

Wives' Aid Required to End Alimony

Law Permits Divorcee to
Prey Upon Man
Indefinitely.

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NEW YORK, March 21.—A woman has joined the Alimony Club.

She is Mrs. Rose Fox of the Bronx, and her initiation fees were accepted at the first dinner meeting of that association last week, although she is a woman, has never paid alimony and says she is happily married.

There should certainly be some organization, I believe, through which women can protest against the laws which make the alimony racket possible in New York.

This question of alimony abuses is very much a woman's battle. Only a few men suffer from the archaic condition of our laws. Only a few, comparatively, get divorced from women willing to take advantage of their power to plunder. But all women suffer because these abuses still exist.

We are as a sex constantly and concertedly asking for equality in industry, politics and before the law. And to every well-marshaled argument we can present the opposition can always answer, "Yes, but you're willing to forget about equality when it comes to alimony laws."

We accept special privileges as women at the moment when we protest against special privileges for men.

The alimony laws are of assistance to only a few women, some of whom obviously fall into the classification "gold-digger."

These laws permit a childless wife who has lived with her husband a week or a year, to claim a fair portion of his income for the rest of his life and to throw him into jail if he does not pay.

They permit a woman who has remarried and is well taken care of to continue to collect alimony from the first husband.

Malice a Weapon

They permit a woman, out of sheer malice, to keep a man in jail, where he obviously can not earn a living, if she can convince the judge that he has concealed assets.

These things are obvious matters of social justice. Common sense and pathy makes one want to get the poor devil on the right side of the bars. But there is more to it than that.

It is a problem which women, out of simple self-respect, seem appointed to solve. And of this year's re-election, and if re-election depended on not offending anybody. The legislature is pretty apt to stop and wonder whether it is alienating the woman's vote.

If the demand for change comes from women themselves they can proceed to vote on the amendments on their merits and possibly destroy the only debtor prisons left in this country.

Childless Wives Should Work

What kind of alimony laws should women fight to have enacted?

The answer hinges in large part on the question of whether childless women ought to work.

Ideally, I believe, alimony should be awarded as the father's contribution toward the support of his children—and for nothing else. The wife who has no children and who worked before her marriage should get herself a job and not penalize her husband for having lived with her.

But where the wife has helped her husband in building up a nest egg of a fortune everything each took into marriage should revert, with divorce, to the original owner; everything assembled since they should divide. And the father should support or help support the children.

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A Woman's Viewpoint

BY MRS. WALTER FERGUSON

THE violent earth tremor you felt the other day was William Blackstone turning over in his grave. That most famous of English jurists, who once held that woman had no legal entity, must have been greatly perturbed if the news reached him that Judge Florence Allen of Ohio is a member of the United States circuit court of appeals.

Apoplexy, no less, would have been the result of any such information when Mr. Blackstone resided in the flesh. For more than a hundred years after he left it, other men would have been affected in the same manner.

Even today the news is revolutionary except that we now are so accustomed to minor revolutions in the social order that we pay no attention to them.

It is needless to say anything about Judge Allen's fitness for her new position. The truly significant fact of her appointment is not that a woman is qualified to fill such an office but that a man now sits in the White House with enough intelligence to utilize feminine talent.

Heavens knows the legal profession needs some kind of a jolt. The swish of petticoats may be a rather strange sound within the sacred portals of the legal temple, but it will be a pleasant one to the ears of listening laymen on the outside.

I believe we might safely permit men to make all our laws if only we were given an opportunity to help in their interpretation and application.

The judicial part of our government has grown implacably masculine in its nature, and for this reason is hard, cold, remote and technical in all its aspects. It has become a mere instrument in the hands of jousting lawyers instead of a means of procuring justice for the afflicted.

There is a grave need for feminine influence in all professions, and none suffers its lack so much as the legal profession. Women are more straightforward in their approach to problems, more scornful of technicalities, and therefore much more likely to feel that codes should be made to serve the needs of individuals.

If it is to be preserved in anything like its present form, American law must be feminized. We

Sororities

Miss Clara Fowler, 1827 South Meridian street, will be hostess for a business meeting of Alpha chapter, Alpha Omega Alpha sorority tonight.

Delta Tau Omega sorority will meet tonight with Mrs. Earl Dorsett, 839 North Beville avenue. Alpha chapter, Omega Kappa sorority, will meet tonight at the home of Miss Thelma Joyce, 2330 Nowland avenue.

Mrs. Lyman Stonecipher will entertain Theta Tau Psi sorority members Friday with a luncheon. Mrs. Herschell House will have charge of the program. Officers will be elected.

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Mrs. Melville Cohn is vice-president of the association and Mrs. Ben Olsen, secretary-treasurer. The standing golf committee is composed of Mrs. J. J. Lange, Highland; Mrs. George M. Weaver, Meridian Hills; Mrs. E. P. Dean, Indianapolis; Mrs. Sam Goldstein, Broadmoor; Mrs. William Hutchinson, Hillcrest; Mrs. Frank Jones, Pleasant Run; Mrs. Scott Legge, Riverside, and Mrs. Charles Bush, South Grove.

Both contract and auction bridge will be played. Players will not progress, but all will play the same number of rounds.

Rush Tea Arranged

Mary Elizabeth Karstadt will dance at the rush tea to be held by Delta Sigma Kappa sorority Sunday afternoon at the home of Miss Mildred Weber, 3233 North Meridian street. Mrs. Arthur Brumfield, sorority mother, will attend.

A Day's Menu

Breakfast—
Oranges, cereal, cream, scrambled eggs, whole wheat muffins, milk, coffee.

Luncheon—
Cream of salsify soup, corn sticks, cress and apple salad, rice soufflé, milk, tea.

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