
OPINIONS OF MARY

"To my thinking," ignoring my last suggestion, "a true marriage should add to the reasons for a woman having a vote, as by marriage she gains added dignity and social independence. The day is gone when a man bought his wife, body and soul. Love and mutual interests are what hold people together—and their sense of duty to those about them. Then again," she continued, "think what a lot of extra money would go to the Government if women were enfranchised and taxed."

"The other side will tell you that their husbands would have to pay it."

"Not them!" (evidently meaning the husbands) "and if they did, what of it? It would only mean a feather less for her hat. But I am certain most women would be quite willing to save or earn the few dollars required, when they once realized the value to them of a voice in their country's government—and you have to pay taxes on a dog!" Mary is amusing.

"They will tell you that woman's greatest strength is that quiet moral influence that is an inspiration to man, and that she will lose all this weight, and irretrievably lower herself, if she should come forward and cast a ballot for a member of parliament."

"If there is any truth in this influence of woman for great good that one hears men talking so grandly about, why not strengthen her position by giving her a vote, and so enable her