

Generally, we are under an impression that a man's duties are public, and a woman's private. But this is not altogether so. A man has a personal work or duty, relating to his own home, and a public work or duty, which is the expansion of the other, relating to the state. So a woman has a personal work or duty, relating to her own home and a public work or duty, which is also the expansion of that. Now the man's work for his own home is, as has been said, to secure its maintenance, progress, and defence; the woman's is to secure its order, comfort, and loveliness. Expand both these functions. The man's duty, as a member of a commonwealth, is to assist in the maintenance, in the advance, in the defence of the state. The woman's duty, as a member of the commonwealth, is to assist in the ordering, in the comforting, and in the beautiful adornment of the state. What the man is at his own gate, defending it if need be, against insult and spoil, that also not in a less, but in a more devoted measure, he is to be at the gate of his country, leaving his home, if need be, even to the spoiler, to do his more incumbent work there. And, in like manner, what the woman is to be within her gates as the centre of order, the balm of distress, and the mirror of beauty, that she is also to be without her gates, where order is more difficult, distress more imminent, loveliness more rare. (263)

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Duties of Man and Women

We generally said that man duties are public and a women duties are private, but this is not altogether.

Man home duty is its maintenance and defence and the women home duty is to secure its comfort. On the country matter, man's duty is to maintain and defend its state. While the woman's duty is comforting and decorating the state. One have to leave his home to defend it and second one have to be handled the distress situation, within the gate with comfort and loveliness. (86)