

In their attempts: preparation, vanity, and sentiment.' After sketching the gradual preparation which most soldiers go through before they come into actual conflict with the foe—that moment so graphically described from the soldier's point of view by Kipling, when  
The huge bullets come peckin' through the dust  
An' no one wants to face 'em, but every beggar must.  
—Lieut. Churchill goes on to speak of the second influence. At that awful moment when the soldier feels it may be his turn next, 'vanity, the vice which promotes so many virtues, asserts itself. He looks at his comrades, and they at him. So far he has shown no sign of weakness. He thinks they are thinking him brave. The



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dearly-longed-for reputation glitters before his eyes. He executes the orders he receives. But," concludes this writer, who is a soldier too, 'the thing that carries a man through at the end is sentiment. Everyone clings to something which he thinks is high and noble, or that raises him above the rest of the world, in the hour of need. Perhaps he remembers that he is sprung from an ancient stock, and of a race that has always known how to die; or more probably it is something smaller and more intimate—the regiment, whatever it is called—"The Gordons," "The Buffs," "The Queen's"—and so nursing the name, only the unofficial name of an infantry battalion, after all, he accomplishes great things and maintains the honour and empire of the British people.' And what is true of our soldiers is true of all soldiers, because vanity and sentiment are more or less the portion of all.

a whole, but Mr Jamieson was not to be appeased. He declared that 'he had had a large experience of house-keeping, and would make porridge and rice pudding with any woman present.' This revelation of unsuspected powers, however, did not evoke any admiration, and I have since heard him referred to in anything but complimentary terms by ladies generally. There is a tendency to scout such pretensions, or if they are admitted to ridicule them. Now, mark the unfairness of this logic. Surely what is sauce for the goose is sauce for the



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gander also. If women aspire to hold equality with men in all things manly on what grounds can they object to men emulating them in their particular sphere? I often ask myself the question, why should certain areas be fenced off for men only and certain others for women only? Why should the matter of sex decide everything? I for one am quite willing to set these barriers aside and let the question of mental and physical ability determine the position and work of all men and women. There may be some women who would make smarter men of business and legislators than the real men; and some men who would make more affectionate mothers of families than the real mothers. Why should not each be allowed to do the work he or she can do best? This is what the progressive ladies assert; but why do they deny in the case of the male sex the very thing they claim for their own?

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THE WOMAN-MAN AND THE MAN-WOMAN.

THERE is one gross inconsistency in the attitude of the progressive women in these days of which they themselves seem to be quite oblivious. While they claim to have a right to enter unquestioned into the sphere that has hitherto been regarded as especially man's, they resent the least suggestion that man can with credit discharge the duties of their sphere. As a rule this inconsistency does not trouble the male animal very much; he has no desire to pose as versed in the inner mysteries of domestic economy. The ability to eat a good dinner is to him matter for much greater self-congratulation than the ability to make one. Occasionally, however, you do come across a man who prides himself on a knowledge of the culinary art and the management of a household. Such a gentleman it would seem is Mr Jamieson, of the Auckland Charitable Aid Board, who came into somewhat violent conflict with a female critic of the Board last week, because the lady had called in question the domestic experience of that body. Our old friend Mrs Duddy had at a meeting of ladies some time previously spoken in a commiserating tone of the ignorance of the Board. Naturally the members felt hurt, and they took an early opportunity to ask an explanation from Mrs Duddy. This the lady freely gave, alleging that her remark had reference only to the ignorance of the Board in regard to domestic matters. Otherwise she graciously left it to be inferred they might be paragons of wisdom. The explanation satisfied the wounded feelings of the Board as

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- 'M.F.'—Kindly use ink, not pencil.
- 'Dobby.'—Write and apologise at once.
- 'Chill.'—Wear flannel instead of cotton, cork soles in your shoes, and thick stockings.
- 'C.M.W.'—Crimp or wave your side hair; bangs are not correct.
- 'Bessie.'—Ask your husband for a regular dress allowance, and on no account exceed that sum.
- 'Bee.'—Buy an Edison stove, or better still, a small kerosene lamp stove.
- 'A Mother.'—If your children are not perfectly well-behaved you have no business to inflict them on your friends when calling.
- 'A Writer.'—The stories are being carefully read. Can say nothing about yours yet.
- 'I ost.'—If you share a passage you and the sharer must take turns in cleaning it.
- 'Dolly.'—No; such a step would be in very bad taste.
- 'W.S.T.'—Will send address if you forward stamped addressed envelope.
- 'Essie.'—Quite correct and very nice.
- 'Nemo.'—Your contribution arrived too late.
- 'S.B.'—Have written through the post.
- 'Ruby.'—Surplus books will be welcomed at the Hospital or Asylum. Send a post-card to ask them to arrange.
- 'Ellie.'—Try electrolysis. Pulling out hairs makes them grow stronger—if they are not wanted.
- 'Gloves.'—Nothing looks worse than hands squeezed up in gloves two sizes too small. Have the courage to wear your proper size.
- 'Minnie.'—You must use black-edged envelope for condolences of that nature.
- 'Harry.'—Your letter is well-expressed, but spelling and writing are dreadful. Buy a good copy-book; also study an ordinary spelling-book. Wish you all success.
- 'Nervous.'—Never scold your child. Reason gently; he will grow out of it.
- 'A Flance.'—It is more usual to return the ring. It will do for your next attempt.
- 'A Dinner-giver.'—Yes; you must show no annoyance even when your best damask is ruined by a careless visitor.
- 'Bertha.'—Knowing so little of the circumstances I do not venture to advise you.
- 'B.R.T.'—Forget yourself and be natural. Then you will be liked and be at ease.
- 'Eita.'—It is not correct to write so affectionately on so brief an acquaintance.
- 'Hella.'—Rub well with emery powder and kerosene.
- 'A Lady.'—Your looking-glass can be cleaned with well-powdered whiting and methylated spirits.
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