

THE NEW MAN.

Items of Interest for Progressive Masculinity.

[Communications for this department should be addressed to Mr. J. Willie Wilkins, care of THE COURIER. Mr. J. Willie Wilkins begs leave to announce that he expects to receive assistance in the conduct of the Man's Department in the way of regular and occasional contributions from the following named gentlemen:

F. Connell Zehring,
C. E. Magoon,
H. H. Blodgett,
Tom Ewing,
John T. Dorgan,

and a number of married New Men who are the husbands of New Women, but who for obvious reasons prefer not to be known as contributors.]

The time for the emancipation of man has come, and men must not delay taking their place in the ranks of those who are today pressing forward in the great battle for independence that is going on. For centuries man has been held in the most abject subjection by woman. The petticoat has been to him a symbol of his thralldom. He has been kept back and oftentimes treated as though he were not capable, mentally, of grasping the problems with which women have contended. In extreme cases he has suffered the most cruel treatment. For centuries, since the time of which the memory of man runneth not to the contrary, he has been completely enslaved. If he has been unfettered by the clanking chains of physical bondage he has been stamped as an inferior being by the iron heel of free woman, and has, up to this time accepted his lot with resignation. For centuries man has been utterly excluded from all participation in the great affairs with which woman has busied herself. Woman, in the enjoyment of absolute power, has told man what he should eat and drink, and further than that she has had sole supervision of all culinary arrangements. Regardless of feeble protests she has made dangerous experiments in cooking and man, dumb as a lamb led to slaughter, has eaten in silence. As an incident of his slavery he has been tortured by dyspepsia, and at night a disordered stomach has caused him to see snakes and other things. He has suffered from insomnia and a dozen other ailments arising from improper food. And that is not all. The door of the nursery has been locked in his face and he has seen the children he loved grow up and bring disgrace upon the household. When he has ventured to express an opinion as to how Mary or John should be "brought up" woman—the wife, has smiled sarcastically and said: "What do you know about such things, you go down to the office and don't bother me." In the sewing room it has been the same. In fact the whole household and all its affairs are in the exclusive control of woman. Man is locked up in his library while woman reigns supreme in all other parts of the house. But now, fellow sufferers, there is a chance to change all this. The new movement is well on its way, and nothing less than complete emancipation should satisfy us. We will take our rightful place by the side of woman and show her that we are mentally able to deal with these great affairs of life. Rise up, ye slaves, and with a chafing dish in one hand and a flaming sword in the other, with our breastplates stuck full of needles and pins, let us invade the precincts from which we have so long been excluded! Let us fight for liberty.

J. WILLIE WILKINS.

A resident of Lincoln who is not quite a New Man cites as one of the disadvantages and dangers of this movement in the direction of man's emancipation from the thralldom in which he has been held since Eve first provided Adam with that very costly fruit and constituted herself the manager of the household arrangements of the family. He refers to the divorce case that is just now stirring Baltimore to the depths. It appears that David Melamet, composer of the prize Columbian cantata and a musician of national reputation is the unnamed co-respondent in a divorce suit commenced by a Professor Reinhold Faelton. The newspaper account says: "Mrs. Faelton is a handsome woman of thirty years, who is also a talented musician. Six years ago Mr. Melamet came to this country from Germany and took up his residence with the Faeltons. Mr. Melamet and Mrs. Faelton soon became great friends and were seen constantly together, while the husband was at home looking after the four children." Now Melamet is a co-respondent. The gentleman above referred to is a married man, and he says if being a New Man and staying at home and taking care of the children is going to put

roses in the path of the wife who is out looking for co-respondents, he is not prepared to endorse the new movement of man toward the kitchen, the nursery and the sewing room. Co-respondents were found readily enough under the old arrangement. But this is an extreme case, and there does not seem to be any reason for serious apprehension on this score. The New Man must not falter or take a step backward from the goal of complete emancipation because of the danger in the way. For the sake of The Cause he must take the risk.

The man's movement has made such headway in Lincoln that the leaders of the movement have now decided to take decisive steps to spread and make more effective the gospel of man's emancipation. The two or three men's clubs will be made the nucleus of a great chain of clubs which will be organized at once. There will be sewing clubs and chafing dish clubs and nursery clubs and sweeping and dusting clubs, etc., etc., and in a few weeks, or just as soon as they are in proper running order all of these clubs will be joined together in a federation, which it is confidently expected will become an integral part of a general man's association taking in the whole state, to the meetings of which the different clubs will send delegates who will deliver addresses in the interest of the THE CAUSE.

"X Y Z" writes to the editor of the man's department of THE COURIER as follows: "I am opposed to this proposed federation of men's clubs. What's the use of our joining together clubs with diverse objects and contributing money to a state association and sending delegates to state meetings, etc. It seems to me the cause of man can be properly advanced without this federation folderol."

Men are being emancipated who were never emancipated before. Women are being made to understand that man has a mind of his own, and the latter is demonstrating that his intellect is capable of grasping even the most abstruse subjects that for centuries have been usurped by women. The dawn of the new era is at hand.

The New Man is not neglecting his personal appearance and he will be interested to know that cutaway coats are now cut shorter than they were last season; that purple dress suits have not "caught on," to use the vernacular; that tan shoes are not proper with any other than a business suit.

The president of the kitchen club will read a paper on "The Scientific Method of Heating Water" at the next meeting. The paper is an exhaustive resume of the whole subject of heating water and members of the club may look forward to a three hours and a half treat.

In the course of a few weeks an omnibus or blanket club will be organized, the aim being to take in all who for some reason have not joined any other club. It will be known as the Men's club.

Husband—Do you like these pies, my dear?

Wife—Yes, indeed; still of course they are not quite so good as those my father used to make.—Town Topics.

A correspondent sends a recipe for making ice cream in a chafing dish. It will be reserved for the New Man's progressive cook book now in course of preparation.

The men's sewing club reports an accession of twenty new members. The club is just now working on doilies, and excellent progress is being made.

The Broom and Dust Pan club will meet Saturday afternoons hereafter instead of Friday evenings.

There is no reason why children should be allowed to suffer from loathsome scrofulous sores and glandular swellings when such a pleasant, effective, and economical medicine as Ayer's Sarsaparilla may be procured of the nearest druggist. Be sure you get Ayer's.