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to help *do* some of the things she now dreams—the reforms and advancements she now advocates and pleads with men to carry by their votes. As society is now constituted, are not many women forced to attain their ends by coaxing, wheedling and degrading subterfuge—‘managing’? Oh! when I get a husband I hope he won’t be one of these pigheaded, narrow-minded men one has to manage. I would like to be able to be frank and open with him and feel that, within limitations, he would respect and allow my individual views—knowing that my wifely respect and love would influence me to fall in with his ideas and wishes in all possible ways.”

“They will tell you that women would vote for a candidate because they admired his eyes or the shape of his nose, or liked the way he did his hair. They would have no true understanding of politics.”

“I deny it! And if they did, what of it? That is just one of the mean things men would say—and it is their own sex that is swayed by personal beauty to an extent women can never understand. As for grasping political matters, do you know, the word ‘politics’ is something I did look up in the dictionary, for I felt I had always taken it too much for granted, and scarcely knew clearly what it meant. The definition I found had much to do in deciding me. Here is what I found.”

She read a note: