

Political Women—Bright Bill reckoned up by Irish Attorney General—Woodall Bill disfranchises wives for ever.

## CHAPTER V.

Results of married women's suffrage: disruption of domestic ties: desecration of marriage—Enfranchised wife voting against her husband at another man's instigation—Mr. Labouchere on woman suffrage—Speech of Mr. (now Sir Henry) James—Clerical and priestly influence—Promotion of matrimonial discord and wife-beating—Temptation to bribery—*The Spectator*—An electioneering agent dividing man and wife—Opportunities for depravity—Appeal to husbands—Wives canvassed for votes during husbands' absence—Speech to this effect suppressed in *Victoria Magazine*—Theory: elections sweetened and purified by women—Dabbling in political mire and dirt!—Mrs. Bodichon "that polling-booths should be made fit for women"—Fallacy—Begging the question—Man must do things women must not—War!—Woman when cruel, exceeds man—Gladiatorial shows—Bull-fights—Municipal franchise—"Staggering women-voters supported by staggering men: not their husbands"—Impossible to withhold votes from qualified married women—*Saturday Review*—Summary of arguments against the bill—British women the freest—Indirect influence—Alleged grievance of Baroness Burdett-Coutts not being enfranchised—Politics would seriously diminish the number of women distinguished in the fine arts, literature, and other legitimate occupations.