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O counterfeit  
Of our soft sex! well are you made our lords;  
So bold, so great, so god-like are you formed,  
How can you love so silly things as women?  
—[DRYDEN.

God gathers strength, and lo! the powers  
Of darkness yield. The day is ours.  
Though cloud and tempest wrap the sky,  
Yet wakes behind the eternal eye.

Watching, wondering, yearning, knowing  
Whence the stream and where't is going  
Seems all mystery? By and by  
He will speak and tell us why!

There are songs enough for the hero,  
Who dwells on the height of fame;  
I sing for the disappointed—  
For those who missed their aim.

I sing with a tearful cadence  
For one who stands in the dark,  
And knows that his last, best arrow  
Has bounded back from the mark.

I sing for the breathless runner,  
The eager, anxious soul  
Who falls with his strength exhausted  
Almost in sight of the goal.

And I know the solar system  
Must somewhere keep in space  
A prize for that spent runner  
Who barely lost the race.

For the Plan would be imperfect  
Unless it held some sphere  
That paid for the toil and talent  
—And love that are wasted here.

In the editorial occupying the third column of last week's JOURNAL, the date near the end of the column, and referring to financial legislation, should have been printed 1874 in place of 1884.

The lovely wife of ex-attorney Brewster expired last week. This lady was the daughter of Mr. Walker, a prominent official during the administration of President Polk. Her true ladyhood, her courtesy, her gentleness will be long remembered by a wide circle of friends.

"THE strike," financially, commercially and socially considered is the topic of the hour. Each person has his theory concerning it, and each theory is without any practical bearing as the case now stands. However, there seems to be a general opinion that a settlement of the difficulty will be made before long.

AMID the many leagues and societies that have come into existence, the National Law and Order League, which recently held its annual meeting in Cincinnati, is certainly one of the most promising. Through the report of their secretary, Mr. Edwin Dudley, it seems that the movement is making a continued progress throughout the country. In Kentucky, the passage of the law making gambling a penalty is the result of the united effort of the Law and Order League. A general interest is manifested throughout the Southern States in the methods and objects of the League.

LENT has descended like the soft fall of a silken curtain between the gay world and the world of solemn prayer. The bright young dancer now kneels in penitence for the innocent gayety of the past winter. (Really, are not these young creatures the most sinless of us all?) The matron kneels also in earnest and tender supplication to the dear Lord she loves to serve. The man of the world prays, "Good Lord deliver us," and from what and where he wishes deliverance, his experienced head well knows. Still Heaven is not far off in our brighter as well as in our solemn moments. And she or he who keeps closest the illumined portal of the angelic life, in the gay season as well as in the quiet Lenten period, is the spirit to which Heaven imparts the most loving and compassionate blessing.

SOME rather curious facts are put forth by the report of the United States Senate upon the "woman question." Senator Blair was the chairman of the select committee to whom the question was referred. We are told in this report that in many States women are eligible for offices connected with the administration of the public schools. They are eligible to office as registers of deeds

and county clerks in some States; noticeably Kansas and Iowa, these States having elected women to such positions. The report also cites the fact that Gen. Grant appointed five thousand women to the charge of as many postoffices, and continues—saying:

"In many States well-sustained efforts for municipal suffrage have been made, and, as if in rebuke to the conservatism, or worse, of this great republic, this right of municipal suffrage is already enjoyed in the province of Ontario, Canada, and throughout the island of Great Britain, by unmarried women to the same extent as by men, there being the same property qualification required of each.

MUCH discussion has succeeded the death of Gen. Hancock among prominent men and military officers. The fact seems a strange one to all that he should have died a poor man, with an income of seven thousand five hundred dollars a year; with also allowances in the way of rations, etc.; and with a wife possessed, at her father's death, of an independent income. There seems to the world at large some strange freak of fortune, whereby an honored wife becomes the beneficiary of public contributions, and this, too, so soon after her widowhood. That this delicate and painful topic has had a full and free discussion in the public prints, it is needless to say. That this discussion has resulted in the knowledge, brought for the first time to the public notice, of the extreme carelessness of some of our government officials, as regards the purses of their representatives, many have learned. It is now stated as a fact that General Hancock was instructed by his superiors to entertain government guests at the celebration of the battle of Yorktown. That he did so, that he spent the sum of eight thousand dollars from his own purse, and that, with strange inconsistency, the government refused to reimburse him, leaving the entire cost of entertainment to be met from General Hancock's own estate. Certainly Congress should consider this matter, and return to the widow of so brave a soldier the amount which surely stands in the light of a debt, for which our government is answerable.