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alleged wife o fa legendary figure may well be merely a figment of my imagination. Can it be that what I had in mind was that old conundrum: "Should a woman *tell*? — The answer to which is, I believe, that it depends what there is to tell!

Seriously, however, there is no need to search the pages of history and literature for examples of wonderful women. Are they not always around us in our daily lives? Does not everyone of us love and revere the wonderful woman who gave us birth, and at whose knee we learned everything as infants? Did I say "*at whose knee?* I might have added — "*across* whose knee." — That is where the ladies have the advantage of us — when we are young and defenceless: too young to resist *any* indignity!

But speaking of wonderful women — they surround us like guardian angels at every stage of our lives — our mothers, our wives, daughters, sisters. In a word — our *Sweethearts*: for that embraces the lot. Gentlemen, the loveliest being in all creation —

"A perfect woman nobly planned
"To warn, to comfort and command.
"And yet a spirit still, and bright
"With something of angelic light."

This humorous oration was much appreciated, and I noticed that when the speaker exclaimed, *Should a Woman Tell?* a Lady in the vicinity, sat rather suddenly on the floor, which I took for an intimation that *she* at least would not tell.

M. A. Indermaur, President of the Territorial Administration of the Union Helvetia, then proposed the Toast to the Guests, saying, that it gave him infinite pleasure to be able to welcome some of the leading men in the Hotel World; "that they have so generously accepted our invitation" he said, "has given us all immense pleasure." We have to-night, the following guests amongst us," he continued:

M. Walters, General Manager, Carlton Hotel; M. Walters, General Manager, Ritz Hotel; M. Jordan, Manager, Grosvenor House Hotel, M. Delaloye, Manager Trocadero Restaurant; M. Herbodeau, Chevalier de la Légion d'Honneur, Maître chef, Carlton Hotel; M. Latry, Maître chef, Savoy Hotel; M. Avignon, Chef, Ritz Hotel; M. Paget, Maître chef, Dorchester House Hotel.

Amongst the Hotel Proprietors the following were present:

Messrs A. Schmid, A. Wyss, Krebser, Muller, with their Ladies.

Other guests:

M. Brun, President of the Birmingham Section; M. Bianchi, President Italian Culinary Society; Mrs. Hutchinson, M. Bentley Capper, Editor of the Hotel Review; M. Stauffer, from the Swiss Observer; M. Verger, Secretary of the French Culinary Society.

M. Indermaur finished his address with the wish, that the friendships made that night, might live for ever and ever.

The reply for the guests was made by M. E. Herbodeau, Chevalier de la Légion d'Honneur, President of the French Culinary Society, who, in his short and impressive address said, that he was glad to be amongst his Swiss colleagues, and that he hoped there would never be any unfair rivalry amongst the members of this world-famed profession; but that all should endeavour to work for the creation of an "Entente d'esprits" for the common good of all. This oration, which voiced that great human feeling of which the world is so badly in need of, was heartily cheered. M. Bianchi, President of the Italian Culinary Society, emphasized the good relations which were existing between the members of the respective institutions. This ended the official part of the evening; it was a most successful affair, the speeches were not only interesting, but entertaining and not too lengthy.

Up till now, I knew very little about the Swiss Culinary Society, as I had never before, the pleasure of attending a function of this institution, and I respectfully submit, that a Society which is able to muster such a distinguished attendance, is indeed entitled to take an honoured place amongst the many Swiss Institutions in the London Colony. I always had a grateful feeling towards those men, who look so well after, as one speaker termed it the *Ministry of the Interior*, and whom one so seldom meets. It was therefore, a special pleasure to meet such famous men, and this gathering will linger for many a day in my memory as having been one of the most pleasant functions of the many, which I am privileged to attend.

The Banqueting Hall was then cleared and dancing started. Mlle. Daphne de Wyt delighted the revellers by a few most competently performed burlesque dances, and at 2 a.m. sharp, the traditional onion soup was served, a worthy closing to a most successful and enjoyable evening.

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Friday, February 19th — from 8 p.m.-2 p.m. — Swiss Choral Society — Buffet-Dance — at the First Avenue Hotel, High Holborn, W.C.1. Tickets5/6. All are cordially invited.

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