

MEN'S RIGHTS.

By Agnes Leonard Hill.

RIGHTS AND PRIVILEGES.

Among the annals of the late civil war history, some humorist protests against the universal tendency to speak as if 'mother' were the soldier's only relative.

He calls attention to the songs, "Mother, is the Battle Over," "Dear Mother, I've Come Home to Die," "Who Will Care for Mother Now?" and he insists that "it is time to give the old man a chance, and remember dear father as well as dear mother."

This suggests that in the strenuous demand for womans' rights, it may be as well to remember that men also have rights as well as privileges; and perhaps among the "down trodden" of earth, may be found quite as many of one sex as of the other.

There are men, as well as women, who "dare not say their soul is their own;" and neither sex can claim a monopoly of domestic tyranny.

There are women who continually cower in the shadow of their husband's possible displeasure; and there are men who feel, in the most ordinary conversation, the iron yoke of a wife's silent and implacable espionage of every word and intonation.

They know that they will be arraigned, not only for what they have said, but for the possible inference that might have been drawn from their most harmless observation.

The gathering gloom of a wife's heavy sulking, or fierce denunciation, they would fain flee as from pestilence, plague and famine; yet to complain would be "unmanly," and to make any outcry would be "whining cowardice."

The finer the man the more he suffers.

The more conscientious he is the heavier the yoke of his wife's unreasoning tyranny.

Much suffering and recrimination might be spared on both sides if husband and wife would calmly consider and agree upon what each has a right to demand of the other.

Perhaps women will come a great deal nearer to gaining their rights when they have mastered

the problem of what may be properly called men's rights.

First, it is undoubtedly a man's right to have his laundry work and mending properly attended to. An abundance of clean linen, fresh handkerchiefs, neatly mended hose, and not a button missing, a man has a right to demand. No woman having proper self respect needs to be told this.

Secondly, regular meals and appetising food, dainty table linen and the comfort of eating in peace without any disturbing element of complaints, corrections or discussion of unpleasant subjects at table, a man should demand as his right, if his wife be not sufficiently well bred to accord these things as a matter of course.

When a man is asked to partake of burned or imperfectly cooked food, and is told at a critical moment that butter or sugar or some other essential is "out" because of neglect to order in time, he is defrauded of his most sacred right to home comfort.

When the table is a battleground for maternal discipline or domestic warfare with incompetent servants, a man's right to the pleasantness that aids good digestion is seriously interfered with.

Frances Power Cobb has wisely said that "women's rights are women's duties," and perhaps when women more generally accept this definition and begin by exercising their first and most sacred right to make home the sweetest and most restful place on earth, they will find themselves better able to resist the unreasonable demands and the petty tyranny of men who have never been given a man's first and best right, the right to be well born.

No woman can intelligently demand her rights until she has first considered her duties and discharged her obligations as mother and house wife.

The valley of the Des Plaines River near Pleasant Prairie, sustained a serious loss from prairie fire a week ago. Hundreds of rods of line fences were destroyed, also a great number of hay and straw stacks. The people organized a bucket brigade and succeeded in an hour's time in extinguishing the flames. Loss is thought to be about \$5,000.

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CITY COUNCIL.

Request from Railroad Men's Home for water free of charge referred to Fire and Water Committee.

Francis J. Baker of the North Shore Electric Company, asks for cheaper water rates, referred to Fire and Water Committee.

Col. H. P. Davidson, asks for privileges to flood part of campus of Northwestern Military for skating purposes. Granted.

Mr. H. O. Hipwell presented a communication from the library board regarding the property at the corner of Sheridan Road and Park avenue, which Mrs. Baker has offered to the board for a consideration of \$720 and the present site referred to Finance Committee. Ordinance, introduced but not passed as yet, regulating speed of street cars through this city.

An ordinance governing the taking of sand from public place on Lake front not passed.

Nov. 16, report of water suspicious.

Nov. 28, sanitary quality suspicious, slightly contaminated.

BASKET BALL.

Saturday evening the alumni played the basket ball team in its high school gymnasium. The alumni were playing their first game and played it as if it were their last. The excitement ran high. The high school boys held their own remarkably well, but as the alumni are a much heavier team the odds were in their favor. They won, however, by only two score, standing 14 to 12 at the finish.

Of the alumni, Willard made the basket throw four times while Troxel, Rice and Fred Bell each made it once. Of the high school boys Eckart made the basket five times and Allen Jones once.

Nov. 27th, the Banner committee of the north shore Basketball league, met here and arranged the following schedule:

Highland Park vs. Waukegan at Highland Park, January 29.

New Trier vs. Highland Park at Highland Park, January 29.

New Trier vs. Waukegan at Waukegan, January 22.

Highland Park vs. Waukegan, at Waukegan, February 5.

New Trier vs. Waukegan at New Trier, February 12.

New Trier vs. Highland Park at Highland Park, February 19.

This schedule is for both girls and boys; the games of the former are to be played in the afternoon, while those of the latter are to be in the evening of the same day.

The banner which they will try to win will cost about fifteen dollars.



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