

1. Women's Business: the Family
2. Women and War

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Last Chapter:

The more I fumbled with the problem ^{of} woman and war and revolution, society and its improvements, the deeper I went into what seemed to be an endless morass. I looked into various philosophies and theologies and more than once I sought to convince myself that this or that philosophy, this or that theological creed, might solve problems, give me a pattern into which I could fit everything. But all theologies and all philosophies seemed to me in the end to run up a blind alley. There is an awful need in man of having something to put his back against and men become this or that, adopt this or that formula, out of need of certainty, sometimes possibly out of pride or intellect. The more one knows about his intellect the less reason he has to be proud of it as the final solver of things. At least such was my experience. Always the philosophy, the theology stopped at a certain place, left me looking at something outside but it did not make me ^{feel} I could make a more acceptable system by fitting together parts of different philosophies, adding something of theology. But this is a make-shift.

Last Chapter:

To none of these questions have I found an answer. The first bit of research I undertook on my own, finally to round out in a book, came out of my indecision as to what made the life of a woman most fruitful, fruitful for herself and for society. From time to time ever since my first excursion into what was to me a bewildering field I have gathered my thinking and observing into articles and books, but I still have no satisfactory answer. Today I am not satisfied with the ways things are going in the woman's world today. I have a stronger suspicion than I had fifty years ago when I first became bothered about the matter that she underestimates the place she has played in the world as a real creator of civilization. She must have a civilized world if she is to carry out the job nature and society have cut out for her, that most pre-eminent job in the world - the bearing - the rearing - and early discipline of the child.

Feeling as I do about the supreme importance of that work and seeing how woman has stood up to it from the beginning of time, and when the job has been taken naturally what a ripe, mellow, understanding creature she becomes. I cannot but feel that any sidetrack she takes that in any way interferes with this business, does not work to enrichment.

Confronted as a girl with the problem of the platform of woman's rights, education was the thing that appealed most deeply to me, not education ~~for occupation~~ for careers if you please, but

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I saw primarily education for the woman's natural career. I do not know any position on earth where education is of more use, more needed. Not the superficial education which we get out of the school, but the understanding and training which gives an appreciation of what is beautiful, a passion for what is good, a sense of the supreme importance of ~~straight~~ thinking, the supreme importance of handling a situation as it comes to you and not running away to some other situation which naturally enough we always delude ourselves in to thinking is more important than the one where we are, where as a matter of fact the only one with which we can make solid is the one where we are.

I still have the feeling that the tool we have been taking is not yielding as much fruit for our primary purpose in society as women hoped they would. *But does it not* And I sense among a good many serious-minded women a disillusionment with the effect of the whole program.

But how gallantly women have attacked it. We probably will have two or three generations of what we would like to call "lost generations." But necessity, common sense, larger understanding, will bring us back, I believe, to a sense of the supreme ^{importance} in human experience of the child and the home, the realization of the superiority of the culture that may be gained from it, a culture infinitely superior to what the self-centered career ever did. *honor*

That is hierachy, this idea of mine, for I feel that many women would call it that. It is based on my admiration of the extraordinary way in which all through the ages women have stood up to this business of continuing the life of the world,

intentionally made what I wish

the cunning,
as well as the intelligence, the determination in which they
have used all their resources, ^{the need of man for them.} They appeal not only to his
passion but to his pride and to that wall of sentiment which
bubbles in men, making ^{him} when the right appeal comes ~~making him~~ the
champion of the weak, making the decent man the champion of the
weak, the fighter for wife and child. It is she who has forced
him to the curious thing we call civilization. And many of these
distortions have come in the effort to provide her what she needed,
or thought she needed. She has kept him at it. No one can
believe that man would have produced stuffed furniture if a
woman hadn't wanted a soft cushion.

it is the woman and the possibilities of her
position which engage all my admiration and ^{my} sympathy. and She is
a gallant persisting, indomitable creature and the world cannot
run without her. To her is given the greatest of all human
experiences - bearing a child, rearing it. ~~And a part of the~~
~~business of the woman is to have a child, and to rear it, and to~~
~~do it in a way that will satisfy her mind and her heart~~
~~The business of the woman is to have a child, and to rear it, and to~~
social

The present crazy structure so full of contradictions
and futility denies to large numbers of women this supreme
experience. It keeps them tied to desks and offices and factories,
to the making of ^{shells} careers, but look them over, see to what end the
efforts of most of them are directed and you will find it is to

*Madam Roland
head in
ear*

making the homes of the women who are fulfilling their destiny more comfortable, more possible, that they are the great body guard of the home. My conviction is that that is their chief usefulness in the present situation of women.

So on my first question I have come out just about where I started, and with my second puzzle it is not much different. The conviction is stronger, it is of a hopeless mess of force - wars - revolutions - strikes - as a settlement of human disagreement. *the advancement of freedom - the quest of order* It was the experience of the first

woman I tried thoroughly to study - ~~Madam Roland~~ - that convinced me that out of her efforts there had come a succession of new problems and new evils, that the seed of the revolution that she fostered was the seed of new revolutions. But more

intelligent methods of progress might be found. *more in elect* My study of the Civil War and what followed it, of our own times, particularly the ghastly institutions of warfare for cooperation in the industrial world - so unintelligent, so defeated, - made me

more and more convinced that the greatest problem the world faces is finding substitutes for these appeals to force. These substitutes must be found at home. Nothing seems more absurd to me than the idea that our war-like unions should inscribe the

word "peace" on their banners, that our tough-minded, obstinate *Super* ~~higher~~ should talk of peace, / ^{that} any of us who quarrel and hate our neighbor and conduct punitive expeditions, political or social, should talk about peace. Peace begins at home, at the breakfast table, if you please.

Since began to feel in 1900 on

That is not saying that the international effort should not be continued. One great difficulty is that in our haste, when they do not work out exactly as we wish in the short time, we throw them over. Is there nothing to be learned from the experience with the League of Nations, nothing to be saved from the idealism, from the efforts which have gone into its making, from the experience in the technique^{of} negotiation which it has fostered in the ameliorations in human conditions that is carried on through its commissions? Is there nothing in the extraordinary acquaintanceship that has been growing up through the League?

The great thing perhaps to be learned from the Peace Conference of Versailles is that the needs of nations must be considered, the reactions against punishment of nations however guilty you may call them. They are the most dangerous of international devices and are bound to lead to a day of retaliation when the strength grows great enough.

What a different phase there would be on the world today if the government had been in spirit closer to Woodrow Wilson's Fourteen Points. It was a great job. It was the greatest. Perhaps the women's disillusionment at the moment is that she has confidence that given the tools of politics and she would be able to scrap wars for good and all have been defeated. She sees that it is something deeper, the diplomacy of the popular ballot, that is behind both of them.

The ideal of the P.E. is to set up a machine

2 things they do more than any other world.
Must have to be that all needed was
had it, it is in - by the way
set it is called Remembrance of the
will have in your mind 90 in 2000
in 1900 - set it, it is really a don't
say that it is a matter of your father
we do not know a much more likely
each than remembering it is the expression
have been defeated. She sees that it is something deeper.

~~has been forced it has been forced~~ against reason. Force must settle the things, not reason. The ~~unhappy~~ truth is that ~~there is no field in which reason is operating.~~ It is will to power in opposition to the will to peace. ~~It is~~ ^{It is} salvation by material accumulation. How are we going to replace the one for the other? All the ~~easy~~ ^{thin} guessing, the wishful thinking, the talking and combining and schemeing will not do it. It is the upbuilding, beginning at the bottom and demonstrate ~~xxxxxxx~~ in the minds ^{from} the beginning and ~~as it goes on.~~ ~~The superiority of reason over force to~~ begin with.

I would like to see mothers and teachers taking their children to the Polish Building at the World's Fair, showing them what those Poles in twenty years of faithful ^{frank} living have accomplished in the making of the country, and tell me what they have not accomplished. Remember what they began with and rememer their hopes in spite of inexperience. It is all written there. Then show what Poland is today and ask ~~xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx~~ any child which is the better neighbor for Russia and Germany - the Poland represented at the World's Fair with its achievements and aspirations, the hope of what it might become in spite of all its mistakes. Which is the better, more profitable, neighbor economically this or ~~what Germany~~ the Poland as it is today after its experience with the German ^{Not only was Poland economically} a more valuable neighbor, but a neighbor less to be feared.

What enemy has Germany so impassable, so bitter, so determined on revenge as the ~~Germans~~ Pole of today? Compare that with the Pole of a year ago of whom Hitler himself said. (Quote)

Mothers and families must begin at the bottom
in this upbuilding. (Quote railroad safety man)

All this can be demonstrated to children, best of all in the household and applied best in the household. But it takes men and women of character, intelligence and self-control who have convinced themselves that prosperity and happiness for themselves lies in disciplined characters and lives.

Something of this kind must be developed out of the Virginia Woolf thesis.

After the Poland example there is always the contrast between the result of the good and bad neighbor, the slum and the pleasant well-cared for home and street - the advantage to the comfortably placed.

When men ~~defy~~ ^{see} the ~~evils~~ ^{evil} ~~see~~ that it is in
their ~~interest~~ ^{interest} to get down to Calvary so as
to ~~see~~ ^{see} the ~~evils~~ ^{evil} ~~see~~ that there is but one cross
to ~~obtain~~ ^{obtain} the cross ~~entirely~~ ^{entirely} for good, ~~generally~~ ^{generally}
they agree with ~~him~~ ^{him}.