

and know the exact strength of the other -
and also the weakness. The fault is -
that in working & forming her
separate individuals - not in her
bringing her being so completely
under his "hands", but, because
the position was not so perfect
that, as in the act of generation
the mingled being is formed but
one.

But I have read you a long
lecture during and must now
leave you rest as sweetly
as the firm white sheets as I
shall sleep in the very course, (perhaps
not your claim) blankets -
"let us be gone"
Harrison Wood the General
of the 1st Cavalry

Look Out Valley Ga.
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What the natives call it
I don't know. I can
see mountains on
mountains in front and
right, through which they
seem almost incredible. - Oh!
on the same principle the Maori
when there are no Amazons there -
and the continent is called America after its discoverer, when
Christopher Columbus had the first look at it, It is
called Look Out Valley because one cannot look out
of it, unless he look directly up and that he certainly cannot
do with the hot August sun glaring down upon him as
it does to-day. We came down here from Denton yesterday. It is
about six miles. This valley is one of great value to our enemy, inde-
pendently of the advantage which it gives us in a campaign against Chal-
tanova. They were building immense blast-furnaces for the manufac-
ture of iron. There are no less than three splendid ones within a
distance of five or six miles along this valley. The one at
Denton could not have cost less than \$200,000. The "rebs" would feel
the loss of these severely even if we were compelled to abandon the terri-
tory. But this we shall not be - "Rasey" holds what he gets with a grip
of iron. - But I must go into other matters -
Good bye till evening -

Emily

Darling:

You asked me for a critique upon the "Spasm of Sense". I enjoyed the reading of that article not a little though I do not entirely coincide with the opinions of the writer. I am not however in the way of writing critiques and have not thought of it with the intention of so doing. I could give you my written opinion on the same subject, but I have so frequently spoken it to you that you could hardly find it profitable or interesting - Yet this is the only manner in which I could criticize Fiel Hamilton. The error which she makes is to my mind a fundamental one. She says the parents are the head and ornament of the family and the children are subordinate and secondary, or words to that effect, and that therefore it is the duty of the mother to consider her own happiness, comfort and enjoyment before that of her children. - There is an error here. (A turning house gives me light to write by.) It is every person's duty in seeking to decide on any course of action, to ask himself - not what will bring himself most pleasure - most temporary enjoyment, but how he shall best perform his duty to God himself and his fellows, - how he shall best subserve the purposes of his being. God has so mingled duty and pleasure that we have no means for completely separating them. Duty is never without pleasure, and pleasure - in the true sense - is scarcely to be found apart from duty. As the duties of the husband and wife and their interests are commingled and united, so should be their pleasures. The husband who acquires position and affluence in the world brings it as an offering to the feet of his wife and she partakes with him of its pleasures. He cannot possibly separate his fate from hers, he cannot prevent himself from either elevating

or degrading her. So too he cannot escape from her influence and the power of her association. If she be noble, true, and loving she will lift his spirit from the mire of worldliness, soothe his cares, share his sorrows, and charm the better part of his nature into action. It is absurd for any ^{husband} man to speak of his mission or life-work to the ignoring of his wife, or for a wife to speak of a mission apart from her husband. Her interests and wishes are not of a dual nature. They are not called upon to perform one life-work at home and another in the world. The husband has no right to a life and a career separate from his wife and he cannot have it. He may strive for it and in part obtain it but it must ever be a partial and incomplete one, ^{at best} just as soon as the mystic words which make of two, one flesh, have been pronounced their ~~lives~~ lives and missions are merged. The aim of the one ~~cannot~~ be the aim of the other, the thought of the one the thought of the other. ^(For they are not married) Neither of them has any right to any thought or labor apart from the other apart from their life-work. It is not the duty of the wife to aid the husband in his life-work, it is her duty to be her part of their life-work. What then are the duties of man and wife? They are duties to themselves to their fellows and ^{to} posterity. Of their duties to themselves the first and most apparent duty, is that of support. For this, it is the duty of both to labor. It is not the business of the husband to support a wife and family. - It is the duty of husband and wife to support themselves and family. The wife need not labor in the same manner as the husband, she need not make briefs or post leggers or command battalions, but she must give her energies to the accomplishment of the task. It may be that her part shall be

that her part of this life work shall be to cheer, encourage, refresh
and invigorate her husband, that he may perform more faithfully and
fully the labor devolving upon him. If this be so, then must she labor
to render herself pleasing attractive inspiring to him - that his spirit
may find rest comfort and strength in communion with hers. It is as
the food which strengthens him for labor. Many a prettily dressed, charming, woman
has saved an over wrought husband from commercial ruin. Beauty may
be but skin deep and it thrills the finestuning spirit to the core. A knot, a plink
an arm flashing ^{off} from a sleeve, a well-laid hand resting on the "customary slack"
of the citizen's coat, - a collar, a ringlet, a jewel - the rustle of a silken robe to
and from the church of a Sunday, are slight things, - but Oh! how often
do they, or even slighter things, inspire to incredible effort! Or it may be
that she is required to aid this work, by lending others to admire, love
and respect her. To a certain extent this must always be the case.
If the wife fail to perform her part of this duty - the family may not lack
sustenance, but the husband must exhaust in providing it, some
part of that vitality which is necessary for some other part of the
life work. We must remember always, that "Husband & Wife" is
a firm in which the partners have no separable interests, and what weakens
one must, of necessity, injure the other. If either fails in duty, both must
suffer. They have not each a mission, but have one. Each may perform
a different portion, but the united parts should form one whole.
And what is true of the duty of sustenance is true of all marital duties.
No better illustration of this could possibly be given, than the means
which God has prepared for the propagation of our race. Both sexes
are necessary, but how different the functions of each. There is unity
of design but Diversity of action. But there are other duties, which devolve
upon the married pair! Very true the firm owes duties toward their
fellow beings. Every unfortunate has a claim upon his brother
mortals, and it is the duty of the firm to aid him, whether he be bank-
rupt in money, or in pleasure - in happiness. It is the business of every
couple to add their quota to the happiness and comfort of the world.
This is done in a thousand various ways. Must they must have children?
Very true, the propagation of the species is a duty. But how many? For every
such question there is one full and complete answer, viz - the strength needed
for the performance of one duty, should never be given to another. ^{and if}
this be followed, the "home nest" will never be crowded, the mother never
worn out with home care - Thus while it is by no means necessary
nor proper, that - as you propose - the wife should ever maintain her
separate individuality and interests - for this neither husband nor wife justly have -
it is necessary that both should keep in sight their life work

to do as soon as Capt. Cramwell returns, unless I can get trans-
ferred to some different position. I hope to get a staff appoin-
ment, and so get in part out from his control. I hope
is I cannot endure him longer. He ^{must} leave. I do
hope he would be transferred to the regular army before he comes
back but as I see no hope of that I don't know of any
happy accident that can relieve me from the dilemma, a dilemma
which I have long sought to avoid. There is a place on Gen. Reg-
nolds' staff which I desire and may get but it is very doubtful.
My tent-mate - Lt. Margaridge has just gone to bed. He
himself reminds me that I must have thought more than
have written tonight. "Lillie" and "Lore" have both been promoted
and I have not heard a word of them. You must be getting
pretty well now - Let me see it must be about three weeks
more. Ah! you are getting back the roses now. I'll wager that you
wish you could have your husband with you tonight and who would
have ardently he desires it. If we get Chattanooga and hold it
of the River this Fall and winter I mean to leave myself
ed somewhere, and then I will have you come down and
for a time. I have set my heart on it and cannot be
disappointed. Would you like such a trip? You would save a
little to enjoy see your husband and very much that would be
very disagreeable though it might be your fault.
May angels guard your husband
your dreams - Good Night Pleasant Dreams

Lockport Valley
Aug 9
A thousand kisses
for the two letters I got
this morning
Albion

Mrs A. W. Doulas

Conneaut

Ashland Co.

Ohio

Trenton Geo Sept 6th
Look out Valley Geo
Sept 8th 1860