

its presiding genius. While *man* goes forth to the rough tasks and stern struggles of life, she is to be a "keeper at home," to make it the abode of comfort, neatness, order, and virtue. The "home" is the corner-stone of the "State," and nothing can be worse for a nation than neglected, ill-managed homes. It is the testimony of an able English Reviewer, that "the want of domesticity among the women of the working classes is a great cause of most of the social evils which are a plague-spot upon the nation." Said an intelligent foreman: "There is no longer such a thing now as a poor man's wife. His helpmate is a bad economist, a bad cook; she cannot make his home comfortable to him, and the consequences are that want, debt and disorder, and all that can make a man's home cheerless and irritating, take from him all regard for so useless a partner, and drive him to the ale-house." We trust the charge brought by this English writer is not true of American girls, that "the majority of young women enter the married state wholly unfit to discharge the functions of their new office." The art of "making 'home happy' is not understood by them. They lack cleanly and tidy habits, habits of order, habits of punctuality. They are ignorant of cooking, washing, darning and managing a house;" and "this general want of handiness contributes more than anything else to the domestic misery of the common people."

But to save our young women from such ignorance, and our homes from such wretchedness, ought not this most important "art" to find a place in our System of Education?

Again, a very large number of women are obliged to maintain themselves by their own labor. Female labor is very inadequately remunerated at best, and unskilled labor is almost equivalent to starvation. What drags so many thousand recruits annually into the dens of infamy which pollute the land, but the fact that women are paid for their work but about one-half the wages of men, and that those who cannot from ignorance, do their work well, are compelled to choose between starvation and dishonor? Let them all have the chance to learn those domestic arts which will make them more valuable members of society, and enable them at least to secure an honest living.

No girl should be ignorant of these things, whatever her station in life, for if she has no occasion herself to put her knowledge into practice, she will be often called on to direct and assist others. Besides, in the mutations of fortune