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A REVELATION OF THE CENSUS.

UNDER the heading of "Superfluous Women," the New York *Express* has an editorial deploring the great numerical preponderance of women over men in several of the States. It says:

"Massachusetts has some seventy thousand more women than men. The other eastern States have a similar superabundance of the gentler sex. This state of things is unfortunate in many ways.

"There are inconveniences growing out of the inequality of the sexes. They were evidently intended to balance each other in the social equation. In the East the women compete with each other in all departments of industry, so that wages are inconveniently, and in some cases painfully low; and their competition reduces the wages of men who have families depending upon their earnings.

In looking over the Census Bulletins issued from the Department of the Interior, we notice that in quite a number of the States the same disparity exists although not to so great an extent as in Massachusetts. In two or three of the States there are a few more men than women. All have not yet been reported so that a full comparison may be made for the whole country. But even if it could be shown that taking all the States together, the numbers of the sexes are nearly equal, it would not answer the question which puzzles wiser heads than those that lead the New York *Express*, and which it expresses as follows:

"Most women feel that they were made for the home relation, and their human nature rebels against the social condition which condemns them to spinsterhood. There is a good deal of discontent, suffering and wretchedness in consequence of the extensive emigration of unmarried young men from the East, leaving their sisters to struggle and pine unmated at home. How to redress the situation is not clear now to the Reformers and philanthropists of that section, which also has a superabundance of people whose chief business in life is to attend to the business of other people.

It may be suggested as a measure to meet this undesirable condition of social affairs that the "superfluous women," (what an expression!) of the East be sent out to the West, where in some localities there are many—shall we say?—"superfluous" men, and thus the social scales will be better balanced. But there are not many young women who want or are willing to be shipped over the country for the purpose of supplying the matrimonial market, or to go on a husband-hunting expedition. A few will require no special coaxing to take the trip, but they are not likely to be of the modest, retiring and domestic sort who make the best wives, nor are they likely to be very numerous. The main difficulty would still remain in spite of the small minority who could be shifted from the overcrowded East to the opportunities of the West.

There is another trouble connected with this question, which would produce evil results even if the numerical disproportion of the sexes could be reduced. It is thus stated by the *Express*:

"Too many young men of the East are not of the marrying persuasion. They lack muscle, blood, heart. They care more for a club than for a home, more for luxuries than for love. They toil to see exactly how with a salary of fifteen dollars a week and twenty dollars expenses, they are to support a wife in the style their super-refined taste enjoins, and as there are so many women unmarried, they defer marriage until the natural impulse is blunted and the affections are drained off. Half the social vice of the great cities is due to the superfluous women."

It should be borne in mind that these statements do not come from a "Mormon" source. They describe the situation as it is and as it stands before the eyes of those who are associated with it every day. The great number of unmarried women who would be willing to enter the matrimonial state if they had the opportunity, is noticeable everywhere except in a very few places under the sun, and these are chiefly newly settled districts, mining camps, military outposts, and such like localities, where it is not expected that many women will be found.

The philanthropists and social scientists of the age admit the truth of this disparity in numbers, the willingness of the average woman to marry, and the unwillingness of many men to assume the responsibilities of wedlock, as well as the fact that the army, navy, and other professions debar large numbers of the male sex from the family relation, but they will not take hold of the most natural and practical solution of the problem of what shall be done with the "superfluous women?" And why? Because that would imply the error of the social system of many generations, and which is supposed, though incorrectly—to have been introduced or at least required by the Christian religion.

Let the foolish inconsistent and vice-breeding rigid rules of enforced monogamy be abolished, to give way to equitable, natural and protective laws under which men fitted for the care and enlarged responsibilities of plural wedlock could enter into honorable and recognized marriage relations with more than one wife, and make all sexual intercourse outside the marital contract punishable by severe penalties, and the social problem that puzzles the world would soon be solved.

"Superfluous women!" Just think of the term. It is a libel on the fair sex and a reproach to the Deity. That such a phrase can be used with reason is a shame to society, a disgrace to whole Christendom. All women — the exceptions being few and anomalous — are created and adapted for union with the opposite sex, and while none of them should be forced into the marital state and all should have the freedom of choice in the selection of a companion for life, laws should not be enacted which doom thousands upon thousands of the daughters of men to a life of celibacy, with their natural and God-given powers of affection and maternity unsatisfied and worse than wasted.

We do not care a straw about the present unpopularity of the plural marriage system of the "Mormons." The outcry against it comes mainly through ignorance, tradition and the force of custom, swelled by the voice of misrepresentation and the shout of vile abuse. *Vox populi* has often been *vox diaboli*. It has always been raised against an innovation, and is no guide to the truth. Prejudice, even when universal, is no reliable indication for or against a principle, because it is both blind and deaf to evidence.

Apart from the religious phase of the question "Mormon" plurality is a social test. If it were left alone to fairly work itself out, it would demonstrate its power to improve the morals of the age and solve the chief social problems that perplex the wise men of the day. It is too much, however, to expect that so startling a departure from the ways of the leading nations of the earth can be permitted to proceed without opposition. For this, and indeed for the most virulent hostility, its votaries should be and are prepared, and being fortified, not only by profound conviction of its truth and ultimate triumph, but by the direct commands of Him who is Eternal, they will quietly but firmly continue in the path of duty, certain that some day they and the principles which they advocate will be properly understood and valued at their true worth.

The work of reform is always but slow of movement at the first, but this will go on with a rush, and the time is not far distant when there will be no such term in the whole "Christian" vocabulary as that of "superfluous women."

THE CIGARETTE.

The practice of cigarette smoking is on the increase all over the country; It is very pernicious, and particularly so to young people. Boys fancy they look manly when they ape the smoking manners of men, and as the cigarette is more easily managed than the stronger cigar or ranker pipe, and costs less, the poisonous little paper nuisance is growing in popularity among the juveniles.

The Philadelphia *Times* says, physicians and other people in that city are pained by the spectacle, growing more common every day, of pale-faced lads, ranging in age from six to twenty years, who are puffing their little lives away in cigarette-smoking. Day and night they throng the streets, where the peculiarly offensive odor generated by cigarettes made of cheap paper and bad tobacco, renders their smoking as obnoxious to others as it is hurtful to themselves. Every evening before the doors of the theatres they raise a cloud of foul smoke that is equally injurious to their own rickety constitutions and to the noses of their victims. Doubtless, also, they carry their pernicious habit into their homes—when they are old enough to do so without risk of the spanking that they deserve—thus still further doing harm to themselves and making other people uncomfortable.

Many of the Salt Lake boys indulge in the same vice as is injuring the Philadelphia youth, and young lads in all the large cities of the Union. The effects of inhaling the fumes of burning paper and tobacco are seen in the waxy countenances and enfeebled forms of many young men; the habit grows until it is confirmed, and drinking intoxicants generally runs with tobacco smoking. Parents should exert themselves to the uttermost, in wisdom, to check this habit among the youth, and good young men who have sense enough to see the evil of the practice and avoid it, should use a kind influence among their associates and younger friends, to induce them to quit before their systems are poisoned, and they are made the slaves of a dirty and offensive habit.

BRIEF TELEGRAMS.

Shrewsbury town hall is burned.

There was a heavy gale around the British coast yesterday and last night.

The indicted land leaguers will enter their pleas on the traversing indictment on Friday.

The dock and town dues of the port of Liverpool will be reduced about £90,000 per annum.

The expense of the military portions of the Boycott relief expedition will be levied on County Mayo.

It is understood that port charges at Liverpool are shortly to be reduced from thirty to five per cent.

The Greek Chamber of Deputies passed by a vote of 103 to 80 an address in reply to the speech from the throne.

Ross, Laycock, Hosman and Smith will not compete to-morrow over the full Thames course, 4½ miles, for the American prizes.

The report that seven Chinamen had been set at work in the Vinterry silk factory, N. J., on enquiry proves to be without foundation.

Governor Williams, of Indiana, is seriously ill of inflammation of the bladder. Fears are entertained that he will not live to complete his term of office.

Ex-Speaker Dorsey, Congressman Miles, of Connecticut, and Police Commissioner Wheeler, of New York City, visited Gen. Garfield today at Mentor.

Congressman Forsyth, greenbacker, says his party will maintain its organization and greenback congressmen will not act with democrats in the future.

The well known firm of Siemens Brothers, cable contractors, have received within the last two days an order for the immediate construction of two new Atlantic cables.

Two brothers of Cork named Moore have been arrested on the charge of being concerned in the murder of Wheeler. Michael Moore accompanied Wheeler when he was killed.

The State Department to-day, by telegraph, learns that a treaty on the subject of immigration has been concluded between the United States Commissioner and the government of China.

John Davenport has returned from Washington, where he has been working up evidence in the Morey case, and said yesterday that the next public step in the case would be a thunderclap.

Charles Messerth was arrested in San Francisco to-day by an officer from Pittsburg, Pa., charged with forgery four years ago, at Alleghany City. He was on trial for the offense when he jumped his bail.

The London *Times* thinks the arrest of the active organizers and agents of the agrarian terrorism in Ireland would bring immediate relief, not only to peaceable persons, but to many of the peasantry.

Dexy's Chicago Grain and Provision Exchange failed this morning, owing to the rapid depreciation of values of grain, provisions and stocks. He has branches in several cities of the west. Its liabilities not known, probably not heavy.

News comes from Ireland to the effect that money has been offered the soldiers by Fenian agents, who have also promised them high commands in the Irish national army. The soldiers seem to have remained loyal and the police are on the track of the agents.

J. & W. Hossick, of Odell, Ills., made an assignment yesterday. This is the heaviest failure ever known in Livingston County, the liabilities being over a quarter of a million. They were large grain dealers and owed nearly everybody in this vicinity.

Edgar J. Shipman, of San Francisco, was married to Miss Harriet Creil Delafield, youngest daughter of the late Major General Richard Delafield, chief of engineers, U. S. A., in Calvary Church, N.Y., yesterday at noon, by the Rev. Walter Delafield, cousin to the bride.

J. W. Simonton, of the associated press, gave a lecture last evening in Steinway Hall, N. Y., taking for his subject "The Associated Press, or how we get our news." He gave interesting accounts of the system and working of the Association, and amused his audience with numerous anecdotes.

Solomon and the Blacksmith

The story goes that during the building of Solomon's temple that wise ruler decided to treat the artisans employed on his famous edifice to a banquet. While the men were enjoying the good things his bounty had provided, King Solomon moved about from table to table, endeavoring to become better acquainted with his workmen. To one he said:

"My friend, what is your trade?"

"A carpenter."

"And who makes your tools?"

"The blacksmith," replied the carpenter.

To another Solomon said:

"What is your trade?" and the reply was:

"A mason."

"And who makes your tools?"

"The blacksmith," replied the mason.

A third stated that he was a stone cutter and that the blacksmith also made his tools. The fourth man that King Solomon addressed was the blacksmith himself. He was a powerful man, with bared arms, on which the muscles stood out in bold relief, seemingly almost as hard as the metal he worked.

"And what is your trade, my good man?" said the king.

"Blacksmith," laconically replied the man of anvil and sledge.

"And who makes your tools?"

"Make 'em myself," said the blacksmith.

Whereupon King Solomon immediately proclaimed him the king of mechanics, because he could not only make his own tools, but all other artisans were forced to go to him to have their tools made.

SHORT AND SHARP.

The greatest of American riflemen have not gone abroad. They still retain their positions as Indian agents.

They went fishing. She looked languidly at him and said: "I wish the fish would bite at your hook; if I was a fish I would."

"What did the Puritans come to this country for?" asked a Massachusetts teacher of his class. "To worship in their own way and make other people do the same," was the reply.

"My boy," said a conscientious teacher, "do you know the reason why I am going to whip you?"

"Yes," replied the hopeful; "I suppose it's because you're bigger than I am."

"Well! I should er thought he'd er taken the old line instead of the new one," exclaimed a Kentucky woman when she found her husband hanging in the barn.—*Boston Transcript.*

"Why, Frank," exclaimed a mother at the summer boarding-house, "I never knew you to ask for a second piece of pie at home." "I knew it, 'twant no use," said Franky, as he proceeded with his pie-eating.

A Hungarian officer named Sverkremesky swam across the Platten Sea, a distance of 20 miles, in 17 hours. The fact that his name followed after him on a steam-tug robs the feat of half its eclat, as it were.

As they were about to hang an Irishman in London, one of his friends, who had come to witness the ceremony, cried: "I always told you you would come to this." "And you always lied! I have not come—I was brought!"

"What is your father's occupation?" asked a teacher of a new scholar. "Mum?" "What does he do for a living?" "Oh! He lets on thur 'lection, I guess. Marm told him last night that's all he'd done fur a month."

A meddlesome old woman was sneering at a young mother's awkwardness with her infant said, "I declare, a woman never ought to have a baby unless she knows how to hold it." "Nor a tongue either," was the quiet rejoinder.

An elderly resident of Newtown was approached by an agent for a cyclopedia. "I guess I won't get one," said the elderly resident, and frankly added: "I know I never could learn to ride one of the perky things."—*Danbury News.*

"There was a countless throng at the reception last evening," began a young lady, enthusiastically. "Don't be extravagant, Matilda," cautioned the mother. "Well, it was a countless throng," persisted Matilda, "for Sue and I counted them."

An impecunious fortune-hunter, having been accepted by an heiress, at the wedding, when that portion of the ceremony was reached where the bridegroom says, "With all my worldly goods I thee endow," a spiteful relative of the bride exclaimed, "There goes his valise!"

This pathetic advertisement appears in the Berlin *Boersen Zeitung*: "Twins are come to me for the third time. This time a boy and girl. I entreat my friends and patrons to support me stoutly. Excellent butter, well worth its price. Similarly, sausage and cheese. Berlin, April 2, 1880."

Scene, breakfast table. Mother reads from morning paper—"What is vinegar without a mother?" Little M. inquires "What does that mean?" Mother—"It means there's what is called mother in vinegar." Child remarks: "There's vinegar in mothers sometimes."—*Boston Transcript.*

"Who are you going to vote for?" somebody asked Gilhooly. "I am going to cast my vote solid for Dr. Smith." "Do you think he is entitled to the confidence of the people? Do you know him?" "Never saw him in my life, but I saw the other fellow, and that settles it."—*Galveston News.*

A young woman of Cambridge, Mass., jealous of the honor of the students, on hearing of the late defeats of the Harvard nine at base ball, remarked reproachfully: "If the young gentlemen had paid more attention to their base-ball and less to their books, they would not have been so badly beaten."

A little old, but seasonable: Recently a matron made her appearance on the piazza where her daughter and the latter's young man had gone several hours before to enjoy the evening air and moonshine, and began looking around as if she had lost something. "What are you looking for, ma" asked the young lady. "The morning papers," was the reply. The porch was vacated.

There are certain things in this life which cannot be satisfactorily accounted for, do what we will. We can only guess at a solution and then pass on. A poor ragpicker came across half a dozen pieces of whalebone on the sidewalk and gathered them with a sigh. "How in the world," said a workman, "do you suppose those pieces of whalebone came there?" "I'm sure I don't know," replied the poor ragpicker, "and I don't believe that anybody knows, but I rather guess that some unfortunate woman must have been wrecked here."

TOO MUCH OF A LADY.

When Eve in the garden was plucking the rose,
And enjoying the Eden walks shady,
I wonder if ever she turned up her nose,
And sighed, "I'm too much of a lady!"
"Too much of a lady, dear Adam, to work,
A helpmeet was made to be petted;
You keep things in order, I really must shirk,
Though the fact, dear, is deeply regretted."

To-day she has daughters whose delicate hands
Are wholly unfitted for labor;
It almost fatigues them to flutter their fans
When they languidly call on a neighbor;
Their mission on earth is to gossip and dress,
And live upon life's sweetest honey,
And they haven't a bother or trouble unless
Their masculine bank fails in money.

It isn't the loveliest thing, to be sure,
To dabble in cooking and dishes,
But never a home was kept tidy and pure
By dainty, esthetical wishes.
I am free to confess there is something in life
More attractive than putting a stitch in,
And many a weary, industrious wife
Isn't deeply in love with her kitchen.

But duty is duty, and dirt always dirt,
And only the lazy deny it;
Crocheting is nicer than making a shirt,
But man never yet was clothed by it.
To sit in a parlor in indolent ease,
Till one grows all fragile and fady,
Or flounce through the streets silly gazers to please,
Is being too much of a lady.

Too much of a lady to darn up her hose,
Or govern her house with acumen,
Too much of a lady, wherever, she goes,
To ever be much of a woman!
The muscles that God made are useless to her,
Except to be wrapped up in satin,
And as for an intellect—she would prefer
A bonnet to mastering Latin.

Too much of a lady to own a grand heart,
To be a true daughter or mother,
Too much of a lady to bear the brave part
That ne'er can be borne by another.
By fashion or birth quite too fine for this earth,
When it comes to the judgment's great pay-day,
Though our Lord may delight in the lilies in white,
Will he smile on 'Too much of lady?"

Cleveland Herald.

MARRIED.

In West Jordan, on the 10th inst., by B. L. Cutler, Esq., J. P., Mr. Martin Hansen and Miss Lydia Ann Wright.

DIED.

In the 14th Ward, Nov. 19th, 1880, at 9 a.m. of inflammation of the lungs and typhoid fever, MARY KATTE, daughter of H. B. and M. C. Phelps, born in this city November 7, 1877.

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