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a good deal of explanation. He would probably tell us that the minds of these poor creatures have become so thoroughly dulled and disorganized by the inherited traditions of centuries, as well as their own immediate experiences, that they are lost to all sense of decency or propriety. Will the 25,000 women of Utah confirm confirm the resolution of the 3,000? Even in that case, he would say that when 25,000 women are found to vote in favor of polygamy, it is as though 25,000 negro field-hands had held an indignation meeting in support of the cat-o'-nine-tails. Would women in the possession of ordinary intelligence arrive at a conclusion so repul-sive to the moral sense? Well, we really do not know what to say about it. Speaking a priori, we should have thought it a difficult, not to say an impossible task to coerce 25,000 women into doing anything contrary to their own inclination. The British Patermight perhaps tell us that it is not a very easy matter to induce even one lady to do what may not be pleasing in her own eyes. As for flying in the face of 25,000 women in a mass, even under the peculiar conditions of Utah, seems to be an extravagant supposition. One can understand that each Mormon Elder, separately, should keep a tight hand over those "of his own housewide Atlantic, and by the whole breadth of the North American continent from New York to the Rocky Mountains, how could the twelve or twenty women of a single family hope to escape from the control of their stern task master? This is true enough of a lution of the 3,000, what is to be done? held at the Salt Lake City. It was atagainst two bills brought into the Fedesayings and doings. And why not? If the principle is good for anything, it is good to its full extent. Why should they may have been influenced or mannot women speak strongly, if they feel strongly? When men do so, we describe them as "earnest men;" and we are rather apt to feel respect for their outspoken adherence to their honest convictions. Now if these 3,900 ladies -the majority of whom came, no doubt, from Europe-after a fair experience of the two systems of monogamy and po-lygamy, had arrived at the deliber-ate conclusion that polygamy was the preferable course, why should they not say so? They might very fairly urge that their European sisters considered the point at issue only from one side: the point at issue only from one side; that their minds were torpid with habit, drugged with the inherited prejudices of centuries; that they were under the thousand subtle and baleful influences of the male despot, and had never given the system of polygamy a fair trial. The 3,000 had done so; and, with full know-ledge of what could be said on both sides, they had arrived at a deliberate conclusion in favor of pologamy. Here are we in England discussing our petty parish matters in mad out of Here are we in England discussing our petty parish matters, in and out of Parliament. The French people and their Emperor, the North Germans and their King, are doing much the same thing; and, so to speak, we are all giv-ing ourselves airs as though we were en-gaged in business of some importance. Our small matters, however, weighed in the balance against the solution of the tremendous problem recently under discussion in Utah, sink into absolute insignificance. Change the constituinsignificance. Change the constitu-tion of the family, and you change the face of the world. What is to be done when it comes to our own turn? We think of the usual expedients for shelving a question, but only to reject them. How is Mr. Glyn to stop the stately ad-vance of 7,000,000 or 8,000,000 ladies by the most dexterous party management? Of what avail is "the previous ques-tion?" What would be the good of re-ferring the demand of 8,000,000 resolute women to a select committee to a select committee. women to a select committee, or even to a Royal Commission? If it ever comes to that, we poor men can do nothing more than call for our knitting-nee-dles, and amuse ourselves by watching dies, and amuse ourselves by watching Niagara. We do not, however, as yet quite give up the matter in despair. There is a rent in the cloud—there is a gleam of sunshine—there is a ray of hope. That which we have been long anticipating has come to pass. It was not for us to make the suggestion; but great is the force of truth. At the Salt Lake City indignation meeting the other day, we had a John Stuart Mill —nay, many John Stuart Mill

the grave they are in the hands of wo-men, and that the balance of power is with the gentler half of creation. Of Wednesday, March 30, 1970. The following article, on the action of the ladies of Utah on the question of the ladies of Utah on the question of Patriarchial Marriage, and on female suffrage in Utah, is from the London Daily Telegraph: The subjection of women is the oid, old, story. Surely the conclusion to which our dictatresses, owners and prowhich our dictatresses, owners and pro-prietors, came the other day at Utah is one of the most whimsleal upon record. The public opinion of women, fairly tested, is in favor of polygamy. Three thousand women have passed such a resolution. No doubt Mr. Mill will be able to explain away the matter to his own perfect satisfaction, but it requires a good deal of explanation. He would allowed to give a little thought to mat-ters directly of English interest. But what about this suggestion that Englishmen are tyrants, and Englishwo-men slaves? It has certainly appeared to most people that, until a certainly appeared to most people that, until a certain age, the average English male child remains in complete and very proper subjection to his mother, grandmamma probably intervening on the feminine side of the question. The child becomes a boy, the boy a youth; and his first thought is to the period of the second seco throw himself insanely under the yoke of some fair Anna Maria or Louisa Jane, whom he ultimately conducts to the hymeneal altar. As Paterfamilias there is an end of him—the rest of his days must be devoted to providing sustenance and comfort for Louisa Jane and the olive-branches. Should he unfortunately survive her, his eldest daughter is there to take her mother's place, and be what is called "a comfort" to him-which means, in other words. to lead him her own way with a silken familias, in his moments of candor, string. Let a man try to keep out of the usual groove by any one of the half dozen expedients familiar to strongher own eyes. As for flying in the face of 25,000 Amazons, banded together and determined to have their own way, the thing is not to be thought of. Any-thing for a quiet life; under such cir-cumstances, we should recommend surrender at discretion. The coercion of 25,000 women in a mass, even under Mr. Mill-was not so far wrong the other day at the Salt Lake City. The third and final point in the ashold." Cut off from Europe by the wide Atlantic, and by the whole suffrage. The calculation is, that 25,000 female votes will be found within the limits of the Territory, and that they will actually outnumber the male voters. If the 25,000 female voters should indorse

tounding intelligence from Utah is, that on the 7th of February the Legislature IS WIDELY CIRCULATED THROUGHOUT single household; and no doubt so long as the Mormon Elders could "divide" they might "govern." Whenever the slaves could coalesce, the power of the masters would be gone. Will any one affirm that 1,000, or even 2,000 men, acting in concert, could overcome the affirm that 1,000, or even 2,000 men, acting in concert, could overcome the resistance of 25,000 women, equally act-ing in concert, so as to constrain their will or dictate their action? We can-not, of course, vouch for the strict ac-curacy of the intelligence, which we give as it is found in the American pa-give as it is found in the American papers. We are told that on the 13th of jority must prevail; and, if the will of January an indignation meeting was held at the Salt Lake City. It was attended by about 3,000 women; and all men, save the reporters, were excluded. The object of the meeting was, to pro-test, in the most earnest manner, go farther afield in search of independ-ence-or whether they will reluctantly against two bills brought into the reduction of po-ral Congress for the suppression of po-lygamy. It is said that some of the ladies used what men call "very strong language" when speaking of their own language" when speaking of their own language" and why not? If they may have been influenced or man-ipulated-should meet together and declare polygamy to be what women desire. The conclusion is so abhorrent, so subversive of all that we have esteemed pure, holy and noble, that we re-coil from it in astonishment and dismay. If the 25,000 women should agree with the 3,000, the phenomenon will be one of the strangest on record in the history of our race.



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