

THE SAWING CIRCLE.

CHAPTER I.

Among the various societies of Hap-Hazard, for the benefit and amelioration of the human race, was the "Ladies' Union Missionary Sewing Society."

It congregated once in every week, at different houses, suiting itself to the convenience of its numerous members. Its officers were active and efficient in their operations; that is, whenever they could settle unanimously on a subject. The great end to which they were directed, for every one had their opinion (who ever knew a woman without one) and held on to their rights with great tenacity, and were remarkable for carrying their point.

The first lady that entered the society, (it met at Mrs. Grimes's) was a pale-faced, weakly looking creature, with a hectic cheek. She was dressed simply, and looked as if she had not been to bed for a long time.

Mrs. Rosburn came before Mrs. Pinkton had taken her things. She was a very handsome lady—very ladylike and affable in her manners, and her language was decidedly graceful.

Mrs. Saul Jenkins was the president of the society. She was one of your good, kind, bustling old ladies, with a heart as large as a millstone, and as soft as a sponge.

"Ladies, I declare I am sorry I kept you waiting so long," said Mrs. Saul Jenkins, bustling into the room where the ladies had already commenced ransacking the baskets for unfinished garments.

"It is morally impossible, Mrs. Jenkins," said Mrs. Pinkton, "to expect a girl to keep things tidy, if you believe me, the last time I was at the Society, that great gump of a girl of ours burnt up an oven of bread as black as coal, and the cow got into the back shed and eat up a barrel of potatoes and turned over a churn of soft soap."

"La, me! that would have bought truck enough to make two or three shirts for the heathens," said Miss Fobes, an old lady who tried to appear very youthful, "I do declare, what a pity!"

"Yes, I guess it was a pity, and Mr. Pinkton said charity began at home, and that I had better let the Sewing Society wait and stay at home and keep things posted. Men are so unreasonable, Mrs. Grimes, don't you know?"

"Indeed, not I," replied the lady addressed; "they like to see things sung at home, in doors and out, I would not give a pinch of snuff for one of your poke-easy sort, that comes and goes, like a domestic critic, to get his grub, and never knows whether his wife or the kitchen-girl makes his tea."

"I would prefer such a man," said Miss Fobes, "to one like Mr. Sharpe; for every hole at the corner of the premises, Mrs. Sharpe never sees a quiet moment. She can't lend a neighbor a making of tea, but he is consulted, or give away an old petticoat but what he must survey it from top to bottom to see if it is gaudy."

"Never let him chum then," added Miss Fobes.

"How mistaken you are, Miss Fobes!" said Mrs. Pinkton, playfully; "I think the pleasantest thing in the world to have Henry pottering round the house and kitchen with me, helping me to peel apples or string beans, or rock one side of the cradle while I rock the other."

"Of course," said Miss Fobes, sarcastically; "I would not object to be so employed as it must be so very profitable."

"I am like Mrs. Overton," said Mrs. Grimes, looking benignly over her spectacles; "I like the men folks, and I will own up to it, and I believe there is only one in ten but what would do right if his wife would only let him."

"Oh! Mrs. Grimes!" cried Mrs. Pinkton. "It is a fact—I know it," said the old lady.

"I am never happy without my husband at home," said Mrs. Judge Wilford, although I have been married twenty-five years, and have lived half that time alone, for he is always nearly on the circuit."

"La! Mrs. Wilford! I would not be tied to any one that way," cried Mrs. Fobes.

"Nor I," said Mrs. Pinkton. "Where is Mrs. Larkins?" asked the lady president; "she does not attend very regularly."

"Say has her hands full at home, I guess," replied Mrs. Grimes; "she has no time to devote to the society, she is just so busy never neglects anything—she had rather pay the fine—All who are engaged in this good cause ought to double diligence at home—never a mortal domestic comfort; for when a man comes home and finds his wife gone, he is very apt to concoct his comfort is gone, but if he is put off with a half-cooked supper, and a dirty tablecloth, and the young ones cutting up, he falls out of humor with himself and everybody else. I never knew a hungry man, under such circumstances, anything but ill-disposed some way; such times I feel for them."

"Oh! yes! they are lords of creation, and ought to be attended to above all things. Now I think a woman has her rights, or should have them," said Miss Fobes.

"That is well put in, Miss Eliza," cried Mrs. Tucker; "for my part, I think they are very little slaves—worse than some slaves I know. I can't see that they have any rights at all."

"All a mistake," Mrs. Tucker, replied a little pale-faced lady in a green tulle with a pink neck-ribbon and a cameo brooch as large as a door-knob; "she has a right to stay at home and have a baby every fifteen months; to make pies and corn dodgers—that is, if she can get the where-withal to make them; then she has a right to vote, to patch her husband's pants; to sew on his everlasting buttons; to set up every night with a sick child, until he comes home from the Old Fellows' Hall, or the temperance meeting; or if it is election time, you have a right to stay home and get up big dinners, while he takes care of the president's business and comes in at meal times, with a regiment of Hoosier gossips to muss up the house and spit on your clean carpets—but you can't vote. No! a woman can't vote."

"Nor figure in the Senate," said Miss Fobes.

"No," said Mrs. Grimes; "God has given her a different place. Adam was made first, and all creation was put under his administration—woman's place is by his side to assist and comfort, honor and obey."

"Some husbands," said Mrs. Pinkton, looking indignantly, "could not be honored even if they were obeyed—such poor, pusillanimous—"

"When I say man," said Mrs. Grimes, "I mean man, and not individual."

"I like the men very well in their proper places, and in season," said Mrs. Pinkton.

"That is to say, when you want money," said Miss Fobes; "to take a trip to the Falls, or to New York, or sit up with the sick baby or in case of a thunderstorm. Mrs. Jenkins must put sleeves in this apron!"

"How do you like our new preacher, Mrs. Rosburn?" asked Mrs. Fobes.

"I never heard him how you talk," said Mrs. Fobes.

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