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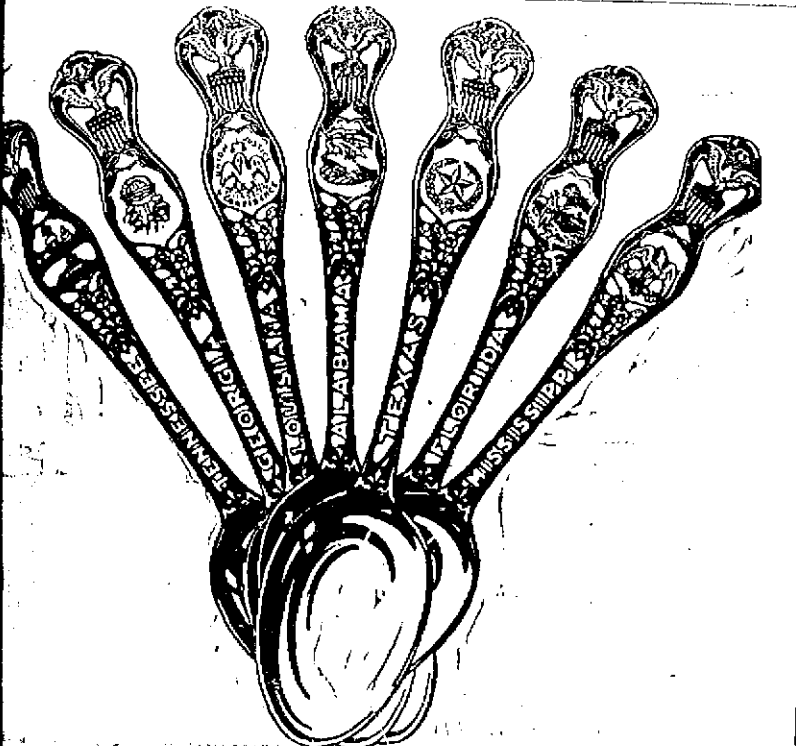
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**Let the Women Stay at Home, Have Children and Wash Dishes, Catron Idea**

Women of Low Morality Likely to Dominate Feminine Vote, Senator Fears; Woman Hardly Fitted By Temperament and Otherwise to Cope With Stern Duties of Saving State and Purifying Politics; Rather Unsatisfactory Interview Secured by Suffragist Delegation Yesterday

**ARGUMENTS MEDIEVAL.**

Commenting on the reception accorded the deputation of ladies by U. S. Senator Catron, Mrs. Rupert F. Asplund, one of the leaders of the suffrage movement here, said today:

"Senator Catron accorded us kind and courteous treatment and we feel very much encouraged over the beginning we have made. While the senator gave us an opportunity to present our arguments for suffrage, he was kind enough to state his own reasons for opposing it. His arguments were medieval. For instance, he quoted the Bible as saying that the story of the creation told how the Lord had given Man dominion over Woman. Mrs. Thompson, the national organizer of the Congressional Union for Woman Suffrage, asked him if he did not mean dominion over the earth instead of Woman. The senator answered: "No, it says dominion over Woman."

"This was one surprising statement of Senator Catron. There was another and that was concerning the importance of woman's sphere in this world. The senator referred to the curse inflicted on man to labor and the curse on woman to bear children. He admitted that bearing of children was something, but he did not find it nearly so important as the labor of man to support the family.

"Considering these two views, I think I am warranted in saying the senator's arguments were medieval: they were arguments which will help the appeal of woman for the ballot."

That United States Senator Thomas B. Catron does not entertain the very highest opinion of the political capabilities of women in general is gathered by a general way from his remarks yesterday afternoon to the delegation of Santa Fe suffragists who called upon him at his residence to ask that he support the Susan B. Anthony constitutional suffrage amendment to the federal constitution.

"He thinks all we are suited for is to stay at home, have children, have more children, cook and wash dishes," declared one of the ladies after the session with the senator. "He also says that women with the ballot don't vote after they get it. I'd like to just ask him how many Republicans voted at the polls when his dear friend, Mr. Taft was running for president in 1912!"

Senator Catron is not overly fastidious about coming directly to the point about things. He wasn't yesterday. He came to the point so directly that it is feared some of his feminine auditors were slightly shocked. The senator didn't mince words. He was unapologetically frank, for instance, about what he considered woman's duty to bring forth children, to multiply and replenish the earth. He was quite frank about discussing certain classes of women which he feared had a tendency to dominate the feminine vote where women secured the ballot.

Senator Catron didn't marshal any new or startling arguments; but he restated the hackneyed ones quite plainly. He received shot for shot however, from a number of the leaders of the delegation, and as a matter of fact there are a number of questions which he failed to answer quite as clearly as was wished.

To start with, the senator didn't have to state his position; he was not asked to commit himself and the ladies wished chiefly to give him something to think about. The senator, however, had already thought about it, and lost no time in disillusioning any of the ladies who entertained the hope that he really might support the amendment.

The first ripple of antagonism on what seemed a placid sea was Senator Catron's interruption of Mrs. Thompson's brief speech when she said that granting the ballot would solve the negro problem.

"How will it solve that problem?" he asked bluntly. Mrs. Thompson replied at length, explaining that in the south the number of white men and women outnumber the negroes; and there is no danger of the negro women complementing the situation by having the ballot. In the state of South Carolina, where the negroes outnumber the whites, there is an educational and also a property qualification to vote; in Mississippi there is an educational qualification. She declared it is very hard for the women of the south to make their wishes regarding legislation known to their members of congress and senators except by letter, owing to the scarcely settled states in which they live.

Points to New Jersey

At the conclusion of Mrs. Thompson's talk, the senator stated frankly the difficulty he felt was presented in asking any member of congress to vote for a federal amendment which would give the ballot to women in states where the voters of those states had declared against it. He pointed to the result in New Jersey just a few days ago as an instance. Then he discussed the status of man as compared to that of woman, and quoted from the Bible that story concerning the eating of the forbidden fruit and the results of such eating. He said it was his belief that woman's place is in the home, to bear children, and man's place is to go out in the world and earn a living for his wife, his children and himself. The very necessity of this work imposed on man led to a rougher exterior, a harder character; whereas, woman was the tenderer of the two.

Tenderness in Politics

Here Mrs. Thompson interposed: "In this age of sordid commercialism, do you not think that if you got a little tenderness into politics you would be a great deal better off?"

This sally was roundly applauded by the eighty kid-gloved hands for several seconds.

Senator Catron paused for a moment and then resumed his address. He pointed to the disagreeable features connected with the conduct of campaigns and the casting of votes and expressed his opinion that it would be injurious to lower woman from the pedestal man has placed her upon; that it would be injurious to deprive man of woman's robbing influence.

"Why," he continued, "you give the ballot to woman and you will put us down!"

"I have a better opinion of man than that," said Mrs. Thompson sweetly.

Eighty gloved hands again applauded this reply, and silvery laughter tinkled. The senator did not suppress a smile as he talked on.

Danger to Morals

"There are many women, just like many men, who are now too high up in morality," he said, "and I predict by the stay-at-home cultured women would not be a good thing."

He cited an instance in Denver where he said an amendment was up

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the garden. Mrs. Thompson slipped out of the room after them and urged them to return to the charge. They called quickly.

"You don't know how many women would vote for suffrage if they were allowed to," was Senator Catron's reply to Mrs. Asplund.

After further debate, Mrs. Wilson thanked the senator for the privilege accorded the women of stalling their views and the delegation departed.

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**Wins \$15,000 Suit; Now a Lunatic**

(By Special Correspondent.)

Galt, N. M., Oct. 22.—Frank Peckarich, who not long ago won a suit against the Victor-American Fuel company for \$15,000 damages, has been adjudged insane. It is stated that he has spent much of the money awarded him in his damage suit.

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