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## "On the Choice of a Wife."

Marriage Not For All-Multitudes Who Never Will Marry, Who Are Not Fit to Marry-Some Eminent Blunderers-Avoid Matchmakers-Essential Quali-

ties-Beauty a Benediction. ters of thy brethren, or among all my by which they bargained. They were to hear such assaults, she is an awful creapeople, that thou goest to take a wife of swindled, and they backed out. They ture, and you had better not come near

sent of his father and mother to mar- | Washington. counsel, but not wise in rejecting it. Captivated with her looks, the big son wanted masculine hearts they have captured. And she must have regard for the Christian refamilies, a deceitful, hypocritical, whining and saturnine creature, who afterward made for him a world of trouble till she world of quit him forever. In my text his parents | profess heaven while they mean hell. ner that you propose conjugality with this ance when I remind you that mistake is foreign flirt? Is there such a dearth of possible in this important affair, and, if begins, but an earnest soul, one that canlilies in our Israelitish gardens that you must wear on your heart a Philistine thistle? Do you take a crabapple because there are no pomegranates? Is there never there are no pomegranates? Is there never the more colling the work are calling the work. a woman among the daughters of thy you pull apart, the more galling the yoke. the verge of them, I tell you. When your

Excuseless was he for such a choice in a land and amid a race celebrated for feland and amid a race celebrated for female loveliness and moral worth, a land and a race of which self-denying Abigail and heroic Deborah, and dazzling Miriam, and heroic Deborah, and dazzling Miriam, and record, but that would fail to unmarry got. gracefulness of spring morning in their posture and gait, were only typical of the greater brilliance and glory of their soul.

Likewise excuseless is any man in our distributed in arter marriage, and are all-important. He who has no reason for his blunder? There is only one Being in the universe who can tell you whom to choose, a man who should buy a farm because of the dahlias in the front dooryard. Beauty time who makes lifelong alliance with any made Eve for Adam, and Adam for Eve, is a talent, and when God gives it He in-

of womanly character or such splendor of womanly manners or multitudinous instances of whely, motherly, daughterly, sisterly devotion, as it owns to-day. I occur because Eve was made out of a rib have not words to express my admiration from Adam's side. Nobody knows which sick were cheered at her coming, and those only man's equal, but in affectional and religious nature, which is the best part of ligious nature. through the increased opportunity opened for female education, the women of the by the fate of Macbeth, whose wife pushed But how uncertain is the tarrying of fore long the majority of men will have difficulty in finding in the opposite sex paratus, so that he turned to the audience his chariot wheels across that bright face,

enough ignorance to make appropriate and said, "Ladies and gentlemen, I have cutting it up in deep ruts and gullies. But crop, and less than one-eighth the enough ignorance to make appropriate consort. If I am under a delusion as to the abundance of good womanhood abroad, consequent upon my surroundings since the hour I entered this life until now, I tiful house near London and withdrew the nour I entered this me until I embark tiful house near London and withdrew the laws of Lavater on physiognomy, yet state. from this planet. So you will understand, if I say in this course of sermons something that seems severe, I am neither by the fate of John Milton, who married through all eternity.

cynical nor disgruntled. great town, conscientious women, worship- so, for I feel the thorns daily;" by the stature or profile. By financial panic or feet of Christ; innumerable mothers, help- was buried in the sea; by the fate of a ing to feed Christ in the person of His | village minister whom I knew, whose wife | in disgrace forever; I care not whether suffering disciples; a thousand capped and | threw a cup of hot tea across the table | over Bibles whose precepts they have followed from early girlhood; and tens of thousands of young women that are dawn-thousands of young women that are dawn-school and seminary. The says of the social go, the house must go, the social position must go," and from being promised to marry her from marrying sought for obsequiously they must be sought for obsequiously they must b rood and happy homes, that shall eclipse | a heaven here and heaven forever, or a all their predecessors, a fact that will be | hell now and a hell hereafter. acknowledged by all men except those who | By the bliss of Pliny, whose wife, when thou goest to take a wife of the uncir-

cumcised Philistines?"

more women than men, and that, I un if she is not sent to you, that you may be By mathematical and inexorable law, you The supply for matrimony greater than | tled by the celebrated matchmakers flourthe demand, the first lesson of which is | ishing in almost every community. Dethat every woman ought to prepare to pend upon your own judgment divinely take care of herself if need be. Then there illumined. These brokers in matrimony are thousands of men who have no right | are ever planning how they can unite imto marry, because they have become so pecunious innocence to an heiress, or celi-corrupt of character that their offer of bate woman to millionaire or marquis, and marriage is an insult to any good woman. I that in many cases makes life an unhappi-Society will have to be toned up and cor- | ness. How can any human being, who rected on this subject, so that it shall | knows neither of the two parties as God realize that if a woman who has sacrificed | knows them, and who is ignorant of the her honor is unfitted for marriage, so is future, give such directions as you reany man who has ever sacrificed his pur- quire at such a crisis? ity. What right have you, O masculine | Take the advice of the earthly matchbeast! whose life has been loose, to take! maker instead of the divine guidance, and under your care the spotlessness of a vir- | you may some day be led to use the words

divine direction. About thirty-five years I treated to the housetop to get relief from

from the fact that so many men, and a wide house." And one day during the some of them strong and wise, have rainy season the water leaked through wrecked their lives at this juncture. Wit- the roof of the palace and began to drop ness Samson and this woman of Timnath! in a pail or pan set there to catch it. And Witness Socrates, pecked of the historical at one side of him all day long the water Xantippe! Witness Job, whose wife had went drop! drop! drop! while on the nothing to prescribe for his carbuncles other side a female companion quarreling but allopathic doses of profanity! Witness | about this, and quarreling about that; the Ananias, a liar, who might perhaps have acrimonious and petulant words falling on been cured by a truthful spouse, yet mar-rying as great a liar as himself—Sapphira! drop! and he seized his pen and wrote: Witness John Wesley, one of the best "A continual dropping in a very rainy

men that ever lived, united to one of the most outrageous and scandalous of women, who sat in City Road Chapel making mouths at him while he preached! Witness the once connubial wretchedness of John Ruskin, the great art essayist, and Frederick W. Robertson, the great preacher. Witness a thousand hells on earth bindled by unworthy wives termagants. money enough to meet the lavishment of the voice of God. domestic expenditure; opium-using wo- If you have this prayerful spirit you will

matrimony, where so many have wrecked, | their God that they will go and hear lecam I not right in advising divine pilotage? | turers malign Christianity and scoff at the of artificialities that men are deceived as | may go once to hear such a tirade against to whom they are marrying, and no one | the Christian religion, not fully knowing but the Lord knows. After the dress- what she is going to hear; but she will maker, and the milliner, and the jeweler, not go twice. and the hair-adjuster, and the dancing- A woman, not a Christian, but a re-WASHINGTON, D. C.—The following master, and the cosmetic art have com- specter of religion, said to me: "I was iscourse is one of a series of sermons on pleted their work, how is an unsophisti- perstaded by my husband to go and hear domestic life delivered several years ago cated man to decipher the physiological an infidel lecture once, but going home by the late Rev. Dr. T. De Witt Talmage, hieroglyphics, and make accurate judg- I said to him: "My dear husband. I and by many admirers is considered his ment of who it is to whom he offers hand would not go again though my declination pulpit masterpiece. In commemoration and heart? That is what makes so many should result in our divorcement forever. of his death it is now republished. It was recreant husbands. They make an honor- And the woman was right. If after all founded on the text, Judges xiv, 3: "Is able marriage contract, but the goods de- that Christ and Christianity have done there never a woman among the daugh- livered are so different from the sample for a woman, she can go again and again

riage with one whom they thought unfit Aye, as the Indian chief boasts of the fumigated. before she is fit for decent for him. He was wise in asking their scalps he has taken, so there are in society society. While it is not demanded that a to marry a daughter of one of the hostile | these women, though they may live amid | ligion or she is a bad woman and un-

forbade the banns, practically saying: There is so much counterfeit woman- not a butterfly of the sunshine, not a When there are so many honest and hood abroad it is no wonder that some giggling nonentity, not a painted doll. beautiful maidens of your own country, cannot tell the genuine coin from the base. not a gossiping gadabout, not a mixture of are you so hard put to for a lifetime part- Do you not realize you need divine guid- artificialities which leave you in doubt as

brethren, or among all my people, that thou goest to take a wife of the uncircumtised Philistines?"

The minister might bring you up again, and and in your presence read the martial and and in your

There are in almost every farmhouse in | some one called her a rose, the poet said:

of the Interior-talented, heroic, wonderful Madame Roland; by the happiness hundred and forty-eight thousand good, honest, loving, sympathetic wife; or

At this point let me warn you not to

gin reared in the sanctity of a respectable of Solomon, whose experience in home life home? Will a buzzard dare to court a was as melancholy as it was multitudinous. One day his palace, with its great wide But the majority of you will marry, and rooms and great wide doors and great have a right to marry, and as your re- | wide hall, was too small for him and the ligious teacher I wish to say to these men, | loud tongue of a woman belaboring him in the choice of a wife first of all seek about some of his neglects, and he reago, when Martin Farquiar Tupper, the the fungal bombardment. And while there English poet, urged men to prayer before | he saw a poor man on one corner of the they decided upon matrimonial association, roof with a mattress for his only furnipeople laughed. And some of them have ture, and the open sky his only covering. lived to laugh on the other side of their | And Solomon envies him and cries out The need of divine direction I argue | housetop than with a brawling woman in

HIS FAMOUS SERMON | er. Witness a thousand hells on earth kindled by unworthy wives, termagants that scold like a March northeaster; fe- magnetic and exquisite presence, and then male spendthrifts, that put their hus you will answer your own prayers, and bands into fraudulent schemes to get | you will mistake your own infatuation for

> United States-who will have the drug, | Christian religion; and there are quite a overbearing, and nampy-pampy and un- | fluence that keeps woman from being reasonable women, yet married-married estimated and treated as a slave-ave, as perhaps to good men! These are the wo- a brute and beast of burden-is Christimen who build the low club-houses, where anity, since where it is not dominant she the husbands and sons go because they is so treated: yet there are women who can't stand it at home. On this sea of | will so far forget themselves and forget Especially is devout supplication needed, | most sacred things of the soul. A good

the uncircumcised Philistines?"

Samson, the giant, is here asking conline, and Lucretia Borgia for Martha

washed, and for three weeks to be soaked

heredity, or habits, or intellectual vanity, or moral twistification, may be said to be select his wife, but it is fortunate, judg-dismounted from the rail train last sumof the Philistines.

The world never owned such opulence ward made, that it was Eve or nothing.

In the same ward made, that it was Eve or nothing.

In the world never owned such opulence ward made, that it was Eve or nothing. perior. Yea, during the last twenty years, | you will select the wrong rib. By the fate | "God bless the Princess of Wales. Doesn't

country are better educated than the ma- him into massacre; by the fate of James beauty in a human countenance! Explosion

betraval of business partner, the man goes cold-shouldered everywhere. After he another girl.

in silence, she says: "Is that all? Why, you had nothing when I married you, and you have only come back to where you started. If you think that my happiness and that of the children depend on these trappings, you do not know me, though we have lived together thirty years. God is not dead, and the National Bank of Heaven has not suspended payment, and if you don't mind, I don't care a cent. What little we need of food and raiment the rest of our lives we can get, and don't propose to sit down and more an groan. Mary, hand me that darning-needle. I declare! I have forgotten to set the rising for those cakes! And while she is busy at it he hears her humming

Newton's old hymn, "To-morrow." The husband looks up in amazement. est woman I ever saw. I thought you would faint dead away when I told you. And as he looks at her all the glories of physiognomy in the Court of Louis XV, on the modern fashion plates, are tame as compared with the superhuman splendors of that woman's face. Joan of Arc, Mary Antoinette, and La Belle Hamilton, the enchantment of the Court of Charles II.

There is another time when the plainest wife is a queen of beauty to her husband. wild they will yet come back, for God has stands by. They think over all the years of their companionship, the weddings and the burials, the ups and the down, the successes and the failures. They talk over the goodness of God and His faithfulness to children's children. She has no fear about going. The Lord has sustained her so many years she would not dare to courage each other about an early meeting in a better world. The breath is feebler and feebler, and stops. Are you sure of it? Just hold that mirror at the mouth, and see if there is any vapor gathering on the surface. Gone! As one of the neighbors takes the old man by the arm gently and says: "Come, you had better go into the next room and rest." he says: "Wait a moment; I must take one more look at that face and at those hands!" Beautiful!

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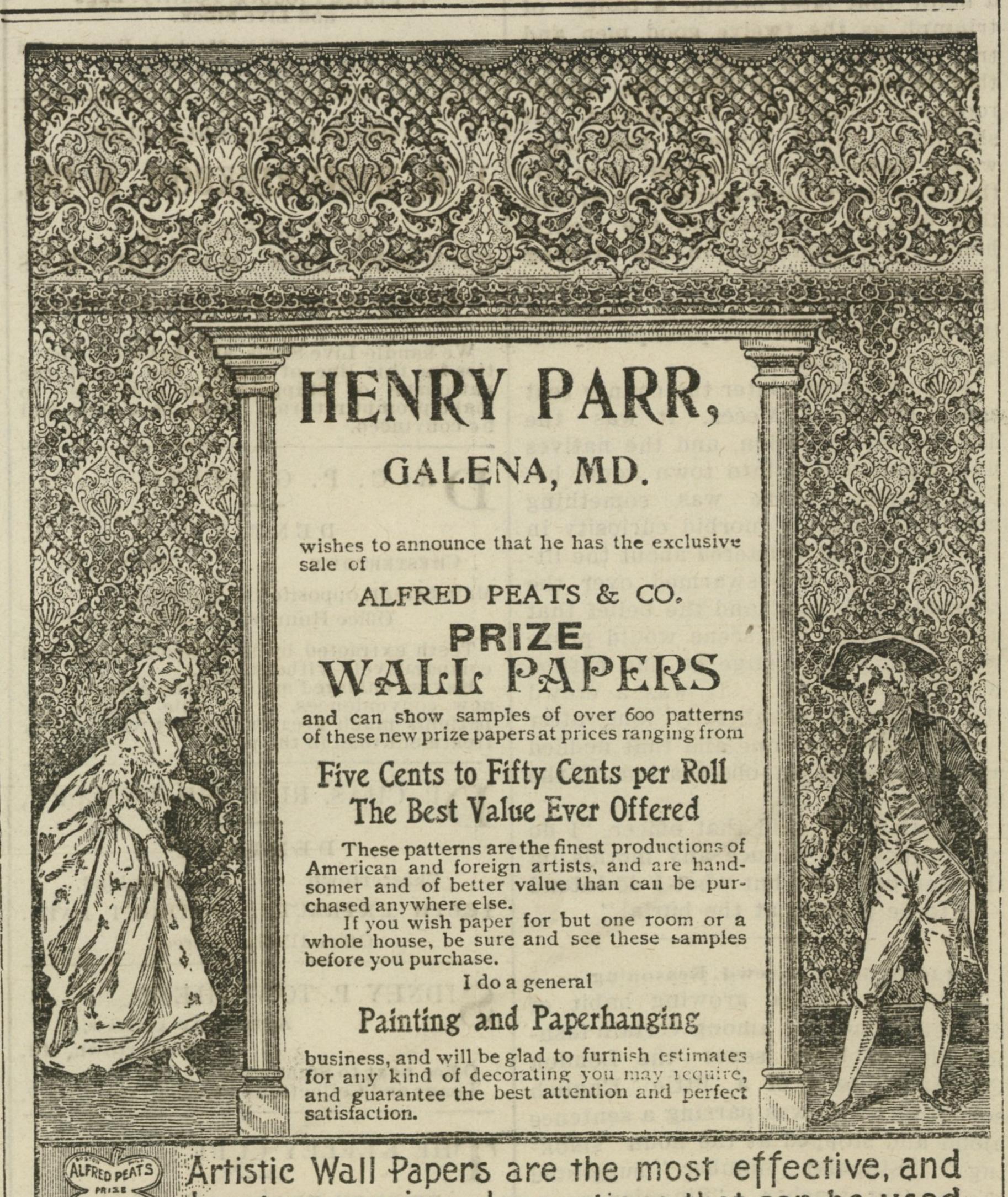
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Ferguson, the philosopher, whose wife entered the room while he was lecturing advance mentally at the present ratio, be
The distribution of a kerosene lamp turns it into sacrification, and a scoundred with one dash of the wheat crop in New York is less than one-third the value of its oat

Illinois raises a fair amount of wheat but the corn crop, which is of very a termagant after he was blind, and when There are two or three circumstances much more importance, yields in a There are in almost every farmhouse in the country, in almost every home of the the country, in almost every home of the the thorns daily:" by the thorns daily:"

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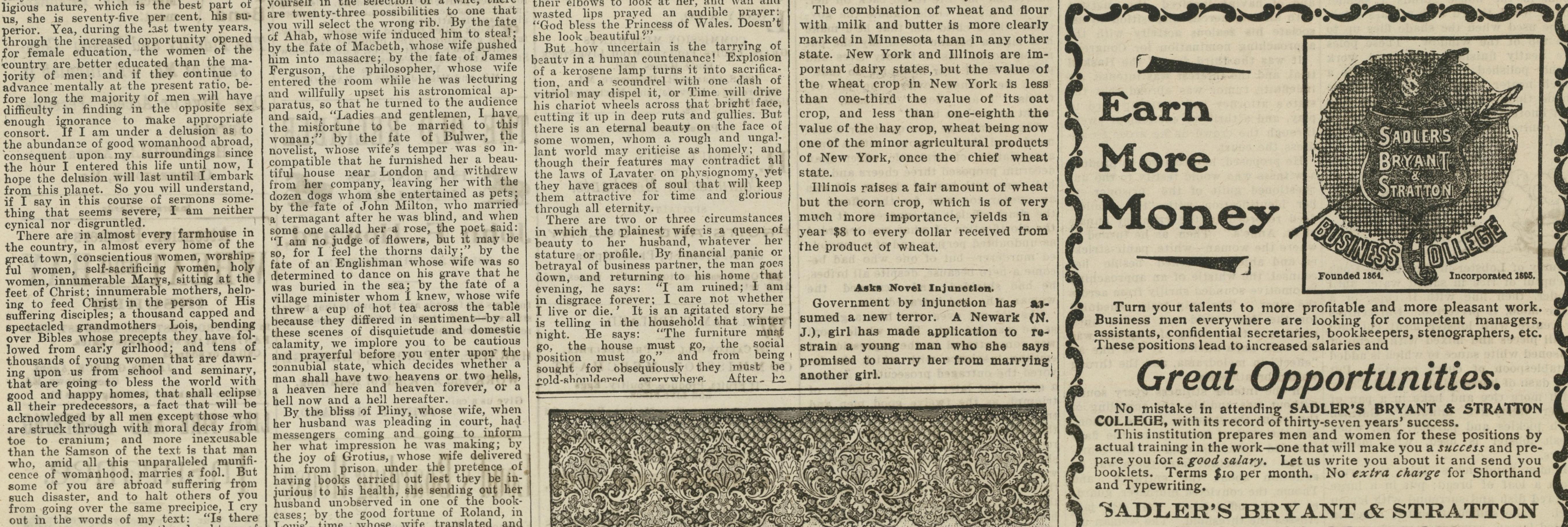
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