
OPINIONS OF MARY

enough to go around, would there not? Every man would have in effect two votes, instead of only one as at present, for he would have his own vote just as now—and he might beat his wife and make her vote the way he wished, even if she should fancy casting hers in some other direction."

"Ah! there you come to another stock argument against woman suffrage. It would cause horrible dissenstion in otherwise happy homes. See how men argue on political questions and how hot they get—what bitterness comes through partisanship, and so on. If Pa should be a Reformer and Ma hold Conservative views, we are told that they would fight like cat and dog, and domestic peace would be a bygone thing."

"If married people allow themselves to quarrel they will always find something to argue about—if it's only the hanging of the curtains. A mutual interest should be a bond of union," cried Mary. "Just think. Pa need never leave his own cosy fireside to discuss the great questions of the day; he could talk them over with Ma. Or they might both put on their hats and sally forth to political meetings together, like they go together to church or theatre nowadays. It is likely they would get home before two in the morning and be able to find the keyhole—but I don't know that that would be any disadvantage. Woman would acquire a broader outlook. Matters of real moment to humanity