

One of the most cheerful features of the book is that it points to a progress which aims at no senseless ideals. As we have seen, it is particularly impatient with the vulgar and shallow illusion that there is any real progress implied in the mere accumulation of material wealth. With equal decisiveness it sets aside a shallow aristocratic ideal which would aim, by "eugenics" or any other method, at the production merely of a few exceptional individuals. But while advocating a generous democracy which aims rather at the elevation of the common people, it opposes vigorously the assumption that this is to be attained by keeping them all on a dead level of undifferentiated equality. Directly in the teeth of the Declaration of Independence it asserts that men are born *unequal*, and that therefore the ideal, to which real progress points, is a social condition which secures liberty and fraternity amid all the inequalities that are inevitable in the human race as in every other race of living things. It follows from this that those modern theories are resolutely rejected, which ignore the fundamental differentiation of human beings into men and women. The protest against these theories is all the more significant from the fact that the author is a woman, and a woman who cannot be charged with any unreasonable bondage to purely traditional prejudices of her sex. Her words are thus invested with a very solemn authority. In opposition to those who herald the exodus of women into outside industries as a mark of progress, she regards the movement as "a calamity to the human race," and she pleads for their re-entrance into the home as an indispensable condition of further advance. It is a woman who tells us that the present exodus can be viewed with satisfaction only "by persons who do not rightly understand woman-nature." It is a woman who assures us that by this movement "the vessel which for ages has conserved the seeds of memory, ideality, piety, art, and the affections, is being rudely handled. Woman in the crowd, woman in competitive industry, in office, factory, and shop, woman in herds, deprived of the nesting instinct, de-