

**DISASTROUS RESULT.**—Only one such has come—may it never be duplicated. But a Californian writes to have THE REVOLUTION discontinued; saying, "I have taken it six months, and it is playing the d—l in my family. It makes it too stormy for me to continue it further." The old Colonization Society was formed to send the free people of color to Africa, because, as slaveholders said, "they played the d—l with the slaves who thought they also should be free." THE REVOLUTION proclaims that woman should be free, and it produces "stormy" weather in some quarters.

The English papers tell of a woman—Mrs. Bell—who, having been plundered of a legacy of four or five thousand dollars, and her child having died of want, became insane and was removed to the insane ward of the workhouse. Meanwhile, her husband, had again married and had refused to assist her. The jury, in the case of the child, returned a verdict of death from disease, accelerated by want of food and clothing, but said not a word about the man who had deserted the child and mother, thus, no doubt, causing the death of the former.

**IMPORTANT MOVEMENT.**—A bill has been favorably reported in the N. Y. legislature providing for the inspection of all "patent or quack medicines." The audacity with which newspapers, religious as well as others, will advertise these abominations, has done much to rouse the popular indignation. It is high time to move for some protection against their deadly influence, moral and spiritual as well as material. Restellism has long found in these broths of Beelzebub, its securest hiding place.

**WOMAN BEFORE THE MASSACHUSETTS LEGISLATURE.**—Mrs. Julia Ward Howe and Wendell Phillips had a hearing last week before the assembled wisdom of the Bay State, on the question of woman's right to the ballot. If they presented no new argument, they made the best possible use of the old, and it will soon be seen whether the body will, as last year, bow the whole subject out of their serene presence by unanimous vote.

**"HORRORS OF SING SING."**—The New York Sun is shining down into the Tophet kept at Sing Sing under the name of prison or penitentiary. If half that is told to be true, and there is little reason to doubt about the whole, the prisoners and the keepers should change places at least, and that would be scant justice to the horrible murderers that many of them must have been and are.

**GEOLOGICAL PROBLEMS.**—Admiral Randall found in Siberia remains of elephants at a depth of 450 feet. Most of the ivory we get is made out of shin bones in Bristol, Conn., but the genuine article comes from Siberia. The most intense cold could never, it is said, freeze the earth down 450 feet. The most intense cold in Vermont never freezes deeper than 30 feet. How, then, could gravel have frozen at 450 feet? How did those frozen elephants get down there?

**CONNECTICUT WORKINGMEN'S CONVENTION.**—It has been postponed to the 20th inst. It will be held in New Haven. THE REVOLUTION intends to comply with the polite invitation to be represented in it.

## EQUAL RIGHTS, VS. THE "SOCIAL EVIL."

ARTICLE I.

THE question has been asked, "What effect upon the 'Social Evil' will the present Woman's Rights movement have? Will it be for or against it? Let me give you some reasons, why it may be against.

Men claim for themselves the intellectual superiority of the race. Kings, warriors, statesmen, philosophers and poets, are the *creme de la creme* of this general male intellectualism. Of the influence of women upon men in private life we may not so correctly form a just judgment, but of these men whose private lives have become by their prominence, public property, history, giving us as nearly as possible impartial statements, enables us to know what kind of female influence has been most potent with them.

History ought to tell us that those women whom men would choose as the companions, models and teachers of their wives, sisters and daughters, those women who have led the best, purest and most noble lives, have also had the greatest influence. Truth, however, compels the admission that the *paramours* of these men have alone swayed in their faithless hands the sceptre of power. Women of "easy" virtue voluptuaries and sensualists, have been their companions and inspirations. History is marred on every page by instances of men whose boasted intellectualism was bent, "like a reed shaken by the wind," by the force of passion for some woman bad as themselves but rendered more shrewd and cunning by her avarice of power—that power of which, because of her sex, she had been unjustly deprived. To support the truth of this general statement let me recall the names of several women of this stamp, of comparatively recent date; the memory of whose lives and acts has not yet passed altogether from the public mind. I refer to Lady Emma Hamilton, Lola Montez and Adah Isaacs Menken.

The first, from the beginning, a woman of doubtful character but great beauty, rose by the mere force of sensual fascination, from a chambermaid's drudgery to be the wife of Sir William Hamilton, a man deemed worthy of great political preferment, yet who was content to give the sacred name of wife to a woman whom he knew to be the cast-off mistress of several of his acquaintances, and who was his own paramour years before she became his wife. To the charms of this Delilah, whom he first knew as another's wife, the brave and hitherto immaculate Admiral Nelson struck his colors, forgetting for her all the tender endearments of home, the faithful affection of a virtuous wife, and even in his last hours raving incoherently of her and the child she bore him. Lola Montez, actress and courtesan, boasts unblushingly and triumphantly in her autobiography of the influence she wielded on Parisian and Bavarian politics through her personal and magnetic influence on editors, statesmen and kings.

Only a few weeks ago there died in Paris, or near it, Adah Isaacs Menken, whose palpable indecencies and immoralities bring the blush to every true woman's face. Of this woman a man writes thus of his first interview with her: "After discussing the immortality of the Soul and the divine essence of Jehovah, Miss Menken would confess that she was over head and ears in love with an Irish prize-fighter. She would interrupt the most abstract dissertations from Greek Sophists or Hebrew dogmas, to toss off a

glass of brandy with the gluttony of a drunken hostler. While she showed off to me her mind and soul, she changed costume and let me see without modesty and without embarrassment the marvelous beauty of her body." What pure woman can read this of one of her sex without a blush of shame and indignation. And yet this woman, the discarded wife or mistress of a noted pugilist, was surrounded while living with admiring male friends. M. Dumas, Sen., was not ashamed to have himself photographed with her. Algernon Charles Swinburne immortalized her in verse, and I believe, her last volume of poems was dedicated to her friend, Charles Dickens.

The power of these women lies in their sensual beauty and the fascination of reckless, daring youth which accompanies it. They understand to perfection the arts that hold men's sensual nature in thralldom. They train themselves never to forget the distinction of sex, even in the presence of the grandest truth. Yet these are the women whose influence with men is most potent while it lasts. Alas! for them! Men only yield to their power while youth and beauty remain. That gone they are selfishly thrust aside to make room for new favorites, who in turn expire in the flames themselves have kindled.

Deprived from the beginning, of political and legal powers, women have ever been accustomed to look to men for all the rights and immunities which they enjoy. Is it strange that they so soon discover where the weakness of these Samsons lies, and take immediate advantage of that knowledge? I contend that when woman shall have equal rights with man, when she no longer looks to him for the power which she covets, that the "social evil" will rapidly decrease, and woman will become too self-respectful to pamper man's sensualism when there is no longer so great inducement to do so: for I think few men, even, will deny that the majority of women are purer in their lives and less sensual in their nature than the majority of men.

But given the ballot and with it an increased incentive to nobler thinking and lines of action, I yet hope to see a race of women whose influence upon men will still be potent, while a thousand fold more beneficial, appealing to all that is best and truest in man's moral, instead of his sensual nature. I reserve for a second paper a consideration of some examples of the influence upon men of this more perfect womanhood, and to what it tends.

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**DIVORCES.**—The *Commercial Advertiser* says: Judge Cardozo of this city one day last week granted no less than eight divorces, in less time than it took to bind them up, awarding the divorce in each case to the plaintiff. The *Advertiser* adds, "habituated as we are, to the association of doves with loves, it seems startling to learn that eight divorces have been granted at one sitting of the Court.

**LOOKING OUT FOR NUMBER ONE.**—The American Bible Society gave the President a Bible at his inauguration. Some think a leaf was turned down at the passage reading "If any man provide not for his own, especially for those of his own household, he has denied the faith and is worse than an infidel." And what the politicians fear, who seem to venerate the same verse, is, that his household is much more numerous than they expected.