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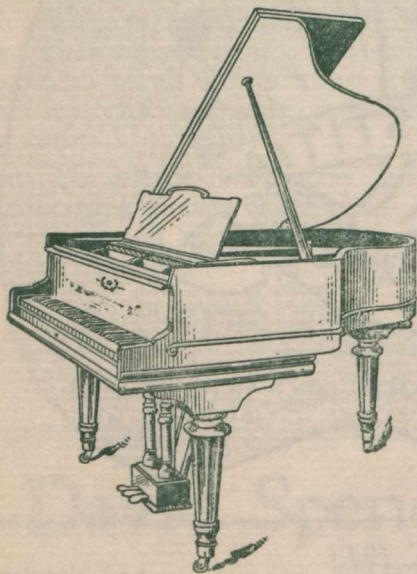
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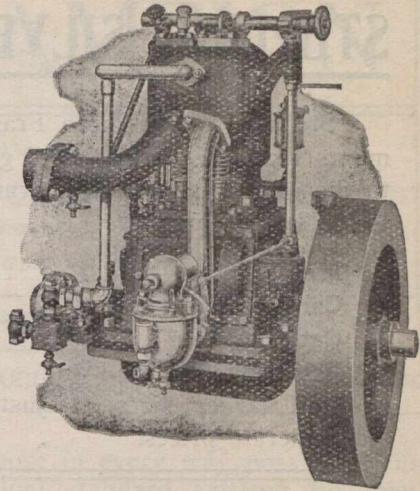
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1. This Society adopts as the fundamental principle of its Constitution the establishment of the Political, Social and Industrial Rights of Women and Men.

It recognizes as indispensable the possession by Women of the Parliamentary Vote on the same terms as it is or as it may be granted to men.

It demands from the Government immediate legislation to secure this.

The further aim of the Society is to take active means to remedy existing evils and to bring to the knowledge of the public the inefficiency of some of the laws of British Columbia especially as they affect women and children.

2. The objects and aims of the Society as set forward above, need very little explanation. We intend to ex-

pose in every way possible to us, the dual standard existing for men and women, to demonstrate the evil resulting therefrom, and to force public recognition to the direct connection between this dual standard and the political disability of women.

We stand to emphasize the fact that **causes** of individual cases of injustice can only be satisfactorily and finally dealt with by legislation in which women have a direct share.

3. Regarding the enfranchisement of women as essential to the attainment of equality between the sexes, we are necessarily working primarily for Woman Suffrage, and the principal item on our programme is therefore the demand for a Government Measure giving the Parliamentary Vote to Women on the same terms as it is or may be given to men.

EDITOR'S NOTES

The Outlook

Last month we commented on "The Public Schools Amendment Act," and drew the attention of our readers to the fact that "womanly influence," even when the views of the women have been strongly pointed out, is not held by Governments to be the sacred and inviolable guide they would, at election time, have us believe. Since this was printed a letter has been received at the Victoria Office, from the Superintendent of Education, which we publish on

another page. The Suffragists of this Province must make a point of reminding the Education Department, when the time comes, of its duty in connection with this all-important matter. It will be noted that the Superintendent of Education is "unable to explain" . . . "how or why except through an inadvertence" the disastrous alteration occurred. It strikes us as rather significant of the seriousness with which men regard their responsibilities in this direction that such a vital "amendment" could pass into law without the knowledge of the Minister and the Superintendent of the Department most immediately concerned. It is high time that a Department which deals so directly with affairs in which women are specially competent to advise, should become politically answerable to women electors for the way in which it fulfils the duties allotted to it. We quite believe that both the Minister of Education and the Superintendent of Education were totally unaware of the iniquitous blunder, or worse, but we would like to know what excuse they can offer the country for their ignorance on the subject.

Recruits

New members continue to pour in in spite of the fact that the summer is always a slack time for political work and that most of the Branch officials are out of town. The last fortnight has seen the enrolment of a few specially useful and active friends, including Mrs. Montgomery of Cordova Bay, who has subscribed for five yearly subscriptions to the Champion and given also a handsome donation to the funds, and Miss Gladys Shrapnel, whom also we are particularly glad to welcome.

The Carnival

This will be a thing of the past before our next number is published. The League of Victoria, although not citizens, are going to take part in the citizens' carnival, and are preparing an historic float for the parade. The colors used will be the colors of the

League. It is needless to say that it will be very beautiful, for whatever this League has undertaken since its organization, it has made a success and won the goodwill and endorsement of the citizens, even though they might differ in opinion on the subject for which the League is working.

Fall Campaign

Before another issue of this paper we hope to begin our autumn campaign. Miss Adela Parker, a woman who has been filling the position of lecturer in the High Schools of Seattle, and who has successfully passed her examination in law, will be in the city on her vacation and has promised to give us several addresses on civic questions as they relate to women. Miss Parker is a woman of culture, she has a strong personality, and is a pleasing speaker with a forcible method of dealing with her subject.

Personal

We regret to lose from Vancouver one of our charter members and energetic workers, Mrs. Lashley Hall, who with her husband has gone to Revelstoke to reside. Mrs. Hall has given much of her valuable time to the Suffrage Cause and last year organized many Leagues in the lower part of the Province. While still one of our official organizers and will doubtless continue her efficient and self-sacrificing work in the Interior, we shall miss her at the Coast. We wish her every success in her new home.

The Last Petition

We cannot ignore an event which has challenged the attention of the whole world and focussed it for a bewildered moment on the Suffrage movement.

Whatever individuals may think of the Militants and their methods, no thinking man or woman can fail to be struck by the courage and the single-minded devotion which could lead a woman to certain death—or worse—in

absolute silence and loneliness, in order to present to her King a petition which his Government had persistently intercepted.

"In the Light Brigade there were six hundred—even at Thermopylae there were three—but she, one, alone, the Quintus Curtius of our Cause, has thrown herself into the gulf to set her sisters free."

She presented her petition—the petition of the womanhood of Great Britain—in such a way that the King could not refuse to receive it; and she joyfully paid the price of that presentation.

The death of Emily Wilding Davison stirs all Suffragists, whether militant or passive, in a way no outsider can ever understand.

She has cared more deeply than any of the rest of us for the great things for which our movement stands, and her action is a call to every one who has the honor of belonging to the Suffrage Army, for the utmost sacrifice of which she or he is capable.

"But all through life I see a Cross,
Where Sons of God yield up their
breath—

There is no gain except by loss;
There is no life except by death;
There is no vision but by faith,
Nor glory but by bearing shame,
Nor justice but by taking blame."

Let the women of this Province offer their tribute of reverence in a stronger purpose, a finer courage, and a more devoted service, to the Greatest Cause in the World.

SUFFRAGIST CALLS TO HER SISTERS

By Margaret J. Brandenburg

O women! O women! O women!
You sing and embroider and read:
You are housed, you are warmed, you
are nourished;
Do you know of humanity's need?

Of your millions and millions of sisters
Who toil till the close of the day,
Then stagger to shelter in darkness,
Unfed and unwarmed, as they may?

Of your sinning and shelterless sisters
Who must dance or must walk through
the night—

Who hide sinsick souls 'neath their
laughters,
And weep with the clear morning light?

Of the wee little fingers of babies
Which patiently tie on your plume—
Of the tired little back of the children
At work at the sweatshop or loom?

Of the mothers robbed of their children
Of the children robbed of their youth,
Of the babies robbed of existence,—
And who are the spoilers, in truth?

O women, 'tis done through indiffer-
ence,

Through ignorance, torpor or greed.
Arise, then, and call for the ballot
To aid all humanity's need!

A PARABLE

By Rev. Edwin A. Mould

A certain gentleman named Mr. A—— had a patient ass which was called Suffragette. Suffragette was very patient, but she loved carrots, especially one which was called the vote. So he dangled the carrot before the eyes of Suffragette, who ran after the carrot for years and years without getting any nearer.

Now, one day the patient animal got impatient, and started kicking very hard. Her master said, "That proves she doesn't deserve the carrot," and everybody shouted and jeered at the poor beast. But Suffragette only kicked the harder.

So Mr. A—— sent for a stout fellow named Bodkin,* and told him to beat the ass till she stopped kicking, and to make her run nicely and quietly after the carrot again. But poor Suffragette only kicked harder and harder.

Then a poor wise man came along and said, "She is really a very patient ass. Why not give her the carrot, and then she will stop kicking, and be a very useful animal?"

And the people called him madman and fool, and other wicked names; and

when the poor wise man went away, the stout fellow was still beating the ass, and the ass was still kicking; but her master had gone away for a holiday.—“The Barrow News,” England.

*The public prosecutor.

GARDEN PARTY

A very delightful garden party was given by Mrs. Dennis Harris at her residence, Superior Street, on Wednesday, June 25th, which was largely attended. The principal attraction was an address by Miss Constance Boulton of Toronto on the subject of the Woman's Suffrage Movement from a Canadian woman's point of view.

Mrs. Gordon Grant introduced the speaker to the audience, who had assembled on the lawn. Miss Boulton is a very pleasing speaker. She gave the history of the movement since the signing of the Magna Charta, and said that people need not assume that the cry for woman's suffrage was some new madness.

If women, said the speaker, exercised the same public functions as men, paying taxes, earning their own living, conducting businesses, etc., then what argument was there against them having the Suffrage? There was plenty of argument why the men should not have the Suffrage; they already had it, and many abused the right. But women did not have it, and there was no possible ground for asserting that they should not have it.

Continuing, Miss Boulton referred to the militant tactics which the men had adopted when they were struggling for the franchise. She also made reference to the sense of responsibility which seemed to come with the vote in those countries where women exercised the ballot. In Australia and the United States they had shown their appreciation of what it had meant. Women everywhere were waking up to the fact that the power of voting was a very serious and high responsibility, and that was one of the chief reasons why it should be given to them.

To-day in the United States there were 50,000 women supporting themselves and their husbands. Ten million earned their own living outside the home. There were in New York alone 300,000 working women, and in Toronto 45,000. In the United States more than one-half of the working men had their wages supplemented by the wages of their wives and daughters. One-third of all the married women in England were wage earners in factories, shops, etc.

Equal Work: Equal Pay

One of the first things which the women who were most actively engaged in the franchise work would have adjusted when their cause was won would be the wage question. They would demand equal pay for equal work for men and women. The obvious conclusion would follow. Women at present could not force an adjustment of their wages, and were forced to work for lower wages than the men. The men, being undercut, were pushed to the wall. They could not support their wives and families with the wages that they earned. Then the women of the family had to go out to supplement the man's wages. Therefore, the market was flooded, and wages tended to decrease all round. Equal pay for equal work among men and women would mean that the women could stay in the home if they wished it, because the men would earn more, and would be able to support their families without the assistance of their wives' earnings.

Women were beginning to realize that they had intellects. The immorality of the whole matter was in the fact that because women had been told to accept a certain place it had induced in them a tremendous indifference and want of interest in the affairs of the community. The fact that one did not want to work, and did not want to have responsibility, did not tend for the highest development of the human race. The whole subject was submerged in a mass of idiotic arguments.

It had been calculated that a man exercised on the average just four hours a year in voting. Surely women could put forth this mighty effort. Instead, however, they were told that they were doing something that they had no business to do at all.

In conclusion, said the speaker, it was the duty of every man to exercise his vote, and to see that our much boasted democracy was the ideal thing which it was held to be, and that women, when they got the vote, together with the men, should see to the integrity of that vote.

Delicious tea, ice cream and other light refreshments were served during the afternoon, the hostess also being thanked for her hospitality before the party dispersed.

PUBLIC SCHOOLS ACT

Victoria, June 20th, 1913.
Education Office,

Miss Dorothy Davis,
103 Campbell Building,
Victoria, B. C.

Madam,—

In reference to the question raised by you when you telephoned to me three days ago, I beg to acquaint you that I have looked into the Amendments to the "Public Schools Act" passed at the last Session of the House, and regret to find that in district municipality school district such as Saanich and Oak Bay all candidates for school trustees, according to the amendments, must be males. The explanation of course is not far to seek. If you will consult the Revised Statutes of British Columbia, 1911, page 2060, you will find in Section 17 that one of the qualifications for an alderman of a city is *inter alia* that he shall be a male British subject. Similarly, by consulting Section 19 you will observe that one of the qualifications of a councillor for a rural municipality is that he shall be a male British subject.

In providing for a property qualification for trustees in city school districts

the word "male" was struck out of Section 17 as it should have been, but in providing the property qualification for trustees in rural municipal school districts the word "male" which occurs in Section 19 crept into the Amendments to the School Act passed at the last Session of the House. I am unable to explain to you how or why except through an inadvertence. There was certainly no intention on the part of any official of this Department or any member of the Government to insert the word "male" in the list of qualifications for trustees in rural municipal school districts. I have made a note of the matter and will recommend the Honourable the Minister of Education to have the word struck out at the next Session of the House.

I have the honour to be,

Madam,

Your obedient servant,

ALEXANDER ROBINSON,
Superintendent of Education.
G. H. D.

ITEMS

First Burglar: "S'y, Bill, 'ave you got them Suffragette placards?"

Second Burglar: "Darn it, I forgot 'em!"

First Burglar: "Well, you bloody fool, 'ow're we goin' to cover up our trail?"—English.

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In Chicago the other day, the judge on the bench of the Morals Court said to the policeman who brought in some street-walking girls, "Where are the men in this case? I want the men brought in here. There will be no double standard of morality in this court." Hamlin Garland writes to the "Chicago Tribune: "This gave me a thrill of pride in Western manhood." Mr. Garland also favors the Hon. Joseph Carter's proposal to make all children legitimate, and put the penalty for irregular relations on the parents. The advocates of this measure say, "There is much illegitimate parentage, but every child is born into the world innocent."

Captain Amundsen Says Englishmen Treat Women No Better Than Esquimaux

Captain Roald Amundsen, the discoverer of the South Pole, passed through Colorado the other day, and was interviewed by the "Denver Post." He was asked his opinion on a variety of subjects, including the Militant Suffragists. Capt. Amundsen is a Norwegian, a native of a country where women vote. He is reported as saying: "The British Suffragette is justified in the method she is employing to obtain the ballot.

"Englishmen have not gone beyond the Esquimaux in their knowledge of or treatment of women. They regard them as so many trained dogs, to be used for their pleasure or service, or as display advertisements of their success. If the women are rewarded with a bone, well and good. If they do not even get that, also well and good.

"To get the most out of life, men must come to know that women must be companions, and not chattels or toys or slaves. This, I understand, has been learned and is practiced in America."



The latest undertaking reported from Seattle is a training school for mothers, promoted by the leaders of the recent campaign for the ballot, with lectures on the care of mothers before the birth of children, the care of babies and everything connected with child life. In the city hall two rooms have been set apart for a class in scientific buying for housewives. These reports must be a mistake, as it is a well-known fact that, the moment women get a vote, they lose all interest in the duties of motherhood and domestic life.—"Life."



A Noble Example

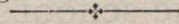
During a Suffrage debate an Anti rose and in sturdy tones spake: "Why should I strive for the miserable ballot? I have four sons and a spouse, and I'd like to see any of them dare to

vote except the way I want them to!" What a noble figure is this, standing out in clear bas-relief against a background of bossed and brow-beaten manhood! Let every Suffragist whose four sons are daughters cast aside not only respect for their own opinions, but the deference due to those of others, and emulate this worthy despiser of the dignified methods of the voter. For it is through creatures of her kind that the full beauty of indirect influence bursts upon the human mind.



The Cunning Things

Some women say they have all the rights they want—namely, to be loved, protected and supported. How sweet and cute this sounds! Just think—the babies in long clothes have precisely the same rights!



EVOLUTION, NOT REVOLUTION

Instead of a revolution, the present "woman's movement" is clearly an evolution. There are no divinely stated laws forbidding the equal and general participation of women in the government and affairs of men. The whole question hinges upon the form and manner of that participation. Economic conditions have changed, and conditions have arisen by which woman has been brought face to face with her initial and long neglected rights. The revelation came years ago, but not until the present age has the discussion of them by women themselves become active or serious. It is this revelation, made possible by conditions which women had no active hand in shaping, that has precipitated what is known as "the feminist revolution." Sifted to the bottom, it is just a case of woman adapting herself to conditions that have been forced upon her. The results will not alter materially the established order of creation and out of the evolution will come a more direct, benign and useful influence from women in behalf of all the serious affairs of life. Instead of being a threatening feminist invasion of masculine authority and

work, the whole question of women's rights in the world and the manner of their exercise will resolve itself into woman's clearer vision of just where she does fit into the scheme of things—a problem she has never seriously considered in all the past years of her suspected power and authority in shaping the lives, comforting the oppressed and soothing the sorrows of her earth mates. The world is really going to be a much better place in which to live after these busy women really get around to a decision as to where they belong. We have confidence enough in these, our sisters, to believe that their ultimate settlement of the problem will not have the effect of tumbling down the pillars of this earthly temple of residence about all our heads, as so many timid souls seem to think likely.

Kansas men, after twenty-five years of Woman Suffrage, finding it did not stop the birth of babies, nor create an inferno, voted women full Suffrage. The men took a slice of mother's suffrage cake, and, liking it, wanted it all.—Beatrice Forbes Robertson.

Anybody who seriously argues that men and women can ever be arrayed against each other, as classes, needs the attention of an alienist. They stand or fall together. Whatever makes for the prosperity of one makes for the good of the other. What drags one down into the pit carries the other into the abyss. We are the wives, and sisters, and daughters of the men who want low tariff or high tariff; our husbands, and our brothers, and our fathers are manufacturers, or farmers, or merchants; our fortunes will be affected just as much as men's by currency laws. We are bound to men by every tie of blood, and heart, and pocket, and the idea of our fighting them is as absurd as to suppose we will all go daft and cut our own throats. There can never be, even when we get the franchise, any all-woman political party as opposed to an all-man political

party. There can be no female tariff schedule, no female regulation of the trust, no female banking bill differing from men's.—Dorothy Dix.

IN OTHER LANDS

Italy

In response to the demand made in the Roman Senate that women should be allowed to vote in municipal elections, Premier Giolitti has expressed readiness to face the entire question of Woman Suffrage. Italy has lately adopted quasi-universal male suffrage. Its new electoral law enfranchises every male citizen over twenty-one, irrespective of whether he can read or write, and thus swells the voters' list by another eight and a half millions. Premier Giolitti says this really creates an imperative necessity for thorough revision of the legal standing of Italian women.

The Central Feminist Committee in Rome is trying to get declarations in favor of Woman Suffrage from the candidates before the coming parliamentary elections. Thus far, 28 candidates have promised to support the woman's programme in the next Chamber of Deputies if they are elected.

Norway

The Norwegian Storting has unanimously agreed to extend full Parliamentary Suffrage to all women, without regard to the amount of their income tax.

Illinois has less than half the area of Norway, but more than double Norway's population. The government of Illinois collects and spends a little less than \$30,000,000 in taxes every year. Norway collects and spends a little more than \$30,000,000.

Turkey

The first Turkish women's paper has just been started in Constantinople. It is called "Kadinlar Dunyasi," i. e., "The Ladies' World." It is edited by well known Turkish women writers,

and its object is to advocate enlarged opportunities for the feminine half of humanity. It is a small paper, but full of liberal and national ideas, and has already had a series of editorials on "The Rights of Women."

Argentine

It is pleasant to receive from Buenos Ayres a handsome monthly magazine, "Union y Labor," devoted to women's progress and the protection of children. The editor is Dr. Matilde T. Flairoto. The Woman's Movement is spreading even to countries that have been supposed to be little interested in "feminism."

"THE FIRST MARTYR OF WOMAN'S SUFFRAGE"

Ah, not the first, as some have said,
In this high war of service dead,
Is she who now before the throne
Lays what she never called her own,
And to the only Judge found just
Renders the record of her trust!

One is this warfare ^{from} of old;
The years have heard one story ⁺ told;
Wherever blood was spilt to save
Flow'rs the same splendor from the
grave,
And Christ Himself upon the Tree
Died that the spirit might be free.

Ah, not the first! And comes there
then
No braver breed of gentler men?
Shall still the violence of vice
Extort from Love the utmost price?
And fools not listen till to clear
Death speaks the thing they needs
must hear?

Oh! judging, oh! dividing breath!
Oh! rumor of the wings of Death!
Blessed the martyrs, and accursed
The tyrants stand. Ah! not the first
This judgment claimed, this challenge
cast!—

Dear God, if it might be the last!
—(Taken from "The Suffragette.")

THE SUFFRAGE TANGLE IN PART

By Rev. Edwin A. Mould
Vicar of St. James', Barrow-in-Furness

Turn away from the duel between the Militants and the Government, and let us turn a little light on the ordinary Anti-Suffragist, for he is the real obstacle. At the bottom, and behind all his argument, or lack of argument, is the assumption that woman in an inferior; that she exists for his purpose; that her function is purely and wholly sexual and not personal; that she is not an end in herself, but simply a means to his end. This is the ancient view of woman, and it dies hard. **It is embedded in our religion, our ideals of chivalry, our thought, our art and literature, the structure of society, our habits, our customs, our laws. But this ancient view has got its deathblow.** All the educated womanhood of the world is in revolt against it. It is not, and never has been, the Christian view, though the Church inherited and assimilated it. There are really only two views of woman—the Turk's view and the Christian view. She is either a man's property, or she is a person. Logically and ultimately, you must choose between "Votes for Women" and "Harems for Women." If you really are a Turk in your opinions about women, have the courage of your convictions and shut your women up seclusion; but don't yield to the Christian principle of women's equality with man in your domestic, religious, intellectual, social, recreative and artistic life, and then boggle about the vote. In a few years' time we shall just wonder that men could be so silly and stupid.

A World-Wide Movement

Again, the ordinary Anti-Suffragist has not realized that the present struggle is not a mere local and national struggle. The truth is we are being caught up in a world-wide movement. **This movement can no more be driven back than God can be driven back, for God is in it.** You can crucify

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and torture and imprison and coerce as much as you like. This awakening of woman is the central fact in the world of to-day. A something new has dawned upon woman's consciousness. **The women that walked in darkness have seen a Great Light.** They see that never yet have we incorporated and organized woman's instinct, her concrete practical intelligence, her religious spirit, her mother-wit and her mother-heart for the **benefit of the whole community.** To do this is the task of the twentieth century. This, with all its far-reaching consequences, is the specific contribution this century is to make toward the unfolding of the Divine purpose and destiny of the human race. The man who doesn't see and realize this truth, and feel the wonder and vast significance of it for human life may be an excellent man, he may be a thoughtful and well-read man, but he is simply out of the main thought-current and life-stream of the time. He is in some petty side-stream; the intellectual and spiritual constructive life-force which is to fashion the new age has passed him by, and in spite of all his cleverness he will come to absolutely wrong conclusions upon everything which is happening and passing before his eyes. **Oh! that we had statesmen;** but alas! we have today only politicians, and politicians have no vision, and so you have Militancy, with all its turmoil and waste and suffering. Mr. Asquith will not yield, and it is very certain the women will not yield. Well, to use Mr. Asquith's own expression, we must "Wait and see." Mr. Asquith claims to have broken the Lords, but he is finding the ladies a tougher job, and I think in the end that the ladies will break Mr. Asquith.

Rebels Past and Present

Another strange feature in the thinking, or what passes for thinking, of large numbers of men and women today, **is the assumption that rebellion is always and under all conditions wrong.** If that be so you must re-write the world's history, decanonize your saints, and degrade your heroes. Where and

what would Britain be to-day if rebellion is necessarily a sin? There is a breaking of a human law in the assertion of a Divine law, which is the seed of all progress, and there is a breaking of law which is wanton and wicked. Each case must be judged on its merits. I can understand a man arguing that the Militant Suffragettes are wicked because their motives are bad, and because they have not received sufficient provocation, and because their actions are pure hooliganism. If he believes that I understand his arguing like that, and trying to prove his case; but to say defiance of the law is bad in itself always, and under all conditions, is, to put it in a word, nonsense. **Every intellectual, spiritual, and political liberty we possess has been won for us by men of revolutionary spirit, and in many cases only after violent and bloody deeds.** The art of government is to prevent revolution, but if revolution comes, who is to blame? Almost always I think it is the power that is defied and not the defiers. Each case must be judged and decided by historic evidence and inward motive, and I think any fair-minded man will admit that there is such an innate patience and submissiveness and such an instinctive love of order and loyalty to authority in women that provocation must have been both prolonged and excessive before they dared and risked everything in a conspiracy against the law and order of their native land. Take what view you like of their conduct, **but apply the same standards and values to the living present as you apply to the dead past.** If these women are bad women, then the world's greatest blessings have come through bad people, and the Bodkins are the true saints, "Which," as the late Mr. Euclid used to remark, "is absurd."

A New Spirit of Revolt

I am not an alarmist, but I wish I could make the well-fed, comfortable people to-day realize that a new and ugly and menacing spirit of revolt is stirring in the breasts of hundreds of thousands of men and women. The

comfortable people do not see; they read only their own papers which repeat their pet prejudices and tell them comfortable lies. Our apparently happy and careless security is like the security of the smiling vineyards and villages I saw some years ago on the slopes of Vesuvius, which a few years later were buried under the fierce lava and ashes vomited from the mouth of the volcano. To-day we can govern only by consent. The day for compulsion has gone by. **If men and women can't respect the law, they will break the law.** If the Government is not worthy of respect they will defy the Government. Men are ceasing to believe in constitutional Government; they have lost faith in politicians and in Parliament. They have lost faith even in Labour Memembers. Do you wonder? What sort of a constitution are we living under? We have learned only to pull down, but not to build up. We have reduced our King to the level of a Royal Penman, whose main duty is to affix his Royal autograph to official documents. To present him with a petition is to be put in prison. We have practically abolished our Second Chamber. **We have gagged and throttled the House of Commons and reduced its members to rival flocks of sheep-like voters, led by those gentle shepherds, the Party Whips.** We have made an old gentleman who stopped thinking thirty years ago the dictator of the country. No law can pass, even if there be a majority in the House in favor of it, unless this old gentleman graciously permits, that is, unless it fits in with his party game. Was it worth while cutting off King Charles's head for this, and giving up the Divine right of kings for the Divine right of Cabinets, Coalitions and Prime Ministers? Who respects the Constitution; who respects the law, when we are forcibly fed with the legislation we don't want, and are dodged and tricked out of what we ask for? Who believes the will of the people is prevailing to-day? If I am not profoundly mistaken, we are going to see much more Militancy before we come to a right mind.

The Militant Women are only the little cloud, no bigger than a man's hand, which foretells the coming storm. But things are worse even than I describe. The police are now called in to suppress free speech, and the freedom of the press. All honor to "The Manchester Guardian" for the stand it is taking. It seems as if Mr. Bodkin is the supreme member of the Cabinet. He stands not in the House of Commons, but on the floor of a police court, and fulminates his commands and threats to all and sundry. He tries to terrify people from doing what it is perfectly legal to do, and he denies rights won for us, at a great price, by the sacrifice of our fathers; **and in the meantime men go on getting and spending, watching football matches and looking at picture shows, and, incidentally, denouncing every honest man who tries to speak the truth.** One good thing may come out of the present confusion caused by the Militant Women. It may rouse us from our torpor and set us thinking, and at least give us an opportunity, before it is too late, of setting our house in order. The only safeguard for law is a contented people. **Have we no great man among us who can lead us into the green pastures and beside the still waters?**



EQUAL SUFFRAGE REDUCES CRIME

California Finds It Lessens Ignorance Which Is Bulwark of Bad Government

The extension of Suffrage to Women has resulted in a reduction of crime. That epitomizes a speech made by Chief of Police Sebastian of Los Angeles before the National Association of Police Chiefs in Washington

Chief Sebastian is an excellent authority upon the practical relation of Women's Suffrage to the crime problems of the Aermican city. His is a first hand knowledge based on actual experience.

In his speech before the Association of Police Chiefs, Mr. Sebastian in-

dulged himself in no theoretical speculation. He talked about concrete results.

Among the interesting things said by Chief Sebastian was that the enfranchisement of women had helped to break down a wall of false reticence that had prevented public discussion and public understanding of one of the most vital problems—the vice question.

None will be heard to question the sanity or the accuracy of Chief Sebastian's statements. The enfranchisement of women undoubtedly has decreased the ratio of crime. In that it has worked a tremendous good.

It has worked and is working other great goods. Every principal city in California, if not every city in every Suffrage State, has felt the beneficent effects of the enfranchised woman's influence.

Her influence is making for new standards of governmental efficiency. She has stopped waste. Her votes have given San Francisco and other Western cities the right and the opportunity to enjoy the practical application of modern governmental ideas.

WHAT WILL YOU DO?

We Are Champions of Justice: Not Beggars

I wonder whether our readers realize how much educational work can be done by anyone whose time, although limited, will follow any or all of the following suggestions. If you have not done very much Suffrage work in your district, will you begin now; if you have been helping, will you continue to do your utmost?

1. Will you get a new subscriber to the Champion?
2. Will you put the Champion in your library?
3. Will you pay a year's subscription and send the Champion to your legislator, clergyman, school teacher, doctor or lawyer?
4. Will you write to a friend urging her to subscribe for the Champion?
5. Will you canvass the members of your League for subscriptions?

6. Will you sell five Champions per month?

7. Will you get someone else to sell five Champions per month?

8. Will you sell papers at every Suffrage meeting in your vicinity?

9. Will you, at each Suffrage meeting, ask the Chairman to say you will take subscriptions?

10. Will you lend your Champion to your neighbor?

11. Will you tell as many people as possible about the Champion?

KANSAS MAN WHO SCORNE ANGELS

Had His Bluff Called and Surrendered

An amusing story is told as to how the Suffrage campaign secured one man's active aid. William Y. Morgan, editor and owner of the Hutchinson (Kan.) News, lately visited Kansas City. Asked why he took up the Cause of Suffrage for Women, he replied:

"Well, it was like this: I was in conversation with Mrs. William A. Johnston, president of the Suffragists last year, and she asked me how the people of Reno County felt about votes for women. I told her.

"The people don't want a lot of women and preachers down there all the time,' I said. 'I believe that injures the Cause. I think they would be impressed more by speeches from someone who could smoke a cigar once in awhile, cuss a little, and exhibit a bad habit or two; someone to tell them that Equal Suffrage won't save the country, but only help to save it, and tell it to them from the ground floor, like a man, not from the pedestal of an angel. Voters are naturally suspicious of a man who never smokes, drinks nor swears.'"

"Very well,' said Mrs. Johnston, 'Why don't you take up the Cause? You are just the man we are looking for, and fit the description perfectly.'"

"She called my bluff so quickly and completely that I felt morally obliged to enlist in the ranks."

Our Men's Cosy Corner

By "Uncle Pry"

Answers to Correspondents

Doubtful.—You say your cousin is a Suffragette and seems to have some sense in what she says, and you ask me for five unanswerable arguments with which to floor and convert her. I give them with pleasure:

(1). Woman is inferior to Man and should not ask to share his high calling as Arbiter of the Destinies of Nations.

(2). Women are superior to Men and must not come down from their pedestal into the mire of Politics.

(3). Women do not want the Vote, and therefore would never use it, so why give it them?

(4). If Women had the Vote they would all neglect their homes and babies and husbands in a passion for the mere act of voting. That insidious habit would grow upon them and unsex them (whatever that may mean).

(5). Men are Men and Women are women.

Try some of these on Sybil and she will turn away in silence.

Earnest Thinker.—Is this your name, Earnest? or a non-de-plume? You ask why last month I advised A. S. S. that Suffragettes would make bad wives. Alas! there are too many reasons for a full reply, but briefly I will explain that they are invariably harsh, rowdy, unwomanly women, self-opinionated, knowing far more than is for our advantage, inclined to pick and choose, critical and unwilling to make allowances for necessary evils; they always dress badly and have red noses and untidy hair; they dislike men and babies. Moreover, it is significant that the men who **have** married Suffragettes have never once been heard to state on a public platform that the affair has proved a success! This fact speaks for itself.

Besides, Earnest, are you prepared to wash the dishes, darn her socks, dress the baby, and forego your evenings at the Club, to keep house while

she wanders about shrieking to audiences of hysterical women? Think of it!

Art-lover.—No, do NOT buy these shirts; the colors which attract you happen to be those of a well-known society with which no self-respectful man should have anything to do. Purple, white and green are shades to be avoided at present.

"Don Juan."—No; candidly, I don't think it is much use your telling her that,—even if she is an Anti. Women (even the best) are growing abominably cute and incredulous, and absolutely particular and faddy.

You say she is the most perfect woman you have ever met, and an unprejudiced person like myself wonders whether you could in that case make her so happy as you think. No offence intended.

All men are by nature so logical and clear-headed that they must surely see with their eyes shut why it would be Disastrous to the Nation to give women the vote. The welfare of the Nation is the only thing which arouses the real enthusiasm of **men**. Business chances, snaps, the attractions (so-called) of the halls and saloons, the glamor of the race course,—all these leave them cold; but any question connected with the moral and industrial future of the race awakens at once an eager and responsive heartbeat and calls out all that is noblest in thought and word and action from The People (men: women do not constitute an integral part of The People). This may easily be verified by casual observation of the groups of The People who spend their time on the curb of Government and Hates in one of our fine, man-made cities, discussing plans for the betterment of social conditions. Watch the earnestness of their faces; listen to the warmth of their language; and then try and picture the Womenkind of

these noble fellows! What are they doing? What can they know or understand of all that is in the minds of The People anent their destinies?

Sheltered from all harm, safe in the sanctity of the back kitchen, provided with the sacred task of ministering to Man's human needs, why should they be dragged into the sordid mire of politics? That mire in which the Nation's welfare is so cleanly arranged by Men!

Why, if women had a vote, what would the dinner be like? And without a good dinner, how But argument is futile. The whole case is indisputable. Womaly women do not want anything so masculine as a vote, and to give it them would ruin the country.

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A complete list of all Branch Officials will be published next month if Secretaries and Representatives will kindly send in by July 5th, at latest.

CITIZENSHIP MAKES THE DIFFERENCE

In a recent visit to the State of Washington, where woman is honored and revered and considered man's equal in point of law, there came a genuine surprise to us, not only in the greater respect shown to her who is now a voter but also that in the short space of two years since the vote was given to woman, her viewpoint is being felt in legislation. Instead of loss to the dignity of womanhood, of which we have heard so much, we saw in the woman of Washington a quiet, fearless self-possession, while a greater respect and more decided chivalry is shown to her by the men of that State.

Wondering what effect, if any, the woman's vote would have upon law, we visited the Woman's Court, where two policewomen were looking after

the cases to be considered, while a woman lawyer was making a strong plea for her client—a mother of thirteen children—whose worthless husband had compelled her to leave her children and work in a laundry for their support. The lazy husband's law was made effective in this case. By it the husband who will not work from choice for the support of his family is compelled to work for the Government, his earnings being sent to his family. I enquired how this law was secured, and the reply came: "The women of Washington have the vote."

The next case considered by the court was that of a young girl of seventeen, who had been deceived and afterwards forsaken by a man who, with his accomplice, had convinced her that when she went with them to get a marriage licence it was the same as a marriage certificate. The court protected the girl and punished the man. I enquired the age of protection for a girl in Seattle. My reply was: "In Washington where women vote a girl is protected absolutely until she is eighteen without proviso."

The next case came before the Judge of the Juvenile Court, and was that of a deserted mother applying for a pension. This law empowers the judge to pay to widowed or deserted wives a stipulated sum for herself and for each child under fifteen, so that she can look after her children and bring them up to be good citizens. Again I asked how was this law secured, and the reply came, this time with a smile: "In Washington, where women vote, woman's viewpoint is put into law."

Two policewomen were standing nearby and I enquired regarding their work, and learned that Seattle employs five policewomen for the protection and in the interests of young girls and women. I asked whether it had been difficult to secure their appointment and was informed that when men and women consult together on the need of a clean city for the making of good citizens, it is not difficult to secure anything that is necessary for the development of the city and the protection of

its citizens; and do not forget, they added, that in Washington women are citizens.

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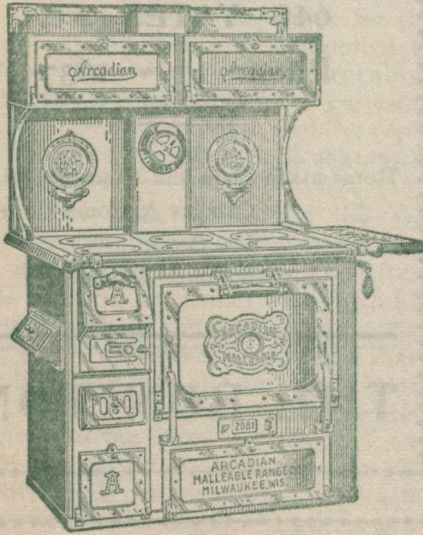
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