man were he compelled to follow it from day to day, while professional work could not be accomplished by the mechanic; but people seldom care to distinguish much further.

We have seen boys, who were termed lazy by parents and all who knew them, after getting into some other occupation, exhibit such energies as to crown their lives with the most brilliant success. Truly they were born for it.

## YOUNG WOMEN AND HEREDITY.

"Cursed from the very beginning  
With deeds that others had done,  
'More sinned against than sinning,'  
And so is many a one."—Will Carleton.

Much has been written of late on the education of young women, and the fair sex themselves are nobly striving for the educational privileges of men, and they certainly have the right if they desire it. But there are more important subjects than classics for both sexes, and we would suggest that more social advancement would be acquired if our young women were instructed in the laws of heredity. Let the people throw aside that miserable shroud of mock-modesty and come at once boldly and with Christian sincerity to the fact that parentage is the highest and holiest mission with which God has intrusted mortals, and then, with the light of science, investigate and reflect upon the young woman's position, who launches on the sea of matrimony without one iota of knowledge concerning heredity, and consequently with but little appreciation of the responsibility of motherhood.

The circumstances surrounding a mother before a child's birth has been conclusively proved to greatly effect the child's whole disposition, and the temper which the mother allows to get the better of her then, as well as during her darling little one's tenderest years, before she suspects its education has begun, is at work with an influence upon its conduct away up in manhood or womanhood.

If the reality were thrown plainly before us and we were permitted to see how many crimes and bitter enmities were planted in the hearts of those who are now the blackest villains long before they had the power of speech, and how many of what are now our greatest philanthropists, our honored men of genius, owe their greatness to their mothers' disposition and talents—if we could plainly see all this as it is we would surely urge the importance of this subject as fearlessly as any other social reform.

In this connection we would urge mothers against encouraging their daughters in idleness, or making "ladies" of them; for in thus weakly bending to vanity, you are directly planting the seeds of indolence even in your grandchildren. Be cautious you who would see your daughters married to a "gentleman," and thereby have nothing to do. Such is, in any case, a poor means to acquire happiness; but there may be terrible consequences result.

A child that is well born, though moneyless, is better off than one rich in money, born of a careless, thoughtless mother, who understands nothing of the responsibility of parentage.