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self and neither voted for the other; and come up higher; to cut loose from the yet the tranquility of their domestic life effete notions of a bygone age, and, suffered no disturbance.

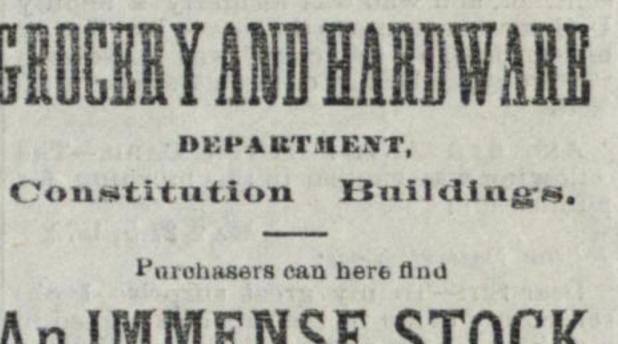
the days of old, develops the noblest complete political equality, assist in leadwomanly characteristics, and on the ing, guiding, and impelling the nations border a marked independence of action toward a nobler civilization and a better and character is observable, which unlife.—The Galaxy. happily is too seldom found in older civilizations where fashion and caste rule with autocratic sway. Some of the most worthy and talented women are not in political sympathy with their former "lords and masters," and yet domestic happiness, "the only bliss of paradise that has survived the fall," still dwells In their habitations and beautifies tate !. their lives. Female caucuses, in which the late lords could not participate, were held at various points; and although wordy warfare prevailed and shrill. voiced sovereigns piped without let or hindrance, no blows were exchanged, and another four miles in seventeen chignons smashed, or apparel otherwise injured. The deliberations were conducted with far greater propriety than usually characterized like assemblages composed exclusively of males; and if the report of a female unbeliever who participated therein is to be taken, their adhesion was given to a policy based on temperance, truth, and all the cardinal virtues. As yet the sex, except in a WHEN YOU ARE IN THE CITY very few notable instances, has not acquired a love for the weed nicotian, or any other manly attribute save that of voting; and in the practice of equestrian exercises she still clings to the timehonored side-saddle, and by no means endorses the two-stirrups style lately practised by a distinguished female lecturer high in the councils of Sorosis. One of the most prominent leaders, while discussing woman's privilege with a gentleman, was challenged for a large pecuniary consideration to light a cigar. and promenade with him through the principal streets. The challenge was accepted, fragrant Havanas provided, the gentle exercise performed, money paid and devoted to charitable uses. Charity was served; and it has not yet transpired that because of this action the lady became any the less a Christian wife and mother. Woman's political equality in Wyom ing, after an existence of two years, has demonstrated the following facts: Her domestic qualities have in no sense deteriorated because of the performance of a share of public duty. She has lost none of those womanly, wifely qualities that for all time have rendered the sex illustrious. Her influence is, almost without exception, exerted to purify the political atmosphere and secure a vigorous enforcement of existing laws. She manifests no inordinate ambition for official power, is content to vote her convictions, and is unwilling that her husband should perform the functions of lieutenant-governor in his own household. With the exception of a very few office-holders, the women occupy from a half hour to one day in each year in the performance of public duty at the ballotbox; and this trifling deduction from time, otherwise perhaps occupied in shopping, gossip, or other gentle female exercises, has not as yet disrupted the social fabric, produced chaos, or blown society to atoms. The pestiferous freelove doctrines, with which the atmosphere of certain Eastern platforms and editorial fields has lately been contaminated, find no converts in this sprightly young Territory; and the belief of her people in the time-honored ordinance of marriage is as eternal as the everlasting mountains whereon their hearthstones rest. Previous to the adoption of Territory were in a virtually lawless condition. Now, after two years of political equality, it has become a lawabiding community, and life, liberty, and property are as well protected throughout its various cities, villages, and settlements, as in any other civilized community. A few disappointed politicians, at a recent session of the Legislature, endeavored to repeal the law, and thereby disfranchise a considerable portion of their constituency; but, representing no public sentiment upon the question, their efforts ingloriously failed, and the statute continues secure in the support of all law-abiding people. Every argument heretofore advanced in opposition to impartial suffrage has been practically controverted by the citizens of this vigorous infant Territory; but whether the movement would be equally successful in older and more



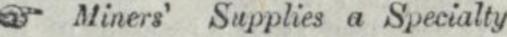


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