

## THE VITAL PROBLEM

Dear, Mary Ford:—According to the last census, after allowing for immigration, the natural increase is almost nil, and although the figures may be misleading, they raise a chain of thoughts in my mind, on a subject which needs airing in the press.

First, is it right that a woman should have to risk sacrificing her life, which the average homesteader's wife usually does, owing to her isolated position, and the exorbitant fees charged by the medical profession, or does it only strike me as excessive as coming from the Old Country, where the poorest woman can at such times, secure expert attention, and every necessity without cost, if necessary. It seems to me that in a new country, where population is so wanted, that it would be in the interest of the State to assist, rather than to allow such unsurmountable objects to be placed in the way. Can a woman be expected to raise a large family, knowing, as she does, that they will have to go through these severe winters, half fed and half clothed, owing to the high tariff on all things necessary to child life. This seems to me to constitute a tax on all those who are benefitting the country by raising the coming generation, the tax being increased by every member raised. If it were not for the tragedy in the above fact, it would be quite humorous to see a young country, whose greatest need is population, doing all in its power to encourage race-suicide.

Again I smile when I read the glib speeches of our politicians, in which they speak of the "Honor of Motherhood," etc., and yet will not allow us the franchise, the only power by which we can hope to improve the conditions under which our children will have to live.

In conclusion, it would be interesting to know how long this farce will continue, as its humorous side is entirely lost in the isolated and often childless "shacks" of this (Prosperous) Western Prairie.

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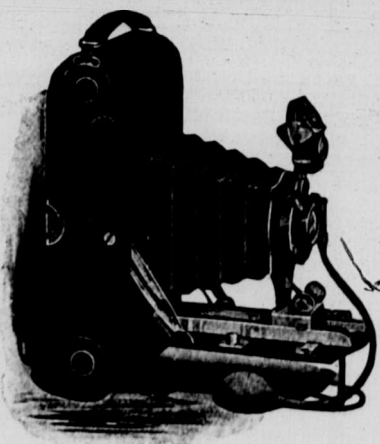
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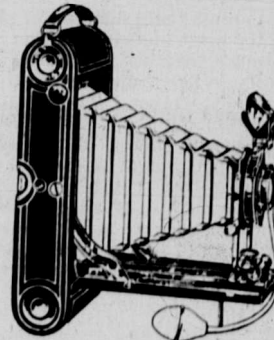
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