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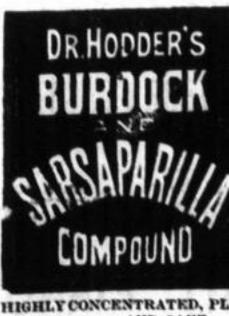
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(Copyrighted, 1887.) "Is not woman man's equal in all things, and his superior in many ?"

This question was sent to us, and is simply a repetition of questions that have been often brought before the public. By the earnestness of this letter one would suppose that the writer's life here and salvation

hereafter depended on the answer. We think it a foolish inquiry. There is no ground for any comparison as we look at it. They are in all respects so dissimilar that none can be made with justice. To talk about equality or superiority seems the sheerust nonsense. One may as well compare the merits of the eye with those of the ear. We should be imperfect if either were wanted or destroyed, yet each has its own distinct functions and peculiarities, and of a nature that makes any attempt to compare them absurd. Who thinks of inquiring if they are of equal value, or which is of the

most importance ?

So between man and woman. Each have their own distinct duties to look after and perform, yet of a character that makes one necessary and helpful to the other. While each can better perform duties that belong to and which are a part of their own nature, yet both can work far better if they work in unison. There is one chance for comparison, and that is when one attempts to undertake the work belonging to the other. It may be accomplished, but will be of inferior value. There are many things that a man can do and do fairly well that really belong to woman's sphere, and she would have performed the work more perfectly. A man can cook, wash, iron, sew, but he will never do such work as easily, cleanly and deftly as a woman would have done, because he has stepped out of his place.

A woman can split wood, plough, and plant a field, mow, reap, etc., but the strongest woman will never be an expert or do the work as perfectly as a man could, because she is not naturally formed for or adapted to that kind of work. Why attempt a comparison where there are no substantial grounds from which to draw an inference ! What ground would there be for any comparison if a woman were to attempt to hew granite, build a stone wall, or build a house ! Her lack of physical force as compared with a man's, the delicacy of her limbs, all prove that she is in the wrong place. She might worry through the work if necessity compelled.

Let a man attempt the fine, delicate work that a woman performs so easily, and his great hands will be sadly awkward and in the way. Did you ever see a man attempt to dress a new born baby, make point lace, or tine embroidery ! He could doubtless do these things somehow if he must.

Did you ever see a woman split great granite slabs, lay a stone wall, raise a house, shoe an ox or a horse ? She could somehow possibly if driven to a point where it was an absolute necessity. But it was not evident that by nature she is not fitted for such work any more than man is for the delicate arts. God, who made them male and female, did not design that their labors should be of the same nature. He did mean them to work in loving unison, but each taking their own natural part in such labors as are appointed for them.

Most of the duties in a sick room are more appropriate work for a woman than for a man. But when it comes to the most critical parts of a physician's work, demanding firm nerves and a strong hand, would any one feel as safe under a woman's hand as in that of the stronger sex? Who can feel willing that a woman, with her-finer organization and more sensitive nerves, should attempt a critical surgical operation when one false stroke, one second's failure of the nerves or of complete self possession would be fatal? But when the most tender care, the most delicate attention and nursing are needed, at times when life seems just passing away, woman is then absolutely necessary. Once in an age, perhaps, a man may be found who, with strength and firmness, combines all the skill and tender, soothing care of a woman, but that is not often seen.

In a law case of great importance we would prefer to leave it in the hands of a man rather than in those of the ablest wuman that any law school honored with a

A man truly prepared and inspired to preach the gospel will give you a better sermon than any woman with a "Rev." to her name, but we know many women who practise the virtues inculcated far more perfectly than the preacher himself. But both together encourage the heart and strengthen the hands, and bring the two nearer to the perfect pattern which their Maker design-

And so through all the varied duties of life. Those who would weigh and measure the two, who would draw comparisons as to which has the greatest power or influence, make an unjust, disagreeable piece of work of it. To talk of equality or superiority is great foolishness. Each, though totally unlike, needs the other, and although in different positions they stand in honor and excellence, if faithful in the performance of their appointed duties one as high as the other. As a whole they are perfect. To man be-longs the strength physically and usually mentally; to woman, an equal power springing from all gentle graces, kindly deeds, unselfish labor, and the pure and holy quali-ties that help to make home the entrance to heaven. For a woman to ignore or slight these sweeter purer virtues through ambitious reaching after the stronger but coarser power given to man is to scorn and throw away her birthright.

The only rivalry or comparison that is not harmful should be in the endeavor to do the

greatest good.

There is much said of injustice to woman, of her feelings slighted and her rights ig-nored, and unfortunately they are often stung to biting sarcasm or scornful repartee if the possibility of woman attaining liter-ary emience is scoffed at, or her pretence to masculine equality or her attempts to ele-vate her sex are treated with ridicule or contempt. We are by no means indifferent to any work that has for its aim the elevation of woman, but we confess that the bitter, snappish manner that is manifested by some who cannot speak of "woman's rights" without a tart and vixenish fling at man is exceedingly mortifying, and must in truth acknowledge that this spirit of comparison and rivalry is more frequently manifested by those who claim to be the gentler sex than by man, whose 'rough, abrupt, overbearing ways are so often and sharply criticised. Doubtless there is often very tangible evidence of this defect, and it is not attractive or excusable. But since the days of Queen Bess, perhaps, by dealing honestthese elements or qualities in our own sex to establish our claims to sisterhood, if not

to equality. But admitting that these are purely mas-

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culine qualities, which find no response in our characters surely woman, if she will give a little more attention to the gentler elements which she should be able justly to claim as her prerogative, should be able to teach a method by which to conquer and eradicate even those uncomfortable and most undesirable traits in man. In that she may, if she will, prove herself superior. In mar ried life especially a wife can, if she cares to, without asserting her power or venturing on any comparisons, secure a most willing and loving subject, when on the contrary, arrogance and impatience will but bring a rough and stubborn opponent.

We are aware that half the seeming complaints and assertions that are so common a topic when two or three women are met together are not meant unkindly, but are only a playful way of making and keeping up a sprightly vein of conversation.

But really there is no wit in it, but it is a bad habit tending to evil and, perhaps, painful consequences, especially when indulged in the home life. Little things often repeated in a sportive vein may in time become so familiar as to leave the impress of reality. Little defects in a husband's character or manners may, if often alluded to, before the wife is conscious of her mistake may have in her imagination, from frequent repetitions, assumed the aspect of serious faults that threaten much pain and unhappiness. There is but one cure for such mistakes that we

Let the wife turn resolutely from speaking of or thinking about any defects in her husband that begin to look like faults, and honestly take an inventory of her own shortcomings and mistakes. She will if she deals honestly need no magnifying glasses to find plenty of them. Having found them, let her bring them to light and place them honestly side by side with what she thinks wrong in her husband, and it may be she will not feel inclined to carry the investigation farther or draw comparisons as to the equality or superiority of either. But after such self-examination let her rest content and thank God for the union. He has sanctioned and will bless if she performs her duty so that at last it can be said of her, "She openeth her mouth with wisdom; and in her tongue is the law of kindness. She looketh well to the ways of her household, and eateth not the bread of idleness. Her children rise up, and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praiseth her. The heart of her husband does safely trust in her." A woman truly deserving this character has little need to inquire as to the equality or superiority between man and woman.

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