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“The dick is optional.”
I heard this as I passed a group of women exiting a bar at what must have been a very happy hour. It stayed with me — spinning in a mind now startlingly aware of the opposite sex.
I wondered at the conversation preceding; at the group of words needed to illicit this phallic response. I imagined it salacious, whispered in a vodka-loud voice as girlfriends giggled and the bartender looked on, amused.

Or maybe it was asexual, the new feminist manifesto, soon to appear on pastel t-shirts and button covered jackets; or be chanted as querulous women march on the national mall in power suits and stiletto heels.

I wanted to follow these women, to ask, but I knew no answer would sate an imagination so fully engaged, so I contented myself with speculation, and a tumbler of scotch raised as they drove away.