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whole insulting, arrogant attitude of men on the question. I begin to understand some clever, large-minded and capable women being so irritated by contemplation of certain of the electorate who are tacitly accepted as being mentally superior, that when they consider the matter it makes them wild. Any irresponsible, drunken lout carries weight simply because he is a man; while our sex, no matter how well qualified by mental power, depth of understanding and mature judgment, are counted out—women who have in many instances large property interests, who have brought children into the world, and have no voice in making the laws that shall affect them. It does not seem quite fair."

"Don't forget that spinsters and widows enjoy municipal privileges in many cases."

"That is one reason it is all so inconsistent. And then women lose even their poor little municipal votes when they marry, while men have been known to vote for years after they were dead. The records of any election will show you that! I am not sure that it is altogether a compliment man pays himself when he decides that a woman who is so foolish as to marry is not wise enough to be allowed to retain her voting power."

"Well, probably he knows best. Possibly he thinks he can give her enough to do to look after him when she gets him."