

Abstract

The thesis is a study of the magazine *Ženské Listy* (*The Women's Gazette*), which was the first magazine published for Czech women in the United States. The magazine was founded by Josephine Humpal-Zeman and Karla Machova in 1894 in Chicago. Josephine Humpal-Zeman was an editor and publisher of the journal in Chicago and Karla Machova worked as a contributor from Bohemia. The aim of this thesis is to examine the magazine in the period of 1894-1901 when it was edited by Humpal-Zeman. The thesis reveals the circumstances in which the magazine was founded; it attempts to reconstruct the development of the journal, and it also provides a content analysis of the first seven volumes. The thesis is based on the research of the first seven volumes of the magazine and the study of other primary and secondary sources. Wider historical context is explored in the first two chapters. The focus is on the Czech community living in the United States and the general developments in the American society in the second half of the 19 century. Since the *Women's Gazette* was a fairly progressive women's journal, the thesis contains also subchapters dealing with the woman question and the history of women's magazines in both countries.