

**Disraeli's Love Story.**  
When Benjamin Disraeli married Mrs. Wynham Lewis, she was his senior by sixteen years. Yet five years after their marriage he gave her the character: "The most severe of critics, but—a perfect wife." Great men, and small men, too, do not usually take kindly to the criticisms of a wife, even when they are assured of her love and have confidence in her judgment. A man who has returned home from an assembly or a club, where he has been listened to as an oracle and deferred to as a leader, is not usually in the mood to be criticised, even by his affectionate wife. Thus, Mrs. Disraeli is told him, after a great debate in the House of Commons, what he ought to have said, and what he should have done of a certain fact, and that he loved her devotedly.  
She was a loved beauty, for their union of thirty-three years was one of unbroken harmony, confidence and affection. She believed in her husband, lived for him, studied his views and wishes, and served him with the seal of an intelligent companion.  
The average husband is contented if his wife shows herself a dutiful housekeeper, an attractive hostess and a wise mother. But Benjamin Disraeli, who was an average man, made his wife his companion, and treated her as his intellectual confidante. She was his "most severe of critics" because of her intense love and admiration. She was a "perfect wife" because her husband placing her on an equality with himself.  
When Disraeli delivered his great speech in the Free Trade Hall at Manchester—a speech which helped to the return of the Conservatives to power—he sat in a box immediately opposite the platform where he stood. The object of those seated on the platform was often transferred from Mrs. Disraeli's face to the orator's wife, and then to the way which, from time to time, he lifted to his mouth as he spoke, and approval.  
When the oration was finished she drove rapidly to the home of her father in the suburbs of the city to receive her husband. No sooner were the carriage wheels heard grinding up on the gravel, than she hurried to the hall. As he entered she rushed into his arms and exclaimed:  
"O Daisy! Daisy! This is the greatest night of all! This is the night of all! It is only three months ago that your husband had pronounced his death warrant—and every step of her movements to the door produced the most agonizing pain."  
A well-known story also illustrates the strength with which she clung to her husband when he loved her more necessary.  
Disraeli, as chancellor of the exchequer, rode to the house to introduce his last budget. He accompanied him, on getting into the carriage, one of her fingers was crushed between the door and its frame, the maintaining her composure, though the pain was excruciating, through the ride, and until she saw him pass through the "members' entrance" and then faint.

The man who makes his wife a companion may hear severe criticisms, but he will be "known in the eyes." It has been said with truth that boys fulfill the expectations or ideals of his mothers. The dream of the mother is apt to inspire itself upon the son, and create an aspiration that he will follow.  
The expectation is true in regard to the sons of a true father. She understands the possibilities of his life as a man, and she knows that she herself cannot see them. His faith may falter, but not her heart and prayers. The dream of an American poet, whose reputation in literature grew slowly, but it was the dream of a mother to support her father: "You must not abandon your calling," she said. "I will always write for you, and if I can't work for you, and you must work for the world, and you must work for me. I can be your helpmate and your friend, and he was able to provide for his family at home. Friends gathered there to congratulate him. The press echoed the congratulations.  
"I always told you it would be so," said the wife to him on that eventful day.  
"It was your faith that made it so," was the answer, and the two thanked God through their tears.

**Making a Home.**  
A reception in Washington lately, a woman, famous in the last generation, fell under the discussion of a concrete her old friends, one of whom spoke of her wit and power of repartee, another of her broad, generous charity, a third of her keen instinct in reading.  
"To me," said General P., "she was most remarkable for her ability to make a home. Perhaps the best she has done in the West) in a log cabin with nothing but some wooden chairs, a table, a wooden open fire, and the odds and ends which she had stored in her trunk, and she was there in a few hours into a charming dwelling place. Of all her gifts, that was to me the most attractive and womanly."  
An American who saw in his youth an Englishman prominent at that time for her learning and genius, was questioned as to his impression of her. She overweighed him with her knowledge; her broad, liberal views and her philosophy opened a new world to me. Yet the most distinct recollection I have of the visit is the torn and dirty tablecloth, the grumpy carpet, and the sobs strewn half way across the floor."  
One who had been used to coziness surrounding in his early home, was deeply impressed by the refinement, the pretty "bits of pleasing" that gushed, in the home of the woman he afterwards married, and the most pathetic part of his wife's history, is her heroic efforts to give this dainty place the rough dwellings in which she placed her.

"There is no trait in the Englishman stronger than his love of a home, and hence he is apt to value in women the quality of "making a home" above all other gifts. The sailor's wife "makes the heart clean," to show her joy at his return. It is the "household goddess" of Wadsworth's ideal women that are "right and true," and all Shakespeare's admirable heroines are domestic women. "Let me see your house, and I will tell you what you are," the Roman Paulevitch says to her countrywomen. Our American girls, in their real domestic art, or it may be, their philosophy, are sometimes apt to forget this. They leave the oversight and the debt of the household goddess, and then get angry at the sight of the tablecloth and grumpy carpet, and they don't see that they are getting and emphasizing as no woman should and must.

They forget, too, that while their picture or song or story may prove a failure, a dainty, cheerful home is a room which any woman may give the world, and one which all men can understand and will certainly take to heart.

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