



THE DREAMS AND IDEALS OF A WORKING GIRL

The Hope That Some Day Women Workers Shall be a 'Workmen Who Need Not to be Arhamed.'

It has always seemed to me that the members of any group of human beings named for convenience a "class" who write of the aspirations, the ideals, the dreams, in short the life of their comrades, frequently express but the ideas of the few while assuming to speak for the many.

Hence it is that the present writer wishes her few stray thoughts on the subject appearing at the head of this article, to be taken as the opinion of one working girl solely. If, perchance, my point of view should happily be that of other working girls, so much the better; if not I have misrepresented no one.

Indeed I would not even dare to say that my pleasure in the term "worker" is shared by every self supporting woman in Nova Scotia to-day. William Morris—splendid worker with hand and brain—sought to raise all honest joyous workers to the dignity of true artists when he gave utterance to these inspiring words: "Art is the expression of man's joy in his work." John Ruskin, lover, if ever man was, of the true, the good, the beautiful, wrote earnestly in language of never-ending beauty of the pleasure of doing good work—the joy to be found in a doing.

that every working girl or woman will not only dream of the good time coming for her and her fellow-workers, but will study and think and act so as to help to bring it about. Not in this paper may speak of the remedy for social injustice to which my deepest faith is pinned, further than to say that there is such a remedy and those who seek shall find it.

A WORKING GIRL'S IDEALS!

And yes, we have our ideals; ideals for ourselves as a class, as individuals, and for others.

And dreams!

Yes, and dreams! Though our life of workers may lead our thoughts into questions of wages and work, into the study of dry economic facts, there is at least one dream which we share in common with our sisters of the leisure class—the Dream of Love!

Yes, write this dream in big letters, always, for in the last analysis it is the inspiration of all our ideals, the ground of all our hopes, that only which makes all other dreams worth while.

Do not imagine, however, that because the word "romantic" working girl confesses to be a sharer in the Love-Dream of

OUR BEST INDIVIDUAL EFFORT.

In some useful work to the sum total of human achievement. Yet the women who to-day write, or sing, or paint or sketch, or keep accounts, or make bonnets and gowns, do not invariably rejoice when the name "working woman" is applied to them.

So I dream of the days to come when idleness shall not be a state to be desired by the well and strong, when there shall be no foolish distinctions between those who work with their hands and those who work with their heads when the "thinkers shall work and workers shall think," when the burden of labor being more equitably distributed it shall become some lighter for all, when, finding joy in their work, all shall glory in the name of "worker" whether they work with pen, or brush, or typewriter, or needle, or in school or home guide little fingers and little heads on the way of work and knowledge.

This hope that some day we women shall be as "workmen that needeth not be ashamed," cannot be realized until there is work enough for all, both men and women—at all times and in all places. I believe that the idea of doing our work so well that it may not be ashamed of us, is shared by a large proportion of working girls. But the fortunate few who occupy the best positions in office, school, shop, must not forget that many competent and faithful women are doing un-congenial work simply because there are not enough good positions to go round.

In every avenue of work today, owing to the tangle and muddle of our unnatural and unjust social system there are more workers than opportunity to work. A few years ago I knew a talented, highly educated English girl who worked in a Halifax business office at a weekly wage of five dollars. An extremely

she necessarily think so much—or at all—about marriage.

In these dreams Love may assume no conscious form, and it may be of home or lover or husband, or child. But somewhere in our hearts even when we ourselves are unconscious of it, it exists always, while we nurse the sick patient, or hear the geography lesson, or deliver a science lecture, or pound piano or typewriter keys, or write "stuff" for newspapers.

Even when the girl worker adds M. D. to her name and extracts teeth, sets broken legs or arms, and performs other trying services requiring a strength of brain and skill of hand which might be supposed to successfully shield from Cupid's darts—even then this girl somehow finds time to seriously entertain a strong masculine heart. Then with wonderful feminine surgical skill she heals the injured heart by giving the owner hers in exchange.

It was my good fortune to know, a few years ago a young woman doctor in New York City. She was beautiful in face and form, brilliant in intellect and rarely noble and lovable in character. She possessed too a beautiful voice. Thus gifted, a

SHY, RETICENT NATURE.

not easily overcome, prevented her from doing the work of teaching, for which she had been educated. She did her work to the entire satisfaction of her employers, but there were numbers of girls willing to do the same work for five dollars—who should that wage be increased?

It is, but natural that the working girl should dream of the possibility of a more ideal economic system than that existing to-day, for the necessity of earning her living has forced those questions upon her. And one of my dearest dreams is

BRAVILIANT CAREER AWAIT SOON!

Some, at least, of her friends hoped, that "mere man" would never cause this splendid girl to turn aside until she had reached the highest pinnacle of her career. But not even the arduous duties of head physician in a woman's hospital, which she had undertaken in the Love-Dream of this woman's heart. "Mere man" came, loved, and was beloved. During the two years of her married life I saw her frequently. She was the most radiant, unselfish, happy woman I ever knew. And then just as the dearest desire of all her life—the dream of motherhood—was about to become a reality, the bright heart that had loved no less tenderly than she, died. The brilliant mind had been broken to pieces, and she was left when all alone, she entered the dim shadow land—I know not. The only do I know that she had lived so fully and so well in its brief existence here has itself become an ideal memory to be cherished forever in the hearts of all who knew her. And ever we dream and work, and work and dream!

MARGARET GRAHAM.
New York, December 1902.

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VERDICT OF MURDER.

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