



Greetings From The Evening Capital

Annapolis, Md., March 28.
To the Suffrage News,
Baltimore, Md.:

Dear Editor—We wish to extend our greeting to the MARYLAND SUFFRAGE NEWS and all that it stands for and represents.

We are on the side of suffrage, which cause we are proud to espouse.

We admire the noble fight you have made through your columns, and which is sure to win, if not now, in the near future.

Yours for suffrage,
THE EVENING CAPITAL,
E. A. GAGE, Mgr.

Good Wishes For Miss Mananti In Her New Life

Editor Maryland Suffrage News:

So our little discussion ends happily in a peal of wedding bells, and we are all suffragists together. We do from our hearts wish our friend happiness in her new home and her new relation, and we feel quite sure that she will find it, for we think that she has discovered "the true freedom of women."

There is a curious notion which I have run across lately in the magazines, a notion peculiar to a certain type of masculine mind. The writer of whom I am thinking especially calls himself a feminist, but men who have little sympathy with

the feminist movement are more prone to this notion. It is the idea that if women were free, untrammelled by custom or prejudice or restrictions of any kind, they would, as a matter of course, abandon their womanly instincts and nature and become like men, adopting the habits, manners, perhaps even the dress; certainly the ambitions, occupations and tastes of men.

To the anti-feminist man this thought is, of course, anathema. The professed feminist professed to regard such a transformation as not only natural, but quite right and just. He felt that it was not fair for men to compel women to keep on being women when it is so much nicer to be a man.

Is it not funny, this notion that a free creature will not develop its own nature, but will adopt the nature of another? Women understand very well that it is because they are not free, because they are hampered and hemmed in on all sides, that they are tempted to imitate men or pretend to be men, or perhaps merely adopt a mannish signature in correspondence as our friend did. When we have achieved complete freedom as women we will dare to be ourselves, to follow the normal instincts and desire the normal life of women without fear or shame.

So here ends the debate with three questions unanswered, but certainly not unanswerable. We all hope, I am sure, that Miss Mananti (let us get it right for once), when she reaches her new home, will not forget the Letter Box, but will send another letter telling just how she really finds things in Colorado, the land of free women.

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