

Jane Welsh Carlyle - 1801-1866
War
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"Oh, aren't you miserable about this war? I am haunted day & night with the thought of all the women of England, Scotland, and Ireland, who must be in agonies of suspense about their nearest and dearest."

A Wife's Journal

"Remember Charles Buller saying of the Duchess de Praslin's murder 'What could a poor fellow do with a wife who kept a journal but - murder her?'"

Jane Welsh Carlyle's
Journal
Oct 21. 1855-

Street names

Crooked Mape

Castle Arch

Between Streets

Post Boys Row.

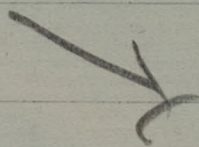
Jane Welsh Carlyle /

"The humphal-procession air,
which in our manners and
customs, is given to marriage at the
altar - that singing of Te Deum
before the battle has begun - has
ever since I could reflect, struck
me as somewhat senseless and
somewhat-impious"

Letter to Miss Barne

Aug 24. 1839.

at the marriage.



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J. W. Carlyle / Journal 21. Nov ¹⁸55-

(An appeal had to be made before
the Tax Collectors at Kensington)

"It was with a feeling like the ghost of
a dead dog that I rose and dressed
and drank my coffee & then started
for Kensington. Mr C. said that
'the voice of Honour seemed to call
on him to go himself.' But
either it did not call loud enough
or he would not listen to that
charmer."

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At the marriage

"I was much pressed afterwards
to acknowledge how superior
the English way of marrying was to
the Scotch, and asked how I liked
it. I said my feelings were very
mixed. 'Mixed', the rector asked 'mixed
of what?' 'Well' I said, 'it looked to
me something between a Religious
Ceremony and a - Pantomime!'"
So it is."

Letter Feb 23 1862

Carlyle - passed on all the
 heavy - unpleasant &
 difficult jobs to his wife - Jane.

Income Taxc interviews
 Negotiating with noisy neighbours
 Decorating or altering the
 house - etc.

~~When~~ himself going off out
 of town to stay with some titled
 admirer or travel -

When asked why he put these
 burdens on to Jane he said
 "Oh, I should only spoil the thing;
she is sure to manage it."

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Jane spent her years
"in the valley of the shadow
of Frederick the Great" — or
Santor, or Cromwell etc
her phrase in letter 26/2/63
to Mrs Austin

Mrs Alphant writes of Jane Welch
Carlyle — "her scorn of sham and
impurity" — she deals "a swift stroke
into the very heart of pretence"

"her bright wit and humorous brilliant
winks which left all her hearers
amused and delighted"

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Jane Welsh Carlyle /
 (after Lady Ashburton) 1863 | On Carlyle
 at home
 in the evenings

"There is always a good fire, and I am sitting by it, but so is 'Mr C.' on the opposite side of the table, correcting proofs or reading; and though the fact of his being there hardly makes any difference in the feeling of being alone; as he neither speaks nor lets himself be spoken to; it does, I find, make a material difference in any good one can get out of one's aloneness."

Spring 1863. Letter to Mrs. Jane Welsh