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Shades of Hillary Clinton

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Ben Smith, who helpfully provided feeds from the Iowa State Fair earlier in the day, **makes a smart catch** on Rick Perry's line from Waterloo about the wrinkles in his shirt not being his wife's fault:

The line rang a bell, but I couldn't place it until this morning: It was what the overtly sexist talk radio kids who stood up in a New Hampshire town hall meeting yelled at Hillary Clinton, helping to feed a sympathetic surge toward her in the state. They were chanting, "Iron my shirt."

"Ah, the remnants of sexism — alive and well," Clinton responded.

Republican primary politics are obviously quite different from the Democrats', but it seems like an area where Perry may have to modulate his approach a bit.

Even within the frame of Republican primaries, one of Perry's two chief rivals is a woman, and the matrix is a bit different.