

gaiety. And then how many affectionate dispositions have been trained into heartlessness, by being taught that the indulgence of indolence and vanity were necessary to their happiness ; and that to have this indulgence they *must* marry money ! But who that marries for money, in this land of precarious fortunes, can tell how soon they will lose their glittering temptation, to which they have been willing to sacrifice so much ? And even if riches last as long as life, the evil is not remedied. Education has given a wrong end and aim to the whole existence ; they have been taught to look for happiness where it can never be found, viz. in the absence of all occupation, or the unsatisfactory and ruinous excitement of fashionable competition.

The difficulty is, education does not generally point the female heart to its only true resting place. That dear English word "*home*" is not half so powerful a talisman as "*the world.*" Instead of the salutary truth that happiness is *in* duty, they are taught to consider the two things totally distinct ; and that whoever seeks one, must sacrifice the other.

The fact is, our girls have no *home* education. When quite young, they are sent to schools where no feminine employments, no domestic habits, can be learned ; and there they continue till they "*come out*" into the world. After this, few find any time to arrange, and make use of the mass of elementary knowledge they have acquired ; and fewer still have either leisure or taste, for the elegant every-day duties of life.—Thus prepared they enter upon matrimony. Those early habits, which would have made domestic care a light and easy task have never been taught, for fear it would interrupt their happiness ; and the result is, that when cares come, as come they must, they find it misery. I am convinced that indifferences and dislike between husband and wife are more frequently occasioned by this great error in education than any other cause.

The bride is awakened from her delightful dream, in which carpets, vases, sofas, white gloves, and pearl ear-rings, are oddly jumbled up with her lovers promises. Perhaps she would be surprised if she knew exactly how *much* of the fascination of being engaged was owing to the aforesaid inanimate concern. B.