

IS MAN THE WEAKER SEX?

A Japanese Journal Thinks So



A FEW weeks ago we published in *The Listener* an article on "Women of Japan" which drew what is from their point of view a gloomy picture of political and economic thralldom. But apparently the women of Japan have the advantage over the men in one important particular. They are, if we are to believe an article in the *Kobe Japan Weekly Chronicle*, physically stronger than the men. Is our Pacific problem therefore to be complicated by the fact that even if we conquer Japan's invading army we have still to overcome the stronger force of Japan's women at home? The answer is fortunately "no," for the facts cited in this extract refer not merely to the women of Japan but to the women of the world as a whole. In which case our own female population should prove more than a match for either the men or women of Japan.

Here is the article from the above-mentioned Japanese newspaper:

"Man, we are being told again, is the weaker sex. The war in Europe is proving it. I was astonished to see how quickly the younger men collapsed," said a young girl the other day to reporters who sought her opinion on open boat voyaging in mid-Atlantic in mid-winter.

This young woman's discovery was, however, confirmation of what the

scientists have been telling us all along. Man has always been known as the weaker sex.

He is more prone to die at every stage from birth to old age. He is also more likely to suffer severely from influenza, and is more susceptible to almost every disease which is not, for

Requiem

*WE left her sleeping on a
bracken bed,
High in a glen where hidden
waters fall,
And lone and wild the homing
sea birds call,
And veiling mists told softly over-
head—
So like her Irish hills of
Donegal;
The salt South wind is sweet upon
her brow,
And lingers sadly, burthened
with my prayer.
For me, this virgin vale is hal-
lowed now,
Because a mother's heart is
buried there.*

—H. Gallagher

WELL FARES THE LAND

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she used to. And the letters were different. They were full of details about the growth of the cabbages and swedes. In vain he sought for details of the children's health and progress, but instead her letters were full of comparative growth tables for turnips v. carrots and passing mention of the butter-fat returns.

YEARS passed. Martha, recollecting somewhat tardily her duty to the children, hired a domestic out of the profits from the vegetable garden, and from the egg-money she managed to pay a small boy to come every day to weed. This left her free to devote her whole time to the care of the rest of the farm.

Another year passed and Harry came home from the war. He was unprepared for the change in Martha. Could this be his little Martie, the mother of his children, this lean gaunt woman whose brown skin seemed to reflect the colour of the soil? Could this be the timid clinging housebound girl he had left behind him, this woman whose passion for the soil was such that she even had dirt in her finger-nails? He doubted it. He sought for consolation in the good earth, but Martha was there before him. His decisions were overruled. If he decided to put superphosphate in the bull-pasture, Martha would insist upon blood and bone. If he suggested buying a few more Orpingtons for the poultry pen

Martha would plump for Leghorns. And if he wanted to plant maize Martha would point out that swedes were so much better. And Martha, having lived so close to the soil for so many years, was always right.

SO after a few months Harry found himself spending more and more of his time in the house with the children and the domestic help. She was a gentle, pliant young creature who reminded Harry very strongly of Martha when he had first known her. He taught her to play cribbage, and after they had put the children to bed they would while away the time in this manner till ten o'clock, when Martha would stagger in from the cowshed wearing gumboots and still rather redolent of the soil. They would invite her to join them, but she would be too tired to do anything but fall into bed and sleep the healthy sleep of one who lives close to the soil all day and rises with the first birdsong at dawn.

The neighbours were not surprised when they heard that Harry had eloped with the hired help, taking with him the two children and the cribbage board. A good thing, they said. As for Martha, it was some weeks before she noticed it. And when she did a certain homely philosophy, acquired by all those who live close to the earth, prevented her from being unduly moved by the blow. Her deep and all-absorbing passion for the land she tilled crowded out all lesser passions and affections. She had lost her husband, but she was wedded to the soil.

physical reasons, confined to one or other of the sexes.

Whatever approach is taken, the record is a sorry one. The ophthalmologist brings the taunt of colour-blindness. Not one woman in a thousand, it is said, is so afflicted. Among males, although different figures are quoted, a reasonable estimate appears to be about ten per cent.

Physiologists point out that women have better hearing on the average, and a keener sense of touch.

Of memory the psychologists speak with absolute certainty; the average girl or woman is better than the aver-

age man—and, indeed the average husband is painfully aware of the superior memory of his wife.

Nor is this the worst testimony the psychologist can offer. There are fewer women who are left-handed, stammer or suffer from a squint—the first two being notoriously associated with nervous troubles, the last more doubtfully so.

So clearly, however, has Nature recognised the weakness, that at birth there is a preponderance of boy babies, common to all countries and races, and common, also, though in various degrees, to almost every form of life."

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5 0	7 7	7 10	7 13	8 2	8 5
5 1	7 9	7 12	8 1	8 4	8 7
5 2	7 12	8 1	8 3	8 6	8 10
5 3	8 1	8 4	8 6	8 9	8 13
5 4	8 4	8 7	8 10	8 13	9 3
5 5	8 7	8 10	8 13	9 3	9 7
5 6	8 11	9 0	9 3	9 7	9 11
5 7	9 1	9 4	9 7	9 11	10 1
5 8	9 5	9 8	9 11	10 1	10 5
5 9	9 8	9 12	10 1	10 5	10 9
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