

On Herald and News

WOMEN IN BUSINESS.

Does Contact with the World Make Her a Better Wife?

[Eva Petty in New York Sun.]

Some people say that a business life spoils a woman for a wife; others say that it fits her for wifehood. It depends on the woman herself. Some women become coarse grained and hardened through friction with the work-a-day world; some lose their enthusiasm, and a woman without enthusiasm is like a bird without a voice; others grow more compassionate, more tender, more innocent. An elderly man, a middle-aged matron and a girl, in talking over this subject, couldn't agree.

"So your dearest girl friend is going to be married," said the matron, turning to the girl.

"Yes, and it's a fortunate man who gets her. She'll make him the best of wives," answered the girl with enthusiasm.

"Well, we can't tell about that," said the woman. "Your friend has had a semi-public life for a good many years. Her work has brought her into contact with the world, with all classes of men, women and children. This, I believe, spoils the naturally feminine taste for domesticity. The average business woman is an excitement craving creature. Eternal change and variety are to her what rain is to the steady drinker, as the people call him, though I never could think of any habitual drinker being particularly steady. She feeds on this contact with many men of many minds. I've heard people say that business experience was a distinct advantage to the wife, but I do not believe it. Business women learn too much for their own happiness. They learn to criticize and to analyze people, and this becomes second nature to them, and the husband does not escape. They analyze him and his love, and the minute we begin to analyze love, to separate it, to tear it apart, to weigh it, measure it—to you know what happens? Love disappears. This love of excitement and change and this habit of analysis spoils the business woman for wifehood, for motherhood, for a home maker."

"Bosh and nonsense!" exclaimed the old man. "A business life may not be so much of an advantage to a woman as a wife, but it is of the greatest advantage to her husband. And the little girl here will probably be amused and amazed to here me state that the most innocent-minded women I've ever met have been business women, working girls, bread winners. Know things? Yes, and that's the point. There knowledge has not turned them. Ignorance is not innocence. You take the girl bred under her mother's wing in a beautiful, guarded home and because she is ignorant of the world and its ways, ignorant of the weaknesses of human nature, is no sign that she is innocent. Innocence dwells in the intellect. Mind you, I do not say that because a woman works she is innocent, but I do say if a truly womanly woman is forced into a business life the effect on her is good, because it fits her for the proper realm of woman, and that is home."

"In what way?" asked the girl eagerly.

"Well you know the average woman has a very mistaken idea of marriage. She thinks that ends everything, when it only begins things. She thinks on the day she enters the church a maid and leaves it a bride 'I'm married now and there is nothing else to do. This man is mankind to me,' and she settles down, and while she does her duty toward him and perhaps really and truly loves him, she makes no effort to charm, to bewitch, to fascinate, to enslave him. She thinks it is no use. A woman who has had experience in business life does not feel that way; she has learned the value of an extended acquaintance, of the importance of our relation one to another, of our dependence on each other, and she feels that her external life is not to be bound up in this one man. She knows that she can best help him by holding others. Then too, this business woman has a large respect, a larger regard, more sympathy for a husband. Personal experience has taught her to be lenient, to be considerate of every human being. She knows that success is obtained only by concentration, by

single-mindedness, and she won't harass her husband when he comes home with trifling things that will right themselves. She will show a keen consideration for him that the other kind of woman is incapable of. The business woman would not ask a business man, even if that business man is her husband, any more about his affairs than he would choose to tell. She knows that it is bad policy for a business person to talk too much, and she knows how harassing, how exasperating it is to be questioned about things better left untold. She knows that a man's business interests are made to suffer through this sort of thing, and her one idea is to help, not to hinder, this man to whom she has yielded herself."

"That may all be true enough," spoke up the girl, "but does a man want his wife to help him in his business career? I don't believe he does. I think he'd rather think of her as a sweet companion who will be waiting for him when he comes home, a dainty creature, loving and lovable; and most people say that any woman who has ever worked for a living in any capacity loses her femininity some measure in innocence, but I think they mean girliness. How often we hear it said of a bread winning woman, 'Oh, yes, she is brilliant, charming, fascinating, but she has lost that thing possessed by women who have never worked.' I've wondered if it was the spirit of independence they meant, because a working woman does lose that—until she falls in love."

"But look at the strength, the endurance, the self control she finds in place of it," argued the man. "For everything we lose we gain something else. You speak of business women losing that indefinable something. Did you ever stop to think that there are just as many women who are not business women, and never have possessed it and never will. Everything depends upon the woman herself, I tell you, and I know, for my life has been evenly divided between society women and business women. You take two women with open wits, marked with power, ready sympathy, strong hearts and ambition, and let one go into the world to earn her living and the other enter upon a life of ease and pleasure. What is the result upon them? The business woman grows more keen witted, her sympathy expands from the personal to the universal; she sees humanity as it wants to be, not as it is; her heart is so full of love that to her everything has its points of beauty and everybody a touch of the divine, and her ambition is not to gain wealth and fame, but by every new effort to gain new force, new power. Not so with the woman of similar attainments who enters on a life of pleasure. True, her wits are apt to become keener, or rather more cunning; but her intuition is dwarfed and she looks at actions, not motives; her sympathy is one sided, for everything is prosperity about her; her naturally loving heart repressed because society affects to despise spontaneity, and her ambition is—well, its generally to be the leader of her set which is laudable enough in its way. I'm an old man and I've never married and never

shall, but if I were beginning life over again and these two women were before me to choose from, my hands would be held out to the girl who, thought necessity or choice, has wandered a little way into the world and who loves her and whom she loves, returns with an unfaded and unwearied heart, and is a happy child again. The other woman too often has gone too far astray to be called back to her most perfect self the sphere of home, and wifehood and motherhood."

"You've put a new light on it," said the woman. "I shall feel more tenderly for the woman of the work-a-day world."

"I shall try to be more like her," said the girl.

810,000 MONUMENT OF A PRIVATE.

It Is to Be Erected Over the Grave of Charles D. Jacob, Jr., Who Fell at San Juan

Louisville, Ky., Jan. 2.—It became known today that the will of the late Charles D. Jacob, ex-Mayor of Louisville, and President of the Kentucky Mutual Life Insurance Company, sets aside the sum of \$10,000, which is to be used for two years by his widow and then applied to the erection of a monument over the grave of his son, Charles D. Jacob, Jr., a private in the First United States Cavalry, who was killed in the assault on San Juan Hill. When young Jacob's remains were brought home the funeral was the most elaborate ever seen in Louisville. The War Department detached an Indiana company of volunteers as a military escort, and Editor Henry Watterson and other prominent citizens acted as pallbearers.

McClure's Magazine for January

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SMALL POX IN SUMMER.

Has It Come Prevalent Among Negroes and No Funds Available to Stamp It Out.

Columbia, S. C., Jan. 3.—Governor Ellerbe has received letters from the clerk of court of Sumter saying that small pox is prevalent in the Maysville and Lynchburg sections of the county. The disease is confined to the Negro farm hands so far. The governor has no fund available to assist the local authorities in swamping out the disease until the legislature makes the necessary appropriation, the fund for that purpose being exhausted. The disease is confined within a limit of eleven miles included in each township.

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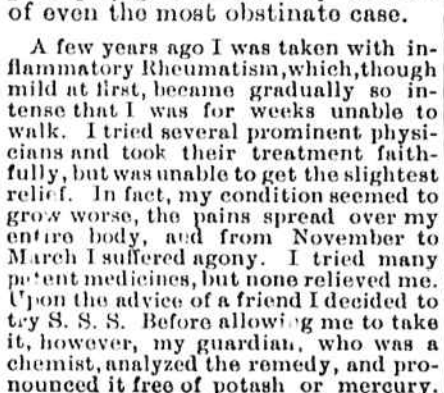
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