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Woman Suffrage.

Do hens that cackle loudest lay the most eggs? Does Chanticleer crowing lustily, always whip the Rooster that saves his lungs and trusts to his spurs, when they come together in the cock-pit?

Last week we mentioned the convention of these Woman's Rights advocates at Springfield; this week we chronicle their performance at Columbus, Ohio. They are "business women," and keep telegraph and types at work chronicling their movements. Next week they will be somewhere else, and as our State capitals are numerous and increasing; the fools and the fallen multitudinous, there is little danger that ere five years more are over, every State, large town and county will have heard their lights and possess some of their satellites.

Now, we desire to ask one question, which we consider a fair question. It is simply this:

Why, if the women of the United States of America desire to wield the ballot, and accept all of those responsibilities which wielding it must entail, (or it would be a mockery,) do they not ask for it?

Do, or do not, those who are clamoring for it, petitioning for it, assailing State legislatures, knocking at the doors of Constitutional Conventions, tormenting courts and boring the press perfectly well know that if even a respectable minority of the decent women of America wanted the suffrage, they would have it. But they do not want it. They spurn it, and already some women, who are certainly the peeresses intellectually, morally or in wealth of any of the most enlightened female advocates of Woman's Rights, are taking steps to show Congress and the country that they have no sympathy with these "strong-minded" misrepresentatives of their sex.

Instead of answering the question, we and all sensible men ask—do any respectable minority of decent women desire the suffrage? We find that all of these so-called Woman's Suffrage Conventions are instigated and "run" (*i. e.* manœvred) by such strong-minded females as Mrs. Lucy Stone Blackwell, Mrs. Cady Stanton, Mss Susan B. Anthony, Mrs. Livermore, Mrs. Myra Bradwell, and a score or half a score of lesser lights, assisted by such venerable hen-hussies as Judge Bradwell, of Chicago, George Francis Train, etc., etc. In Springfield, Haines, of Lake, added his brilliant name and the power of his towering influence to the galaxy, and talked to the old women in a way that will undoubtedly conduce to his notoriety among that class, although how it will influence his popularity (?) is another question. It is quite evident that he has more faith in humbug than we have.

The chief evil of these Woman's Suffrage Conventions is that they in reality injure the cause of those they profess to serve. Female labor is not generally adequately requited; our laws, as regards women, are not always just. The spirit of the age, Christianity, modern legislation, the course of public opinion, which is, eventually, law in this country, all tend towards the amelioration first, and then the disuse of abuses. To attempt to retard this, by demanding for women what they do not, as a class—nor even as a respectable minority of a class, demand for themselves, is nonsense. In fact, it is worse, for it makes both men and women negligent as to existing abuses.

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