

and *could vote* ! But the Giants insisted at "drawing the line" there. With the shoemakers it made very little difference : the women wore fours, and fives, and sixes as before ! Only now fours were not sold as "large two-and-a-half," and sixes were not called "fours" when they were bought. And my friend said "the best of it all was the increased freshness and beauty of the women," as they themselves confessed.

Like other countries, Vetulia had been, in its earliest history, pagan. Indeed, it was believed that among some of the most helpless and attenuated of the old *Atomies*, were still surviving specimens had been "Established." But, as the people became more intelligent, and the Government got freer, a "Principle"—which did not seem at the time to have any connection with the "Establishment," and for which even the supporters of the State-church felt themselves compelled to vote—was passed, which declared, "A Government should know its subjects only *as* subjects and citizens, not as classes." Some reforming statesman took hold of this "Principle," and wrought it out in the direction, "That for the State to know certain people as forming a certain communion, and to give them privileges and support not given to others, is to know them as a *class*, and contravenes the *principle*." The Parliamentary Opposition wisely contented themselves with demonstrating the soundness of their position, and then waited for the sentiment of the country to ripen on the question. And it did ripen so fast, that the next Session the Ministry was compelled