

OUR PUBLIC FORUM

Hon. Elihu Root
On Woman's Sphere



The question of Woman Suffrage is an issue before the American people. Twelve states have adopted it, four more states vote upon it this fall and it is strongly urged that it become a platform demand of the national political parties. It is therefore the privilege and the duty of every voter to study carefully this subject. Hon. Elihu Root, in discussing this question before the constitutional convention of New York, recently said in part:

"I am opposed to the granting of suffrage to women, because I believe that it would be a loss to women, to all women and to every woman; and because I believe it would be an injury to the state, and to every man and every woman in the state. It would be useless to argue this if the right of suffrage were a natural right. If it were a natural right, then women should have it though the heavens fall. But if there be any one thing settled in the long discussion of this subject, it is that suffrage is not a natural right, but is simply a means of government, and the sole question to be discussed is whether government by the suffrage of men and women will be better government than by the suffrage of men alone."

"Into my judgment, sir, there enters no element of the inferiority of woman. It is not that woman is inferior to man, but it is that woman is different from man; that in the distribution of powers, of capacities, of qualities, our Maker has created man adapted to the performance of certain functions in the economy of nature and society, and woman adapted to the performance of other functions.

"Woman rules today by the sweet and noble influences of her character. Put woman into the arena of conflict and she abandons these great weapons which control the world, and she takes into her hands, feeble and nerveless for strife, weapons with which she is unfamiliar and which she is unable to wield. Woman in strife becomes hard, harsh, unlovable, repulsive; as far removed from that gentle creature to whom we all owe allegiance and to whom we confess submission, as the heaven is removed from the earth."

"The whole science of government is the science of protecting life and liberty and the pursuit of happiness. In the divine distribution of powers, the duty and the right of protection rests with the male. It is so throughout nature. It is so with men, and I, for one, will never consent to part with the divine right of protecting my wife, my daughter, the women whom I love, and the women whom I respect, exercising the birthright of man, and place that high duty in the weak and nerveless hands of those designed by God to be protected rather than to engage in the stern warfare of government. In my judgment, this whole movement arises from a false conception of the duty and of the right of both men and women."

"The time will never come when the line of demarcation between the functions of the two sexes will be broken down. I believe it to be false philosophy; I believe that it is an attempt to turn backward upon the line of social development, and that if the step ever be taken, we go centuries backward on the march towards a higher, nobler and purer civilization, which must be found not in the confusion, but in the higher differentiation of the sexes."

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TAKE FISH BY WHOLESALE

Natives of South Pacific Island Have
Their Own Method of Gathering
Food From Sea.

The natives of Rarotonga, one of the islands in the South Pacific ocean, have a singular method of catching fish in which the whole community takes part. On the shore of the island there are many long, narrow lagoons, each lying between beach and an outer reef of coral, that usually swarm with fish. The natives choose one of these stretches of shallow water for the fish drive, and close all breaks in the reef by laying nets across them or building up rough barriers with pieces of coral.

When they have done that, six or seven hundred men, women and children wade into one end of the lagoon carrying little, plaited fiber bags filled with utu nut. In most cases the water is about three feet deep, and nowhere more than four feet; so the natives march slowly up the lagoon, trailing behind them the bags of utu nut. As this substance is wet it forms a peculiar narcotic, which it diffuses through the water. The process is called "poisoning the lagoon."

Half an hour is allowed for the "poison" to spread, and at the end of that time all the fish are under the influence of the drug, and are swimming about in a confused and aimless manner. The natives, armed with long, pronged spears, form a line that reaches from side to side of the lagoon, and march along shouting, splashing, and driving the intoxicated fish before them. When the fish are all collected at the farther end of the lagoon, the natives begin to cry, "Eh-hu-hu-u-u!" and the barbed spears fly in all directions. The natives are very dexterous with the spears, and the fish are so sluggish, owing to the effects of the utu nut, that very few of them escape.

Many of the "poisoned" fish seek the shelter of the coral reef and hide in the crevices; and so some of the natives "fish" the reef. They put on glass goggles and sink beneath the water, where they remain submerged for one or two minutes. They feel about among the coral for the listless fish, which they get with a short, thrusting spear. These methodical fishermen usually make the biggest catches; but the merry men in the open water enjoy the best sport. Numerous varieties of fish are obtained, but all have the brilliant and beautiful coloring peculiar to the fish of the tropics.—Youth's Companion.

FOUND HIMSELF UPSIDE DOWN

British Aviator Lived to Tell of Weird Experience That He Had in a Cloud.

A British naval aviator when flying seaward recently entered a thick white cloud and wholly lost his sense of direction. He only realized that he was upside down on finding that things were falling out of his pockets. Then his belt broke, and he had to hang on by his knees and elbows. At length he emerged from the cloud and saw the sea apparently over his head, but was able to right his machine and continue his flight.

A young English aviator, the bullet holes in whose planes bore testimony to his repeated exposure to fire, had one narrow escape with an amusing ending. Mistaken for a German aviator, he was fired at by the French and forced to descend through the puncturing of his petrol tank. When the mistake was discovered, of course, profuse apologies were forthcoming, and he was presented by the mayor of the district with a bouquet.

Talking of bullet holes, by the way, I may mention that the record surely belongs to a British aviator who, escaping from a hail of shrapnel, counted 90 separate punctures in his planes.—C. L. Freeson in Scribner's Magazine.

Enormous Waste in Hyphen
In our campaign of economy an American writer suggests that we should do away with hyphens. The Germans build up enormous compound words without any hyphen to break them; but the English find one necessary for a simple word of five letters like "today." It may be roughly estimated that each one of the two hundred million people who write English writes "today," "tomorrow" or "tonight" three times a day. Half an ounce of force is required to make a hyphen with a pen or a pencil, so this superfluous symbol entails a total waste of 2,190,000 pounds daily, or enough to draw a passenger train round the world. And—"in my mind's eye, Horatio"—I see the printers' staff hurling a million hyphens through the office window for the scavenger to pick up!—London Chronicle.

Secret of Success.
The secret of success is not a secret. Nor is it something new. Nor is it something hard to secure. To become more successful, become more efficient, do little things better. So work that you will require less supervision. The least supervision is needed by the person who makes the fewest mistakes. Do what you can and should do for the institution for which you are working, and the size of your income will take care of itself. Let your aim ever be to better the work you are doing. But remember always that you cannot better the work you are doing without bettering yourself. The thoughts that you think, the words that you speak, and the deeds you perform are making you either better or worse.—Thomas Drier.

True Secret of Keeping Youthful Looking

(The Beauty Seeker.)

The real secret of keeping young-looking and beautiful is to be a well-known hygienist. "To keep the heart and body normally active. Without these requisites, poisonous waste products remain in the system polluting the blood vessels. One becomes dull, obese, nervous, mentally sluggish, dull-eyed, wrinkled and sallow of face."

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GUST YAKE.

Noah Frauhiger, Auct.

PUBLIC SALE.

1, the undersigned, will offer at public auction at my residence, three miles north and six miles east of Bluffton, or eight and one-half miles southwest of Decatur, or one and one-half miles east of Curryville, beginning at 10 o'clock a. m. on Wednesday, October 13, 1915, the following property, to-wit: Mules and Horses, S Head: Single mule, 11 years old, weight 1400, sound and a good worker; 1 smooth mouth horse, a good worker; one sorrel mare, 12 years old, weight 1100, sound and extra good worker; 2 bay two-year-old colts, weight 1200 lbs. each, broke double and extra good workers; one sorrel with light mane and tail, coming 2 years old, of extra good type; 1 sorrel colt, 1 year old, an extra good one; 1 suckling mule colt; will make about 1400 lb. mule. Cattle, 14 Head: One Short Horn cow, 7 years old, giving about 2½ gallons of milk per day; she will be fresh about December 1; 1 large Holstein cow, 5 years old, giving 3 gallons of milk per day; she will be fresh about February 1; 1 red cow, 3 years old, giving about 3 gallons of milk per day; will be fresh about February; 1 spotted cow, 3 years old, giving about 3 gallons of milk; was fresh about two months ago; 2 two-year-old heifers, will be fresh in about two months; four yearling calves, 3 spring calves; 1 Holstein bull, 18 months old, weighing about 900 lbs. Sheep, 7 Head: Six odd breeding ewes; 1 extra good buck, 18 months old. Hogs, 80 Head: One full blooded Duroc Sow, with pigs by side; 1 half blooded Duroc sow, with

PUBLIC SALE.

We, the undersigned, will sell at public auction at the Herman Yake farm, known as the old Fred Shadefarm, in Kirkland township, 1 mile south and 1½ mile west of Peterson, or 1 mile north and 1½ mile east of Curryville, and 2 miles south and ½ mile east of Magley, on Thursday, October 14, beginning at 10:30 o'clock a. m. the following property, to-wit:

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