

the cases to be considered, while a woman lawyer was making a strong plea for her client—a mother of thirteen children—whose worthless husband had compelled her to leave her children and work in a laundry for their support. The lazy husband's law was made effective in this case. By it the husband who will not work from choice for the support of his family is compelled to work for the Government, his earnings being sent to his family. I enquired how this law was secured, and the reply came: "The women of Washington have the vote."

The next case considered by the court was that of a young girl of seventeen, who had been deceived and afterwards forsaken by a man who, with his accomplice, had convinced her that when she went with them to get a marriage licence it was the same as a marriage certificate. The court protected the girl and punished the man. I enquired the age of protection for a girl in Seattle. My reply was: "In Washington where women vote a girl is protected absolutely until she is eighteen without proviso."

The next case came before the Judge of the Juvenile Court, and was that of a deserted mother applying for a pension. This law empowers the judge to pay to widowed or deserted wives a stipulated sum for herself and for each child under fifteen, so that she can look after her children and bring them up to be good citizens. Again I asked how was this law secured, and the reply came, this time with a smile: "In Washington, where women vote, woman's viewpoint is put into law."

Two policewomen were standing nearby and I enquired regarding their work, and learned that Seattle employs five policewomen for the protection and in the interests of young girls and women. I asked whether it had been difficult to secure their appointment and was informed that when men and women consult together on the need of a clean city for the making of good citizens, it is not difficult to secure anything that is necessary for the development of the city and the protection of

its citizens; and do not forget, they added, that in Washington women are citizens.

Oh, it's the Western men that have made us free;  
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