
OPINIONS OF MARY

tionary. I forgot that. But now bring forward some good reasons why women should not have votes," persisted she, once more getting down to business.

"Well, to begin with, the other side will assert that, take her in the vast majority, she does not *want* a vote. A few spinsters of uncertain age, and strong-minded women past their first youth are making all the fuss. Mind you, they are all old and ugly and unsexed (whatever that may be), and it is a pity they are not at home minding babies and darning socks and—"

"She *doesn't want* a vote!" interrupted Mary. "Look at the years and years she has been asking for it. Look at the thousands of women to-day, young, old and middle-aged, rich and poor, of every social grade, who are expressing by every means in their power their desire for a right to vote, and their determination to win such concession from Parliament! She 'doesn't want' a vote!"

"Yes, yes, she may say she does, but women don't know what they do want anyway."

"That's just where men are mistaken. Women always do know what they want—and very often they say it, too. Why, Eve, the very first woman, knew exactly what she wanted. She wanted clothes. And all down the ages the cry has come, 'Clothes, clothes! give me CLOTHES, plenty of them and pretty ones!' And the desire of the last woman is expressed in the