

The following is necessary for this neutralisation of which we are speaking. The particular degree of \_his\_ manhood must exactly correspond to the particular degree of \_her\_ womanhood in order to exactly balance the one-sidedness of each. Hence the most manly man will desire the most womanly woman, and \_vice versa\_, and so each will want the individual that exactly corresponds to him in degree of sex. Inasmuch as two persons fulfil this necessary relation towards each other, it is instinctively felt by them and is the origin, together with the other \_relative\_ considerations, of the higher degrees of love. While, therefore, two lovers are pathetically talking about the harmony of their souls, the kernel of the conversation is for the most part the harmony concerning the individual and its perfection, which obviously is of much more importance than the harmony of their souls--which frequently turns out to be a violent discord shortly after marriage.

We now come to those other relative considerations which depend on each individual trying to eradicate, through the medium of another, his weaknesses, deficiencies, and deviations from the type, in order that they may not be perpetuated in the child that is to be born or develop into absolute abnormalities. The weaker a man is in muscular power, the more will he desire a woman who is muscular; and the same thing applies to a woman....