

## WOMEN PLUMBERS

Among the representatives of the French Association des Hygienistes et Techniciens Municipaux, lately visiting Great Britain, are several women, and the Lord Mayor, when receiving them said that the entry of women into such trades as plumbing, glazing, and engineering, was a great addition to the working power of the world. There would have been no novelty about this in England a few centuries ago. Among the Guildhall records the following entry occurs for the year 1595: "The office of Plumber of London Bridge was granted to the widow Foster." Similarly, from the books of St. Martin-in-the-Fields it can be proved that the glazier's work was done for many years by one Elinor Devereux, and the brickwork by Mrs. Baker. Still more interesting is the fact that Elizabeth Bartlett was given the job of casting the second bell, and, according to Mrs. Stopes, that all the women thus employed were paid at the same rate as men for the same work. Yet there are noted Anti-Suffragists who would deny women the vote because they are unable to take part in the heavy work of the world.

In all parts of the country the health officials are protesting because physicians fail to record certificates of birth. Women risk their lives to produce children; doctors do not take the trouble to register the births, and then preachers, editors and the rest of mankind condemn the women for race suicide. Perhaps if their babies were properly counted it would be found that they were supplying all reasonable demands.

The Kansas Suffragists had only \$10,000 to carry on their campaign which resulted in enfranchising 400,000 women — in other words, each new voter cost four cents. The national committees of the various political parties have a great deal to learn from the women politicians of Kansas.

The Anti-Suffragist Association is very desirous of adopting a color of its very own, but thus far has found that all in the rainbow and out of it have been pre-empted by the innumerable Suffrage Societies. The "antis" over in England had just such a difficulty, but finally decided on blue and black. Then they had made a button and on it placed the head of a dear little chee-ild; but when the black and blue infant made its appearance, it was received by the Suffragists with such screams of laughter and proffers of sympathy that it suddenly vanished and was never seen again.

The New York Board of Education, having dismissed the husband in a case where a man and his wife had been engaged as janitors of a public school, were amazed when the woman persisted in holding on to the job and was sustained by the court. They supposed the old common law still held good, that "husband and wife are one, and that one the husband." It is really very hard for men to bear up under the shocks they are getting nowadays.

Last year was the first in which California women voted, and the number of marriages in Los Angeles County increased thirty-five per cent. over the preceding year, and far more than that over any previous year. Possibly women suffrage was not responsible for it, but if the record had shown a decrease, there would have been no escaping this conclusion.

In a temperance play now running in New York, the husband asks: "Where is my wandering wife to-night?" The answer, of course, ought to be, "At a Suffrage meeting," as women never neglect their homes for any other purpose.

The fact that President Taft carried only one of the six States where women had the Suffrage puts a quietus on the hackneyed saying that women would always vote for the handsomest man.