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into it. They are doing it to make the Government look thoroughly ridiculous in refusing the request. The prominent men cannot be always running shrieking to policemen for protection—'Save me! She's after me again! Take her away, o-o-Oh! Take her AWAY!' It's as funny as a Punch-and-Judy show. Reasonable, indeed! For that matter, did you ever know a man that liked to see a reasonable woman? She irritates him. He doesn't understand reason in a woman. It's the unreasonable women that get what they want. The trouble with these 'women's rights' women of former years was that always they were far *too* reasonable. They dressed plainly and sensibly, wore easy hoots, cared not for fashion, and didn't curl their hair. And their arguments were so clear, reasonable and to the point that men couldn't abide them. Between ourselves," she drew nearer to me confidentially, "why doesn't woman simply say she wants the suffrage—give no reason, but just say she *wants* it—and if further pressed she might say she wants it 'because.' Then men who are used to sweethearts, wives and daughters would at last understand, and would know she must have it. Let her sit and cry. Let her storm a little and stamp her foot. (See that it is small and very neatly shod, though.) Let her refuse to be soothed or bought off with anything else. It won't be long before some gallant, protecting and indulgent man will arise, turn desperately