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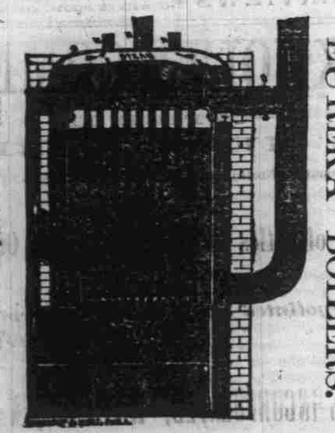

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Still stronger is the evidence derived from official statistics as to their intelligence and virtues. In Salt Lake City in 1881, the published reports show that the arrests for crime were *fourteen times* as many among the Gentiles in proportion to their numbers as among the Mormons; and, taking the Territory as a whole, the Gentile population furnished *forty-six* convicts in the penitentiary where the Mormon population, number for number, furnished one! According to the United States census, Massachusetts has four times as many convicts to the same population as Utah, four and a half times as many idiotic and insane, and nine times as many paupers. Utah, in school attendance, according to the same authority, is ahead of Massachusetts; and, with all that has been said about the ignorance of its people and its immense immigration, its proportion of people who cannot read or write is put down at less than that of New England. And, still more striking, the women there, instead of being kept in ignorance and subjection, are educated in the same studies and to the same extent as the boys and men, and are equally fitted to earn their own living out in the world and to maintain an independent career,—a significant fact, in view of Mr. Potter's statement that polygamy "could gain no foothold to-day among a people where woman should be educated as man's equal."

Most recent of all is an article by "H. H.,"—Mrs. Helen Hunt Jackson—in the May number of the *Century*, on "The Women of The Beehive," not at all in sympathy with the Mormon religion, and very strongly against polygamy, but giving such testimony as the following to the virtues and character of the Mormon people: "The more honest, industrious, simple-minded, and upright a man is, the better Mormon he will be, if he be a Mormon at all. How these old fashioned virtues thrive on a diet of fanatical religion the prosperous farmers of Utah give proof. The Mormon gospel is a gospel of labor. Industry and simplicity of living are its strongest precepts." "But it is the woman's view of it, her position and belief with regard to it, which are most misrepresented and misunderstood by the world." "A true understanding of the conscientious, religious Mormon woman's position and belief would work a revolution in the general sentiment of the outside world towards her." "There never was a class sect of women since the world began who have endured for religion's sake a tithe of what has been and is and forever must be endured by the women of the Mormon Church. It has become customary to hold them as disreputable women, light and loose, unfit to associate with the virtuous, undeserving of esteem. *Never was a greater injustice committed.*" "The passage of the Edmunds anti-polygamy bill, disfranchising all persons living in polygamy and making the practice of it a penitentiary offence, has, so far as can at present be judged, only kindled new flames of self-sacrifice in the hearts of Mormon women." This sort of spirit in the Mormon women was not reckoned on, probably, by those who thought polygamy could be greatly affected by legislation," "It is entirely within the power of the Mormon women to turn any anti-polygamy bill into a farce. There would not be penitentiaries enough to hold them, nor funds to feed them at the United States expense; and it is not easy to see what further device the baffled authorities would employ." "But true signs of the times no wise leader will disregard. The Mormon people as a people are too upright, industrious, and moral, have worked too long and well, and achieved too splendid a success, to have their future again imperilled by being brought into active hostility with the majority of their fellow-countrymen."

Now, what community on earth can present higher, stronger, or more conclusive testimony as to its virtues and intelligence than this? Ought it not to outweigh any amount of statements made by narrow, bitter, prejudiced partisan leaders at home and abroad? It covers almost every possible point of good citizenship—those of education, patriotism, liberty, domestic life, morals, and religion, as well as of industry, thrift, and material well-being. And, in view of it, was there ever a greater outrage attempted against a people on earth, even under the most tyrannical government, than the Edmunds Bill, already passed, and the Hoar Bill, now before Congress? Compare the state of things in Utah revealed by these accounts with what exists in our monogamous communities of the East. Why, I live in a New England State which in every one of these respects is inferior to Utah,—a State where actually a larger proportion of the Protestant men have more than one wife living than in Utah, the only difference being that there they are supported by their husbands and made a part of the home, while here the first ones have been driven out into the world to shift for themselves.

What does this difference show? Not indeed, as Mr. Potter says, that polygamy in itself or for the country at large is better than monogamy,—for in itself and elsewhere it is not regarded as a religious principle, a view which makes all the difference in the world,—but only that, for Utah, and in connection with the Mormon religion, it is producing no such evils as to call for the interference of the general Government. It may be "a crime," but it is a crime legally, and not morally,—a crime only as the breaking of the Lord's day is one in Connecticut, and not as theft, slavery, and murder are everywhere. Marriage, in itself, whether monogamic or polygamous, is intrinsically without moral character. It is simply a social regulation; is, like sunday, something he made for man, and not man for that. It is a means to an end,—a means to promote purity, domestic happiness, the proper care of children, the elevation of the sexes, and the general well-being of society And which form of it is best, or whether any form of it is best, and how and to whom it shall be performed, is to be determined by its results in each community; for it is a community interest, and of course by the will of each community. I believe in monogamy as our proper form of it, because it is our free choice, meets our hearts need, and, in spite of some great evils rising out of it, has proved itself best adapted to promote our social welfare. Why should not the Mormons be allowed in the same way and on the same grounds to decide what form of it is best for them, exposed only to such moral influences from without as all communities give each other, the test being simply its results in their own case? To be sure, polygamy in the past and in other communities "has been connected with a low state of civilization," has served, as Mr. Potter says, "to pander to and strengthen man's animal passions, and to keep woman in a state of subjection"; and, theoretically, it seems to me, as it does to him, that it must now inevitably do the same wherever it is. But the question is not what it did in a past age and in other communities, or what it ought theoretically to do everywhere now, but what it does to-day actually in Utah. Government is concerned not in upholding or putting down some special institution on its own account and in accordance with some ideal of society, but in promoting and guarding the well-being of its citizens under such ones as they themselves have chosen, it being especially the fundamental principle of our own government that each community large enough to become a State shall regulate all its own domestic affairs. And, if Utah shows pratically—and here is where the force of the testimony quoted comes in—that polygamy, guarded and penetrated by the Mormon religion, produces as much happiness, intelligence, morality, freedom, and of all the virtues, prosperities, and satisfactions of life for its citizens as monogamy does in other communities for theirs, shows especially that woman, instead of being "in a state subjugation to man," is freer, better paid, and has more civil rights than elsewhere, then surely Free Religion and Christianity have their emphatic call on the spirit rather than on the letter, ought to be the last ones to advocate, for the mere sake of upholding an institution, that monogamy with its attendant evils, now shown by statistics to be so much greater among the Gentiles there, should be arbitrarily thrust on it by the federal government.

A while ago a "Woman's Suffrage Convention here in New England, I heard a Baptist brother tell the ladies that they ought to be willing to fail of getting their rights on Bible grounds rather than to succeed in securing them by any arguments outside of and contrary to the Scriptures. And once an Orthodox believer, disputing with his Unitarian neighbor about the value of their two systems, on being hard pressed with facts, shouted at last in desperation: "Well, I don't care! I had rather be damned in Orthodoxy than saved by Unitarianism." It is a loyalty to the means rather than to the end which sounds ludicrous in their case; and yet what is much of the discussion about enforcing monogamy on Utah, whatever virtues polygamy may show, but a use of the same principle? What but a saying it is better to have society fall of its great ends on Gentile grounds than to succeed on those of Mormonism; better to have it damned with a monogamy which by actual count furnishes ninety-eight per cent. of the criminals in its penitentiary rather than saved by a polygamy which furnishes only two!

EATING POISON IN COURT.

A LAWYER'S FAMOUS DEFENCE OF A MURDERESS—A CORRECT VERSION.

Forty years ago Col. John Van Arman, the famous criminal lawyer of Chicago, ate a poisoned biscuit before a Michigan jury, and by that act secured the acquittal of a woman charged with attempting to murder her husband. From that time until now the story of the poisoned biscuit has been told throughout the Northwest many hundreds of times by lawyers and others, but it has seldom been told correctly. So far as known, the true version has never appeared in print. Since the incorrect story of the matter has received such wide circulation, a reliable narrative of the incident will doubtless prove readable to many.

Somewhere between the years of 1840 and 1845 the wife of a farmer of Hillsdale county, Mich., baked some biscuits on Sunday morning and then went to church, leaving her husband to take dinner alone. As he sat down to his meal, however, a young farm laborer came to the house and joined him at his repast. Each ate of the newly-baked biscuits, but quickly found them unpalatable and put them aside. Neither one had eaten more than half a biscuit. Both were soon taken violently ill and displayed strong symptoms of arsenical poisoning. The young man recovered from his sickness after some days of intense suffering, but the farmer lingered in a dying condition for more than a year, and finally expired.

Sixteen years before this time the farmer had married his wife for her money. She brought him $3,000. He purchased a farm with this amount, and in a few years he became quite forehanded. His greatest enjoyment, apparently, was to annoy his wife in every conceivable manner. His favorite amusement was to pull their little child out of bed in the night and beat it cruelly. They finally concluded to obtain a divorce from each other. The farmer agreed to give his wife a lien on his property for $1,600 for the support of herself and child. The mortgage was made out and placed in a lawyer's hands to await the divorce. The wife in consideration of the mortgage, signed a quit claim deed to all her husband's property. On the eve of the granting of the divorce the farmer secured the mortgage and destroyed it, intending to put the deed on record after the divorce was granted. His wife discovered the cheat and stopped the divorce proceedings. She then deliberately planned to kill her husband. She sought a reconciliation and went back to live with him. One day she disguised herself in male attire, went to Hinsdale and purchased a quantity of arsenic. This she mixed in a batch of biscuits and left for her husband to eat.

In a short time she was arrested. By law the woman could not be tried for murder because her husband lived more than a year after he was poisoned. She was indicted for poisoning, and put on trial in Hillsdale. Mr. Van Arman, then a young man with a law office in Marshal, Mich., defended her. A young French chemist from Detroit testified against the accused. He was the only chemist that Detroit afforded, and he was a very incompetent one. This young man swore to the jury that he had analyzed several of the biscuits which the prisoner had made for her husband's eating, and had found they contained arsenic. From his quantitative analysis he swore positively that the husband had swallowed less than a grain of arsenic. The chemist further swore that a grain of arsenic was a deadly dose, and that even less might be fatal.

There were no railroads in Michigan at that early day, and there was not another chemist nearer than Chicago. Mr. Van Arman, who had studied chemistry in his youth, and had even delivered lectures on the subject, plainly saw that the Frenchman's testimony was woefully incorrect. Mr. Van Arman contended before the jury, that a grain of arsenic was only a medicinal dose and that the defendant's husband, therefore, must have become fatally ill through some ether agency than poison in the biscuits. He could produce no expert testimony to substitute his theory because no experts were within reach. Knowing that a grain of arsenic would not seriously affect the human system, he caused a number of biscuits to be baked by a physician of the town, each of them containing a grain of the deadly substance. Fortunately for his client, there were none of the original biscuits to be had, and the jury could not murmur against the substitution of new ones.

Having proved by the physicians who made them that the biscuits were properly poisoned, Mr. Van Arman, near the beginning of his closing argument, gracefully ate one of them before the jury and continued to address them. He remained in their sight for several hours, and took pains to show them that he swallowed no antidote. The grain of arsenic produced no ill effects on him. The prosecuting lawyer could not argue away the plain fact of the harmless, though poisoned, biscuit which the jury had seen eaten. When the case was given to them they very promptly acquitted the prisoner.

The truth regarding the biscuits of which the farmer partook was, that they contained four or five times as much arsenic as the young chemist swore they did.

The commonly-accepted version of this famous story has already been that Mr. Van Arman ate one of the original poisoned biscuits just as he closed his final argument, and that, after making his bow to the jury, he hastened out of the court room and swallowed a vast quantity of emetics as soon as the door closed behind him. This incorrect story is said to be quite annoying to Mr. Van Arman, as it represents him resorting to a disgraceful trick to secure the acquittal of the client.

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