

Shaw recovered her breath, she replied, not with the usual formula, "This is so sudden," but with the plain statement: "I don't want a wedding-ring; I want a vote." Her suitor thereupon left the hall with a very downcast countenance. Another story of Dr. Shaw has been set in motion by Dr. Shaw herself. Her little grand-niece, eight years old, told her mother that she would not be a Suffragist because the other children ridiculed her. A still younger sister spoke up defiantly: "I wouldn't be a coward; they've been making fun of Aunt Anna for hundreds of years!"

It seems as if the Suffragists have come to bring not peace, but a sword into the world. When Mrs. Chapman Catt, the international president, was sailing across the Pacific homeward from her little trip to organize the world for Woman Suffrage, all was calm and serene until she was called on for a speech. "Before this," said one of the men voyagers, "we were all at peace with one another; but after that woman spoke, everybody was fighting over the Suffrage question."

This is a hint to hostesses: When your guests seem bored to extinction, just get somebody to say Woman Suffrage, and then watch the sparks fly!

A robber arrested in Chicago said in court, "Almost all the women I have tackled showed some nerve, but the men laid down at once." His testimony is recommended to those who think women have not the physical strength to vote. They should also interview those two women who have just returned from a year of hunting big game in Africa and are going into the Rockies for the same purpose when spring opens. These ought to be a match for the ward heelers in any of our cities. As a matter of fact, no women ever have been insulted at the polls in any of the States where they have been voting for seventeen to forty-three years, and if such a thing ever should happen, it would not be necessary for them to lift a finger to defend themselves—the men would attend to it.

ENFRANCHISED WOMEN IN ENGLAND

The following resolution, passed unanimously by the Executive of the Australian and New Zealand Women Voters' Association (London), has been forwarded to the Premier, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, and the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs:

"We, Australian and New Zealand women, now resident in England, who deeply deplore the loss of our political freedom since coming to the Mother Country, desire to record our deep indignation at the fact that we are represented in the Cabinet by a Minister who holds such contemptuous views of the policy which our Dominions have thought fit to adopt, and our deep regret at the failure of the Government to fulfil their pledges to facilitate legislation giving votes to women. We demand the introduction during the present session of a Government Bill to enfranchise women on the same terms as men."

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AVERY'S PRIDE

Conservative—"By the by, Avery, I understand you want the universal franchise!"

Avery—"Yes!"

Con.—"Why, man, do you want your wife to become a politician?"

Avery—"It isn't that exactly. Fact is, she has always been a—politician!"

Con.—"Well, what is the reason?"

Avery—"Pride, pride, my boy—pure, brute, male pride!"

Con.—"How so? I don't see the connection."

Avery—"I don't like the idea of being married to a human being who is classed with the idiots!"

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That ancient skull found in England proves conclusively, so the anthropologists say, that man had reason before he spoke. Well, well! What a revolution has taken place since those prehistoric days!