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ing no provision for *us*. We are amenable to all the laws, like men are. We pay taxes. We should have votes if we want them. Now I think of it, what are the rights and privileges of Magna Charta that the men forced that old king to give them? Isn't one of the things no taxation without representation? Why don't tax-paying women come in on that, if it were nothing else? The men had to fight for their privileges then, and they are going to defend them now (quite forgetting that women are justified in following their example). It's a case with them, seemingly, of 'What we have we'll hold.' Poor thing! I have some sympathy with man after all. He is, in a way, driven to his last ditch. 'Here,' says he, 'woman has obtained entrance to nearly all the professions and walks of life aforetime sacred to MAN, and now she wants to take my vote. It is my very own, the insignia of my superiority. I will defend it with my life. *She shall not have it!*'"

"That was dramatic. Get that effect in the debate, Mary," commended I, encouragingly.

"It—" repeated the speaker, meditatively, taking no notice of my words, "that gives me another idea. One might really suppose from the fuss the men make that there was to be only one vote in a household, and that the woman was going to take it away from its lawful owner, put on her bonnet and go to the polls, leaving him at home to mind the baby! There would be votes