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# Women's Health, Education, and Employment in the Long Nineteenth Century: **A Resource Guide**

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# Introduction

This resource guide features primary source content from ProQuest's Gerritsen Collection of Aletta H. Jacobs, British Periodicals, and Women's Magazine Archive. Focusing on women's health and medicine, education, and employment in the long nineteenth century in England and America, this guide is structured to help students, scholars, and instructors create connections between the topics. For instance: most of these texts are written for a female readership: is that readership constructed differently between the genres? Between the readers of domestic health manuals versus essays on women becoming medical professionals? Each topic is accompanied by a brief description and questions to help generate discussions and ideas.

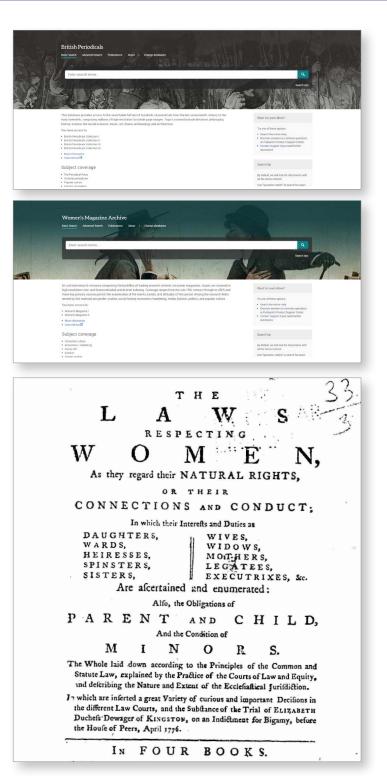
We begin with this introduction and a source on British laws affecting women to give scholars a background on the legal landscape of women's lives. The second topic is on health and medicine and features texts on women's and children's health and domestic home medicine manuals. The third topic contains texts on women's education and conduct and is designed to demonstrate the continuity between the two genres. The fourth topic is on women's employment and features census materials, essays on women's employment, and employment guides.

*The Laws Respecting Women* outlines laws that affect women, especially as it relates to titles, marriage, property, and children.

• *The Laws Respecting Women*. London: J. Johnson, 1777. http://gateway.proquest.com/openurl?url\_ver=Z39.88-2004&res\_dat=xri:gerritsen&rft\_dat=xri:gerritsen:bookrec:Gerritsen-G1643

#### **Guiding Questions:**

- How are laws, conduct, and morality tied together in this text?
- What is the effect of the anecdotal examples that are given?



# **Health and Medicine**

In the long nineteenth century, attending to the family's health and medical needs was often considered part of a mother's household duties. Compendiums of domestic medicine were a common household resource that mothers relied on for medical advice, and they often included a mix of what we would now think of as modern medicine and traditional folk remedies. The documents listed below include medical compendiums and periodical articles on health and medicine, management of family medicines, physical fitness, and women's education and professionalization in medicine.

#### **Guiding Questions:**

- How do the authors of the compendiums conceive of "health"? Is it solely what happens within the body?
- · Why do you think domestic health manuals had such a long history of popularity? How do health manuals help us historicize both the body and healthcare?
- "Quack Medicines" is part of a series of magazine articles. This one is dedicated to warning mothers against giving their infants and children harmful medicines, including opium and Godfrey's Cordial. How does the author construct health as a moral issue? How does social class come up in the article? How are ethnicity and religion used?
- · How do the articles below frame women's role in healthcare?

#### **Readings – Medical Handbooks**

- Anonymous: The American Lady's Medical Pocket-book, and Nursery-adviser: containing rules for preserving the health of unmarried females, directions to pregnant and lying-in women, and an account of their diseases: together with instructions for the rearing of children from the hour of their birth: and an account of the diseases of infancy. Philadelphia: J. Kay, 1833. http://gateway.proguest.com/ openurl?url\_ver=Z39.88-2004&res\_dat=xri:gerritsen&rft\_ dat=xri:gerritsen:bookrec:Gerritsen-G66.1
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• Morrill, Charles: The Physiology of Woman and Her Diseases from Infancy to Old Age: including all those of her critical periods, pregnancy and childbirth: their causes, symptoms, and appropriate treatment, with hygienic rules for their prevention, and for the preservation of female health: also, the management of pregnant and parturient women ...: to which is added a treatise on womanhood and manhood, love, marriage, and hereditary descent ... in three books-complete in one volume. Boston: J. Campbell, 1870. http://gateway.proquest.com/ openurl?url\_ver=Z39.88-2004&res\_dat=xri:gerritsen&rft\_ dat=xri:gerritsen:bookrec:Gerritsen-G1992.1

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#### WOMEN AND EXERCISE.

By ERNEST W. LOWE.



always the case when expression is freely given to opinions which are not the result of careful and impartial investigation. The 'fors' are en-thusiastic in declaring that all and every sort of exercise is good for women; such minor matters as to whether it is suitable or unsuitable, and whether, it suitable, it be taken in a proper man-ner and with due attention being paid to the laws of health, are beneath their consideration. The 'againsts' content themselves with denouncing the whole thing—lock, stock, and barrel; they tell us that athletic exercise is not only physically harm-ful to a girl, and tends to make her mannish and awkward, and unfitted for the duties of mother awkward, and unfitted for the duties of mother-hood, but that it has a very deleterious effect upon her mental, moral, and spiritual nature, and if persisted in will inevitably result in coarsen-ing her nature and destroying all the qualities which have ever been woman's chiefest pride and

still in an unsettled condition. The last few years have indeed witnessed very remarkable changes. Our girls to-day are permitted to enjoy practically the same privileges as their brothers; they cycle, row, play tennis and cricket and hockey, and society looks on and utters approval. To raise the question of 'propriety' in connection with exercise for women is to stamp one's self as hopp-lessly behind the times. It is true that people do exist who, hide-bound by tradition, still eye askance the healthy, wholesome-minded girl who by means of judicions exercise keeps in glowing health, and who sigh for the sickly, pallid creature of a generation or so back, who mainly occupied charm ! nearly, and who sign for the stexty, paind creature of a generation or so back, who mainly occupied her time in 'crewel-work,' and could always summon up a timely 'swoon' when she desired to awaken masculine interest. But these good folk constitute but a triffing minority; and in It is a terrible indictment; and were there any justification for it, it would undoubtedly furnish a very sufficient reason for the girls of to-day giving up exercise once and for all, and going back to the ways of their grandmothers. But, of course, it is

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- A Mother at Home. "The Family Medicine Chest." Good Housekeeping. Vol. 13 Iss. 5 (Nov 1891): 233-235. https://www.proquest.com/wma/docview/1715562388/ BC133EA40C654231P0/12
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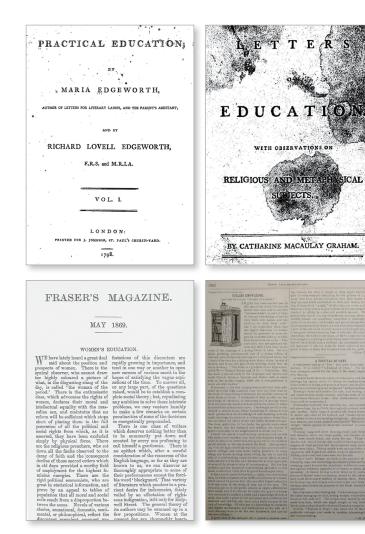
## Education

Hannah More, Catherine Macaulay, Maria Edgeworth, and Mary Wollestonecraft participated in conversations regarding the education of girls and women, and their books are in clear conversation with each other. Macaulay and Wollstonecraft argue that perceived differences between men and women are only due to the differences in the education that they receive, and that women should therefore receive the same education as men. More, on the other hand, argues that there are innate differences between men and women, and that each gender has different strengths and weaknesses.

In the periodical articles listed below, authors also participate in the debate around female education. In the years closer to the twentieth century, readers will notice that the debate begins to shift from primary school to college- although many of the concerns of the debate persist as this emphasis shifts.

#### **Guiding Questions:**

- More writes: "The prevailing manners of an age depend more than we are aware, or are willing to allow, on the conduct of women; this is one of the principle hinges on which the great machine of human society turns." What does she mean by this?
- · Why does Wollestonecraft criticize the education that women receive in England? What type of education does Wollestonecraft think women should receive? Why?
- What arguments did authors make against education for women?
- · How do authors see education and conduct as connected?



#### **Books:**

- Edgeworth, Maria: *Practical Education*. London: J. Johnson, 1798. http://gateway.proquest.com/ openurl?url\_ver=Z39.88-2004&res\_dat=xri:gerritsen&rft\_ dat=xri:gerritsen:bookrec:Gerritsen-G772.3
- Macaulay, Catharine: Letters on Education: with observations on religious and metaphysical subjects.
   London: Printed for C. Dilly, in the Poultry, 1790.
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- Chapman, John. "The Higher Education of Women." Westminster Review. Vol. 129 Iss. 1 (Jan 1888): 152– 162. https://www.proquest.com/britishperiodicals/ docview/4465668/FF1406FF003446FPQ/8
- Dane, Zenas. "Useless Knowledge: And the So-Called 'Higher Education." *Good Housekeeping*. Vol. 8 Iss. 12 (Apr 13, 1889): 280. https://www.proquest.com/wma/ docview/1876381427/326A768A645D482DPQ/11
- "Is a College Education the Best for Our Girls? By an American Mother." *Ladies' Home Journal*. Vol. 17 Iss.
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- "The Literary Education of Women." *Cabinet, Or Monthly Report of Polite Literature*. Vol. 4 (Dec 1808): 376–378. https://www.proquest.com/britishperiodicals/ docview/4958260/1497D1F4E0B64E6BPQ/6

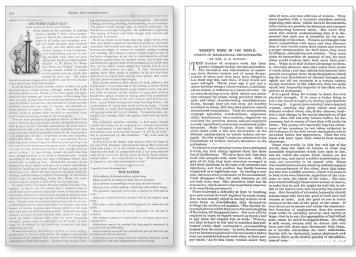
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- Westwood, Lelia: "Conduct on the Street." *The Young Woman's Journal*. Vol. 5, Iss. 6, 1894. pg. 281–285. http://gateway.proquest.com/openurl?url\_ver=Z39.88-2004&res\_dat=xri:gerritsen&rft\_dat=xri:gerritsen:articler ec:Gerritsen-GP233\_Volume\_5\_Issue\_6-16
- "Women's Education." *Fraser's Magazine for Town and Country*. Vol. 79 Iss. 473 (May 1869): 537–552. https://www.proquest.com/britishperiodicals/ docview/2644787/C2E99E0365594FA0PQ/6

# Employment

In the resources listed below, scholars will find articles and books on different professions available and considered suitable for women in the long nineteenth century. Books and articles often provided resources for women on how to find jobs, how to structure their careers, and what obstacles they might face. Many of these manuals were sold very cheaply because the audience for such books were primarily working-class women. The government documents listed below include census records that provide additional information about employment, and legislation that limited women's ability to work in bars and taverns.

#### **Guiding Questions:**

- How does *On the Obstacles to the Employment of Women* help us understand women's attitudes toward work in the nineteenth century? What challenges did women face when seeking employment?
- Alfred Henry Huth deploys a myriad of arguments on why women shouldn't seek employment. What are Huth's arguments in this text? Does he deploy any arguments that you have seen before, in contemporary conversations?
- Are there any occupations listed in the government census that surprised you? Are there types of employment that this census seemed to miss? What kind of new research questions does the census generate? How might this information be used in a larger project?
- The Parliament bill calls for mandatory reduction in hours for women who work in bars. Why might a bill like this one be proposed to Parliament? What role does paternalism play here?





• How do texts like A Dictionary of Employments Open to Women help us understand women's professional opportunities at the turn of the century? How might women have used a text like this to help navigate employment?

#### **Readings – Periodicals and Books**

- "Are Women Fairly Paid? Some Startling Facts and Figures." *Good Housekeeping*. Vol. 4 Iss. 3 (Dec 11, 1886): 64. https://www.proquest.com/wma/ docview/1767284737/BA7C283650974321PQ/36
- Bateson, Margaret: *Professional Women upon their Professions: Conversations*. London: H. Cox, 1897. http://gateway.proquest.com/openurl?url\_ ver=Z39.88-2004&res\_dat=xri:gerritsen&rft\_ dat=xri:gerritsen:bookrec:Gerritsen-G167

#### A Dictionary -----BILL of Employments open to Women то Limit the Hours of Employment of Women as Bar A.D. 1896. Assistants on Premises where Intoxicating Liquors may be sold for Consumption on the Premises WHEREAS it is expedient to limit the hours of women employed as bar assistants on premises where intoxicating liquor is sold for consumption on the premises : Be it therefore enacted by the Queen's most Excellent Majesty, 5 by and with the advice and consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows : 1. No woman employed as bar assistant on any premises for the Limit of sale of intoxicating liquor to be consumed on the premises shall be sixty-six 10 employed for more than sixty-six hours in any one week, nor for week more than ten hours in any one day. 2. Any holder of a licence for the sale of intoxicating liquors to Penalty for be consumed on the premises, or the agent of any such licence cont holder, employing or permitting to be employed any female bar 15 assistant in contravention of this Act, shall be liable, on conviction, to a penalty not exceeding twenty shillings for a first offence, to a penalty not exceeding five pounds for a second offence, and to a Published by penalty not exceeding ten pounds for a third or subsequent offence. 3. It shall be the duty of any constable or police officer having Enf. The Women's Institute, 20 the charge or superintendence of any licensed premises to report to of Act. his superior officer any contravention of this Act which may be brought under his notice, and such superior officer shall at once 15. Grosvenor Crescent, take steps to enforce the aforesaid penalties. 4. This Act may be cited as the Women Bar Assistants (Limita- Short title. Byde Park Corner, London. 25 tion of Hours) Act, 1896. 5. This Act shall come into operation on the first day of January, Commence-ment of Act. one thousand eight hundred and ninety-seven. [Bill 203.]

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- "The Employment of Women." The Speaker: The Liberal Review. Vol. 12 (Jul 6, 1895): 9. https://www.proquest.com/britishperiodicals/ docview/6501064/87EE8A774D6A44DAPQ/20
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with details of Wages, Hours of Work. and other Information. \$ <del>\$</del> <del>\$</del>

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- · Mayo, Isabella Fyvie. "The Employments of Women, Part I." Chamber's Journal. Vol. 3 Iss. 144 (Sep 1, 1900): 628-630. https://www.proguest.com/britishperiodicals/ docview/2621300/87EE8A774D6A44DAPQ/6
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- "On the Obstacles to the Employment of Women." The English Woman's Journal. Vol. 4, Iss. 24 (1860) pg. 361-375. http://gateway.proguest.com/openurl?url\_ ver=Z39.88-2004&res\_dat=xri:gerritsen&rft\_dat=xri:gerri tsen:articlerec:Gerritsen-GP57\_Volume\_4\_Issue\_24-10
- Pfeiffer, Emily: Women and Work: an essay treating on the relation to health and physical development, of the higher education of girls, and the intellectual or more systematised effort of women. London: Trübner, 1888. http://gateway.proguest.com/openurl?url\_ ver=Z39.88-2004&res\_dat=xri:gerritsen&rft\_ dat=xri:gerritsen:bookrec:Gerritsen-G2191
- Philipps, Leonora: A Dictionary of Employments Open to Women: With Details of Wages, Hours of Work, and Other Information. London: The Women's Institute, 1898. http://gateway.proguest.com/openurl?url\_ ver=Z39.88-2004&res\_dat=xri:gerritsen&rft\_ dat=xri:gerritsen:bookrec:Gerritsen-G2195

 Randolph, M. E. "A Woman Operator's View of It." Ladies' Home Journal. Vol. 9 Iss. 8 (Jul 1892): 26. https:// www.proquest.com/wma/docview/1715504778/ B8A1B410138A4F0BPQ/26

#### **Readings – Government Documents:**

- Census Statistics as Indicative of the Employment of Women in London. The Englishwoman's Year Book and Directory, 1883. http://gateway.proquest.com/ openurl?url\_ver=Z39.88-2004&res\_dat=xri:gerritsen&rft\_ dat=xri:gerritsen:articlerec:GP60\_18830101\_0101
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- Great Britain. Poor Law Commissioners: *Reports* of Special Assistant Poor Law Commissioners on the Employment of Women and Children in Agriculture. London: W. Clowes, 1843. http://gateway.proquest.com/ openurl?url\_ver=Z39.88-2004&res\_dat=xri:gerritsen&rft\_ dat=xri:gerritsen:bookrec:Gerritsen-G1086.2

These documents demonstrate the connections between health, education, and employment for women in the long nineteenth-century in Britain and America. In particular, increasing women's access to education meant that they had more professional opportunities. However, scholars will also notice the tensions between these topics: although family health was often considered a mother's responsibility, this did not immediately translate into accepting women into medical professions.

ProQuest's Gerritsen Collection of Aletta H. Jacobs, British Periodicals, and Women's Magazine Archives provides primary source materials to research the nuances around which gender was understood and discussed on these topics and more. The documents listed in this guide are just a starting point to begin to explore research paper ideas or course syllabi.

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- British Periodicals
- Women's Magazine Archive





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