
SUFFRAGE

hy crook. Look at the colonies where women have the suffrage. (By the way, they were the first to offer substantial aid to Britain's navy.) They seem doing pretty well. It hasn't taken a wheel off, or anything, in their case, has it?"

I couldn't say that it had.

"I have been reading about Finland, where they actually have women in parliament. There the people were so oppressed by tyrannical Russian rule that the entire population combined and, working together, freed themselves from the yoke. The men found the benefit of having the women help, and were willing that they should share in the political freedom so obtained—decent of them, too, wasn't it?"

"But, Mary," remonstrated I, after we had both approved of the men of Finland, "to come back to the women of our own nationality, even supposing women are asking only for a reasonable privilege, why do they go about it in such an unseemly manner? Such extreme and unwomanly tactics, such vulgar aggressiveness! Why are they not quiet and ladylike and reasonable in their requests, making them through proper channels? They'll ask you that, for sure."

"Reasonable!" cried the lately-developed champion of votes for women. "They have been working in a reasonable way and through the accepted channels for forty years, only to be put aside and derided. I don't blame them for trying some other method. They are forced