

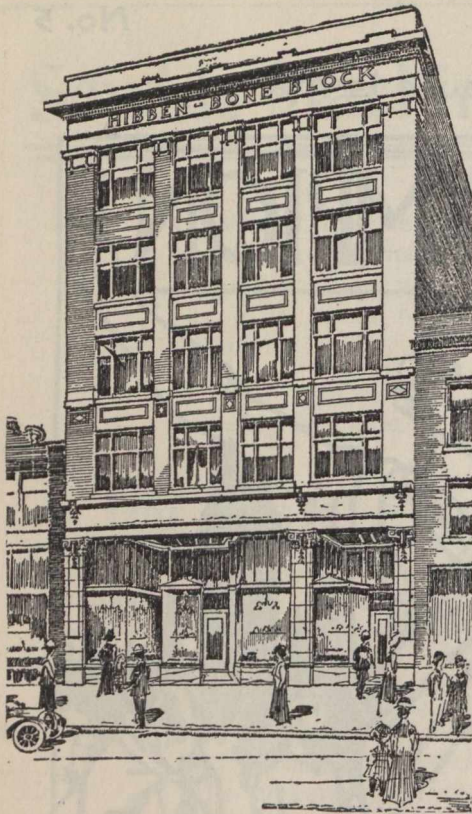
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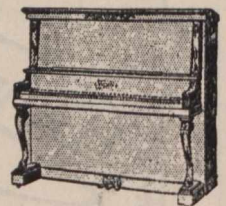
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A Merry Christmas

The Christmas bells ring out again their message of Peace and Goodwill to man. Be still and listen! Just for a moment be filled with their joyous harmony, and hear the overwhelming truth it tells of GOD INCARNATE. Listen again! Do you hear that new tone? It has been but faintly heard before, but now rings out a strong, deep note of joy and promise. It is THE VOICE OF AWAKENING WOMANHOOD, the note before whose vibrant tones the very "gates of Hell" must crumble, revealing the PORTALS OF OUR DIVINE INHERITANCE.

POLITICAL EQUALITY LEAGUE**Victoria Branch.**

President, Mrs. Gordon Grant.

Hon. Treasurer, Mrs. Baer.

Organizing Secretary,

Miss Dorothy Davis.

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Miss McDonald.

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421 Vancouver Street, Victoria.

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 expose 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.

VOTES FOR WOMEN.

Since our last issue the splendid news has been received that four more states, Oregon, Kansas, Michigan and Arizona, have granted political freedom to their women by giving them the vote. During the past two years all the Pacific Coast states have placed the women on the same political equality with men except British Columbia. Tradition has taught us that wisdom comes from the East but practical experience proves that the West can lead in broadness of vision and in decisions of justice.

We believe it will be the same in Canada and that Sir Richard McBride and his government will prove their appreciation of the fact at the next session of the Legislature when the women, by their petition, ask for the vote. We anticipate that the lawmakers of this Province will show their confidence in the intelligence, ability and loyalty of the women of British Columbia by deciding that they shall no longer be permitted to be classified with a constituency of criminals and lunatics.

HALF MILLION CHEER PARADE.

Huge Torchlight Procession in New York Saturday Night in Honor of Suffrage Victory.

Twenty thousand women and men in sympathy with them marched in the great torchlight procession held in New York Saturday evening, November 9th, to celebrate the winning of

four new suffrage states. Half a million spectators looked on with cheers. The New York Times says:

Crowd Jammed the Route

"It was a wonderful spectacle, and was witnessed by a crowd that jammed Fifth avenue from Fortyninth to Fourteenth street, where the paraders turned east to Union Square. Not once was there a jeer or a word of ridicule. It took nearly two hours for the women to pass a given point, and the only reason they were able to do so in that time was because they marched in columns of fifteens and twenties instead of by fours and twos.

Miles of Women Marched.

"The parade was a line, miles long, of well-dressed, intelligent women deeply concerned in the cause they are fighting for; of girls in their teens, overflowing with enthusiastic exuberance, and of men, some of them old and tottering, but the majority young, husky fellows, who marched as haughtily as their sisters, and carried high the yellow pennants of the cause and the big, yellow, pumpkin-shaped lanterns that more than anything else made last night's parade a thing beautiful to look upon. With the exception of a few of the men's organizations, practically every person in that vast line of marchers held aloft one of those gleaming lanterns."

The parade was a great success, despite a cold wind and some rain. The New York Call said:

"Fifth avenue in all its history never beheld a more magnificent or more gorgeous sight. As far as one could see north or south, a dazzling brilliancy of innumerable orange-col-

ored paper lanterns confronted the observer. It was a moving sea of lights and human beings. The large variety of beautiful costumes, artistic floats, banners, flags, transparencies, and the pleasant strains of the fifty odd bands of music, all helped make one grand symbol of harmony, one great demonstration of the value and strength of organized effort, if permeated with the prophecy of a victorious cause."

STUDY CLUB.

The Study Club of the Political Equality League met at the home of Mrs. A. E. Mitchel, Superior Street, on a recent evening in November. Mrs. E. Baer presided and after welcoming all new members she introduced the speaker, Rev. Mr. Stevenson, who gave the following address, which led to a most interesting discussion on woman's position and influence and the need of the State to that influence in its legislation:

WOMAN PAST AND PRESENT.

There is a tendency to think that as things are so they have always been and so they will continue to be forever and ever. There is no altering of woman nature. This is how some people speak when arguing against the woman suffrage movement. "Woman," it is said, "was always the weaker vessel, and always will be. She has always occupied a subordinate place, and has always been in a state of subjection, and you might as well try to make water run up a hill as to try to change this order of nature."

No person, however, who uses his powers of observation or who takes an intelligent interest in human history

will admit such contentions. As a matter of fact, there is evidence to show that woman has not always occupied the subordinate position that she occupies to-day. In the earlier stages of social development society was wholly communicative. Scholars tell us that after man emerged from the state of savagery, and when organized communities began to be formed, woman generally held a position of equality with man and sometimes was even regarded as his superior. This is known among students as the period of the "matriarchate." The influence of the matriarchical form of society lingered amongst the nations for many centuries. "Woman was then the leader and ruler in this kinship organization, and was highly respected, her opinion counting for much in the household as well as in the affairs of the tribe. She is then peacemaker, and judge and discharges the duties of religion and worship as priestess.

"The frequent appearance of queens and women rulers in antiquity, and the power wielded by them even when their sons were the actual rulers, which was the case in Egypt, for instance, was the outcome of the Matriarchate."

The influence of the Matriarchate was perceived in all the social relations of the ancient peoples. Tacitus, in his "Germania," says: "The Germans believe that within every woman dwells something noble and prophetic, therefore they honour woman's opinion and follow her advice."

According to Herodotus the women of the Scythians took part in battles.

Women of this period were in no way inferior to the men physically, either in weight and size of brain or in bodily stature. In some parts of the world to-day women are in no way inferior in physical strength or build to the men; while there are races

in which the women are superior in these respects. With the ushering in of the Patriarchate man becomes the head of the family and woman is gradually thrown down into a lower position until she becomes simply a chattel. The Old Testament part of the Bible bears ample witness to the degradation of woman. According to the Bible woman is the source of all evil and this is an idea that is still propagated by illinformed and thoughtless teachers of religion. Marriage in Old Testament times, even among the Jews, was a purchase of the woman. The chastity demanded of her was not demanded of the man.

In Gen. 31:14-15 Leah and Rachel declare that they had been sold to Jacob. "Are we not counted of him (Laban, the father) strangers for he hath sold us and hath quite devoured also our money."

In Deuteronomy, 24:1-4, it is clear that if after marriage a man took a dislike to his wife he could divorce her; simply because he disliked her. The penal laws promulgated by Moses were sometimes very harsh toward woman, while sparing the man.

The ten commandments are addressed exclusively to men and woman is enumerated among various articles of man's property. According to the Jewish conception a woman is not a member of the congregation. In religion and politics she is a mere cypher. The truth is that the teaching of the Old Testament is responsible for much in the low and degrading ideas of woman which have been and are still held among religious and even Christian people.

One would have expected a different tone in the New Testament. So far as our Lord Jesus Christ is concerned we know that He gave woman her proper place. In its essence Christianity stands for the rights of woman. Unfortunately some of the apos-

bles misunderstood this. So we find that the subjection of woman was supported by the apostles in their endeavor to conciliate popular prejudice which was against Christianity.

Paul insists that wives shall obey their husbands. He says "the husband is the head of the wife even as Christ is the head of the Church." "The man is image and glory of God but the woman is only the glory of man."

A German writer of last century came nearer to the truth when he said that "woman is the higher soul of our planet." If you want an image of God you will surely find it more easily in the average woman than in the average man.

Perhaps the worst period in woman's history was when under the influence of a debased and false Christianity the preachers of the Middle Ages sought to degrade her to the lowest.

Tertullian, a great African preacher, is reported as having said in a sermon: "Woman, you ought to go about clad in mourning and rags; your eyes filled with tears of remorse, to make us forget that you have been mankind's destruction. Woman, you are the gate of hell."

Origen declared—Matrimony to be unholy and impure, a means of sensual passion.

Can we wonder that the church of the present day should hold aloof as it does from the movement for the emancipation of woman? Many preachers and teachers are still dominated by a superstitious regard for the letter of Bible teaching, and take as absolute and unchangeable truth and as the will of God opinions and judgments of woman which were the offspring of ignorance and tyranny and which ought long ago to have been flung to the mosses and the bats.

Not until the teachings of the Bible are seen in their true perspective and

the human mind is delivered from a superstitious and ignorant interpretation can we hope to see the churches delivered from fear and work for the emancipation of woman in harmony with the spirit and the teaching of Him "who spake as never man spake."

To be continued.

The next portion will deal with "Woman Present."

BANQUET.

The work of organizing for the Political Equality League on the mainland is about completed. Miss Dorothy Davis expects to return about the end of the month. On January 3rd a public reception will be given to her at the Hotel Ritz. The banquet will be held at 8:30 o'clock on Friday evening, January 3rd. Tickets \$1.00. A very interesting programme is being arranged for the occasion. Tickets for admission can be purchased from T. N. Hibbens, The Victoria Woman's Club or from any of the officers of the league. Those desiring to attend are advised to secure their tickets at an early date as only a limited number are issued.

PETITIONS.

This month of December is a very busy one with the members of the various leagues of the Province. The petition is being circulated in a large number of places. It asks the government to give to the women of the Province the vote on the same terms as it is enjoyed by men. It is expected that by this peaceful means 10,000 people will make this request and we fully expect that the government will then believe that the women of this Province really want the vote and will be prepared to introduce such legislation as will fully enfranchise them in this Province.

THE WORKING WOMAN SPEAKS.

By Emily Taplin Royle.

(Mrs. John Martin, speaking at an anti-suffrage meeting in New York, says that women normally need a great deal of solitude, quiet and sleep, and they suffer physically, mentally and morally, if they do not get it.)

"Solitude, quiet and sleep!"

I stand by the roaring loom
And watch the growth of the silken
threads

That glow in the bare gray room.
I hurry through darkling streets
In the chill of the wintry day,
That women who talk from their
cloistered ease
May rustle in colors gay.

"Solitude, quiet and sleep!"

In the dripping, humid air
I whiten the flimsy laces
That women may be fair;
I clothe my orphaned children
With the price my bare hands yield,
That the idle women may walk as fair
As the lilies of the field.

"Solitude, quiet and sleep!"

Is it given to me to-day,
When I march in the ranks with those
who fight
To keep the wolf at bay?
Do my daughters rest in peace
Where a myriad needles yield
Their bitter bread or a sheet of flame,
And the rest of the Potter's Field?

"Solitude, quiet and sleep?"

To factory, shop and mill,
The feet of the working women go,
While their leisure sisters still
Boast of the home they have never
earned.
Of the ease we can never share.
And bid us go back to the depths again,
Like Lazarus to his lair

INVERMERE.

The long expected has come and gone at last for we have had Miss Dorothy M. Davis, organizer from the Political Equality League, in Victoria, B. C., here. She came, she saw and she conquered, for she gave us a charming discourse on the needs of votes for women in the hall at Invermere on Thursday. The meeting was presided over by H. E. Forster, M. P. P., and there were present, amongst others, the following: Frank Richardson, C. A. Davidson, Mrs. J. C. Pitts, Mr. and Mrs. Hamilton, Miss Boedecker, Mrs. and the Misses Poett, J. E. Cornwall, Miss Leggo, Miss Batchelor, Mrs. J. Lake, Mrs. Brady, Mrs. Cornwall, Mrs. Forster, Mrs. Hume, Mrs. Taynton, Mr. Howell, Charles Johnston and others. After some discussion the following resolution was moved by Mrs. Hamilton and seconded by Mrs. Poett: "That this meeting recognizes the urgent need of the woman's point of view being directly represented in legislation and all affairs of the nation and deplors the injustice to herself and the loss to the State involved in her present political position; and, preferring that British Columbia should lead the other provinces of Canada in all matters of progressive reform, rather than follow it calls upon the provincial government to introduce and carry, during the coming session, a bill giving the vote to women on the same terms as it is or may be given to men." Further particulars of this meeting will be given next week.

PUBLIC MEETING.

On Saturday evening, November 23rd, a public meeting was held by the Political Equality League in the Unitarian Hall. The meeting was addressed by Mr. Max Wardell, Presi-

dent of the Legislative Committee of the City Council of Seattle. Mr. Max Wardell is a person of strong personality, a forcible speaker and a practical worker, a splendid type of "the new man," who to-day is espousing woman's cause by securing for her equal justice and the same direct influence politically which is given to man. Mr. Wardell has made a special study of the entire question of woman's vote.

The doubt expressed by some that men would become less chivalrous once women were given the vote, had been dissipated, as men were more rather than less chivalrous since the change in legislation had taken place. Attention was called to the change which had come about in a number of the states in America, which, the speaker explained, was due to the coming into being of a "new man" who took a quite different view about the order of things. A short account was given of the great procession in New York recently when 20,000 men and women had held a torchlight procession through the principal streets of the great metropolis. No interference was called for on the part of the police, and the procession was of a most orderly character. Mrs. Baer gave a report of the sale of work which was held last Thursday afternoon and evening, and a number of workers volunteered their services in obtaining signatures for the petition.

IMPROVING ON NATURE.

Charlotte Perkins Gilman.

Mother Nature had been dozing. She had worked very hard and brought up most of her children, until Man, the youngest, had learned to walk and to feed himself; and then the old lady thought she could safely take a nap.

She dozed and dozed, while a few thousands of years flitted by, and finally woke up with a start.

There was quite a noise going on. Man, it appeared, had grown somewhat; indeed, he imagined he was really grown up, and had been managing things to suit himself for a long time.

He made a good deal of the noise himself but that never would have awakened Mother Nature; all the large he-creatures made a noise; she was used to that.

This was different; it was something she had never heard before since anything could squeak; it was a sort of screaming sound, made by the woman.

"Dear me! Dear me!" said Mother Nature, gazing about her in surprise. "Well, I never did!" And she never had; no other of her females had ever cried for help.

"Goodness me!" said the old lady in rising anger. "Come here at once and tell me what it's all about."

Then Man came readily enough and explained to her that his female was behaving in an abominable and unheard-of manner, and that he should really have to be severe with her if she did not cease.

"What's she trying to do?" asked Mother Nature.

"She's trying to be a man!" he protested, "and it's against nature!"

"It is indeed!" said the old lady. "I never heard of such goings-on in all the millions of years I've been doing business. Where is she? Why doesn't she speak for herself?"

Then Man exhibited with fond pride the female of the species, and she was a plump, pink little person; hobbled, stilted, and profusely decorated, she approached Mother Nature, and that aged parent laughed till she cried and then laughed again.

"Why are you so little?" she demanded.

"He likes us that way," answered the female. "He would only marry the little ones."

"And why are you so weak?"

"He likes us that way. He keeps us shut up in houses and tied up in clothes, and says it isn't proper for us to do anything to develop strength, and he only marries the weak ones."

"And why are you so meek?"

"He likes us that way. He says it is proper for us to be meek, and improper for us even to use strong language—much more strong action. He only marries the meek ones."

"And what on earth are you doing with all these tail-feathers? Don't you know that tail-feathers and manes and crests and wattles and all those decorative appendages are masculine sex characteristics?"

"He likes us that way; he only marries the decorated ones."

"I never heard such talk!" said Mother Nature. "What business has he to do the choosing? That is your place, my dear, and has been since you was a cirriped. Picks out the little, weak, timid ones, does he? And what does he inherit then?"

"He is as you see him," replied the female. And Mother Nature looked at him and shook her head sadly.

"This is what comes of neglecting one's business," said she. "Now, look here, Man! Why have you done this?"

Then Man began to explain to Mother Nature how much better he understood this business than she did.

"You see it is all in a nut-shell," said he. "She is a female, and that's all there is to it!"

"Oho!" said she. "You call that a female, do you?"

"Certainly it is a female!" said he. "And the female must be small and weak and foolish and timid and inefficient—because she is a female. That," said he, pompously, "is the Law of Nature!"

Mother Nature flushed up to her eternal hair.

"You dare!" she said. "You dare to call that a Law of Nature! Look here,

son!" Then she hastily summoned before him a few of her females; and he saw the careful female cirriped with a few microscopic parasitic males tucked away in the crevices of her person; and the terrible female mantis, tearing her persevering little lover limb from limb; and the economical female spider, eating up her little husband; and the watchful female bee, only using one among a swarm of would-be mates, and that one dying when his mission was accomplished; while all the rest died without accomplishing anything.

She showed him the female eagle and osprey and hawk, larger and stronger than their males; and the female stork and swan and swallow—migrating their long sky-miles beside their mates.

She showed him the female cat, defending her young against their greedy father; the female fox and wolf and bear; leopard and tiger and lion—as fierce, as clever, as skillful and ravenous as their wild mates.

"Now, then, young man" she said, still sputtering with rage, "you that are so conversant with the Laws of Nature! Be so kind as to pick me out a female to suit your definition—'small and weak and timid and foolish and efficient!' And if these don't suit you, just name one that does—and I'll send for her."

And the great, lean lioness stretched out a heavy paw at him; the tigress opened her red jaws at him; the vixen sniffed disdainfully at him; even the little mantis sat up tall and twiddled her mandibles at him.

And Man clung rather closely to the skirts of Mother Nature, and admitted that these did not seem to agree with his ideas of females.

"But mine is higher!" he said, and held himself erect with renewed pride. "She is finer and nobler. She is sacred to maternity!"

Mother Nature looked at him dubi-

ously, and then at the weak-legged toddling thing in the hobble-skirt.

"That a sacred mother?" she demanded. "Does she bear many strong children, easily, successfully?"

Man admitted that she had but a few and that he had to help her as a physician."

"Hm!" said Mother Nature. "Your super-mother has to have assistance to begin with. Does she suckle her children successfully?"

Man admitted that he had to help her, as a manufacturer of infant foods.

"Hm!" said Mother Nature. "Does she provide food, shelter, defence, for her children—like these others?"

Man admitted that he did all this himself; he had to—she was so abusy.

Hm!" said Mother Nature. "Does she teach them all that is needed to carry on the race?"

Man admitted that so far he had invented and managed education.

"Hm!" said Mother Nature. "Will you explain to me wherein this pretty pet of yours is a better mother than her ancestors?"

But while he hesitated she lifted her head and listened.

"Look here!" she said to him. "I still hear that noise. This isn't the one that was screaming!"

"No, indeed!" said the high-heeled pet. "I wanted to tell you that. I don't complain. I have all these decorations, and nothing much to do, and no children to speak of. My weakness is my power, you see. At least I know on which side my bread is buttered!"

But Mother Nature swept her aside. "You wretched little travesty!" she said. "You weak little imitation of a parasitic he-cirriped and a peacock! Out of my way—let me see the real ones!"

And she stood up and looked far and wide at the female of the human race. She called to her a tall, lean, savage African woman; a sturdy, straight-

backed woman of the hill-tribes of India; a vigorous, big-armed German peasant woman; a free-limbed athletic English woman; a swift, competent Western woman from America; and all of these were big and strong and brave and wise and efficient.

"All of these females?" she demanded of him. And he perceived that each one of them had her children with her, so he could not deny it.

"Where is the child of your pet?" asked Mother Nature. "Has she it there behind her?" But all the pet had behind her was a little yapping dog on a string; and she burst into tears.

Then Man was enraged, that Nature should dare to find fault with the work of his hands. He held up his head in pride.

"I love my pet," he said. "I made her like this. I prefer her like this. By careful selection and education I have made the kind of woman I like."

"I see," said Mother Nature thoughtfully. "With all nature behind you for example, and all womanhood around you for illustration, you deliberately chose to evolve this work of art! It shows, my son, how utterly unfit you are to do the choosing."

The Mother Nature turned to the women who were making the noise.

"Come, come, children," said she, "you do not have to make all this fuss. Develop your brains and muscles; earn your own livings; be bought by no man; and choose the kind with which you wish to replenish the earth. He has created the kind of woman he liked—and a pretty poor job he's made of it. Now do you resume your natural function of choosing—and make the kind of man you like—that is your especial duty to the race."

But the Man raised a fearful outcry.

"This is an outrage against nature!" he cried. "Is not this the woman that God gave me? Is not this my female?"

"Tut, tut, son!" said Mother Nature, now quite calm again, and even a little sorry for him since he was about to lose his pet. "I can't say about that donation, but I do know that she is not your female—you are her male! Go study your biology!"

And Nature began to pay attention to business again, rather regretting her nap.

AN EMPIRE BUILDER.

By Mary Neal.

The materials for building were not promising, and the foundation was more than a little shaky, but a merry heart goes half the way and staunch courage the rest. So very early in life she set to work to build, and like the fairy palace of tale and legend, her building to-day reaches to the sky.

Her childhood's home could not have been more unpromising. Every one who was grown up drank and stole, and so spent half their time in gaol, and the children were ailing and crippled and tiresome, as children of such parents are likely to be. One of her earliest recollections is of a fateful evening when her father came in and ordered all the children to come out with him to be drowned. The obedient mother at once began to dress them, but he explained, "They don't want their 'ats on to be drowned!" Outside were three hansom cabs; he was going to do the job in style. (I nearly fell into a pun and said "handsomely.") She, the eldest, seems to have shown fine courage, which, as she told me, was a little strained at finding herself, not in a pool of water, but in a theatre without a hat, whither he escorted his whole family to see a Christmas pantomime. He does not seem to have been taken very seriously after that, and on subsequent occasions, when he appeared at home "the worse," she tells me she just gave

him a push into the dust hole, and to his repeated laments, "leaving your pore ole father in the dust hole," which gradually got fainter and fainter as he fell into a drunken sleep.

She had a way with her in the work-room, too, and on one occasion, when the foreman used obscene language, she put on her hat and coat, and risking the horrors of no work, which meant no food and possibly no home, as her earnings were the mainstay of the family, she walked out. On the way she was met by the master, who inquired why she was going out. She told him, and he at once made inquiry into the matter, with the result that the foreman got a severe reprimand, and didn't never say nothing out of the way to us girls again."

When it came to the serious matter of choosing a mate and beginning a life of her own, she took great precautions, and in view of her circumstances, very sensible ones.

He must be a teetotler—that was essential—and he must have a good working temper. That was also an essential, for life was likely to have plenty of ups and downs. She had her own way of testing him, for it does not do to trust to one's estimate of a young man when one is in love and "walking" out to all sorts of jolly places. So one bitter cold and snowy night, she asked him to call for her; when he came, she sent her sister down to say she could not see him for a bit, but would he wait at the door. Then she watched him, and oc—and "didn't never say nothing out of the window listened to 'ear if 'e was using language or anything." He came triumphantly out of the test, and the wedding bells rang merrily in the spring of the next year.

Then came trouble. He fell out of work and it looked as if the little home, so carefully gathered together, would have to go. It was especially hard to let the clock go, for, wonderful to re-

late, it not only looked like marble but was as light as card-board when you lifted it. But she heard the call of the wider life of our Empire over the sea, and so the home was sold to pay the passage to Canada, and there was a little nest egg to start afresh given by friends who admired her character and knew that, given a chance, she would "make good" as the Americans say.

And she did make very good. Work came at once and the home was rebuilt, on a sure foundation this time.

And a child came too and though the mother wrote to me saying it was so bitterly cold that she thought the only place for it when it came would be the oven, he has survived the rigors of the climate, and now, with a little sister too, they bid fair to be a credit to the Empire of which they are the future citizens. Our Empire is not built on words and high-sounding theories of social well-being, nor is it built on the clash of swords or the talk of politicians; it is built on the bodies and souls of women, and its palaces reach to the sky.

A WOMAN'S DAILY.

A woman's daily paper is emphatically a sign of the times. In October next France will be able to claim the signal honor of being the first country in the world to publish a daily journal for women only. "Le Journal de la Femme" will be published at five centimes (½d.), and will consist of from six to twelve pages, as the pressure of news demands. Foreign subscribers will be able to have the paper for six months for 16 francs; twelve months, 30 francs. A new Portuguese monthly for women has also been published, its aim being to further the social progress of women. The promoters disclaim all antagonism towards men, but invite co-operation from both sexes.

A HAPPY THANKSGIVING.

The friends of equal rights in the United States may well keep a happy Thanksgiving this year. Look at the area of the enfranchised states:

	Sq. Miles
Wyoming	97,890
Colorado	103,925
Utah	84,970
Idaho	84,800
Washington	69,180
California	158,360
Oregon	96,030
Kansas	82,080
Arizona	113,020
Michigan	58,915

Total 949,170

This is greater than the combined area of England, Scotland, Wales, Ireland, France, Belgium, Holland, Spain, Portugal, Greece, Denmark, Switzerland and Sweden.

Look at the area of the enfranchised countries (and the list is far from complete, for women vote in several parts of the Orient, as Mrs. Catt has discovered):

	Sq. Miles
Australia	2,746,651
New Zealand	104,760
Isle of Man	230
Finland	144,000
Norway	124,129

Total 3,149,750

And the map is growing whiter every year! A.S.B.

THE WOMAN SUFFRAGE VICTORY

The Literary Digest of November 23rd says "woman certainly has a right to crow over her victory of November 5, remarked one editor who hastens to add, "if the female of the species ever does such a masculine thing." In fact we find a number of papers declaring that the addition of four more

states to the six which had already granted complete suffrage to women is really the most important single result of the election.

"Tuesday's decision of most far-reaching importance was not the election of Wilson," says the Boston Herald, "but the adoption by four states of a woman's suffrage amendment to the constitution." In the light of this decision it adds, "the common sense thing for the country to do is to recognize woman's suffrage as decreed by the spirit of the age, whether wisely or not, and to adjust itself accordingly." The New York Globe also thinks that the most momentous aspect of the election was not the election of a president but the great change effected in these four states. Its influence, predicts the Globe, "will endure long after the Wilson administration has taken its place in history."

The movement for woman's suffrage is absolutely non-partisan and its success has not been due to any one party; for this reason the women, when enfranchised, have felt free to cast an independent vote, and they have done so. The Washington Post (Ind.) "rejoices that the American woman is winning her way by virtue of sane and orderly methods. The entrance of women into the National Housekeeping has justified itself in our country as in Norway, Finland, New Zealand, Australia, and even in China." "Woman's suffrage," reassuringly declares the Cleveland Leader, "is not going to divide homes, set the sexes at war with each other, or in any other way annul the laws of nature or turn the world upside down."

Women vote on equal terms with men in Norway, Colorado, Australia, Idaho, New Zealand, Utah, Finland, Wyoming, California, Washington, Oregon, Arizona, Kansas and Michigan.

"BROWN WOMEN"

FINISH MARCH

Walk Four Hundred Miles From
Edinburgh to London to Ask Votes
—Get Warm Greeting.

A unique suffrage demonstration has just come to an enthusiastic close. A valiant band of suffragists, called "The Brown Women," from their dress, set out to march from Edinburgh to London, holding meetings and collecting signatures to a suffrage petition all along their route.

Their friends saw them off with cheers at the start. They held many successful meetings in the towns and cities through which they passed. Sometimes they covered twenty miles a day. Often local sympathizers turned out and marched a few miles with them, and sometimes a city band went along and played inspiring airs. They rolled up a huge petition, and wrote to Mr. Asquith asking him to give them an audience and receive it. He refused, but told them they could send it by mail. They informed him that it was too heavy, but that, as he did not choose to see them, they would leave the petition at his house, in a perfectly peaceful and "constitutional" manner. They finished their long march triumphantly last Saturday, leading a procession of delighted sympathizers for the last three miles. The dispatches say:

"Thousands of people, including practically the entire memberships of 26 societies interested in the equal rights cause, met the marchers in the Camden town district of the metropolis. No victorious general returning home ever received a more enthusiastic greeting than the tanned, weather-beaten group of women who finally came swinging down the high road to the city.

Israel Zangwill, the novelist, as

a member of the Men's League for Woman Suffrage, was among those who joined in the procession from Camden town to Trafalgar Square, where, at the foot of the Nelson monument, a wind-up meeting was held.

The meeting over, Mrs. Fonblanque, leader of the suffrage marchers, went to Premier Asquith's official residence in Downing street and presented the large petition to his secretary.

Mrs. Fonblanque is a sister of Mrs. Arncliffe Sennett.

WOMAN MAYOR TO OPPOSE INTERESTS.

Mrs. Wissler Determined to Keep City Clean.

Mrs. Susie Wissler, the first woman mayor in Wyoming, who was elected on an independent women's ticket against Republican and Democratic candidates, has issued a wholesome declaration, in which she declares that she means to enforce the laws in the face of the organized opposition of the vicious interests. The city council, she says, composed of men alone, made the laws, and "they will have to take their own medicine."

Miss Mabel Kelso, of Seattle, has passed the examination as wireless telegraph operator, receiving one of the highest marks given at the government's naval wireless training school at Puget Sound navy yard. She was assigned to the steamer *Mariposa*, which sailed for Alaska July 1.

OTHER WOMEN.

Julia Marlowe, the most popular actress in America, speaks of woman suffrage as "for the abiding good of all."

Dr. Yamina Sen, of China, is said to be the first woman admitted to the Fellowship of the Royal Faculty of Physicians and Surgeons of Glasgow.

"JUST AS WELL AS HE."

(To the tune of "Coming Through the Rye.")

If a body pays the taxes,
That abody earns the franchise,
Whether he or she.

Refrain:

Every man now has the ballot;
None, you know, have we,
But we have brains and we can use
them
Just as well as he.

If a city's just a household
As it is, they say,
Then every city needs housecleaning,
Needs it right away.

Every city has its fathers,
Honors them, I ween,
But ev'ry city must have mothers
That the house be clean.

If a home that has a father
Needs a mother, too,
Then every State that has men voters
Needs its women, too.

Man now makes the laws for woman,
Kindly, too, at that,
And they often seem as funny
As a man-made hat.

OUR LORDS.

Two suffragists, one of them a well-known woman lawyer, who has recently conducted a Supreme Court case with great brilliancy and success, were reading the Baltimore convention news on a bulletin board. Two dilapidated looking men were watching them, and one was overheard to say: "Look at them women readin' the news. What do you s'pose they think about it?"

"Think," replied the other seedy one, contemptuously, "I don't s'pose they think at all."

Chief Probation Officer Christopher Reuss, of Oakland, California, has made an appeal for women police officers to be added to the local department. Chief Reuss says that the growth of juvenile cases has been brought to a standstill in Oakland, despite the growing population, and he believes the evil would be entirely overcome if he could succeed in having women put on the police force and the Golden Rule applied.

"A suffragette is not always a nurse, but a nurse is always a suffragette." This epigram was coined recently by a trio of delegates to the convention of the American Society of Superintendents of Training Auditorium Hotel, Chicago, after a poll of the 400 delegates had been made to determine the proportion of them who are advocates of "votes for women." Among the entire delegation not a single one was found who is not a supporter of the suffrage cause.

A WOMAN ASSOCIATE JUDGE.

The mayor of Denver makes the following novel recommendation:

"I believe that justice can best be served in Denver by two sessions of police court each day, the first, where all old offenders are to be tried; and the second session, where first offenders and women shall be tried, and that a woman associate judge be appointed to sit with the police magistrate at the second session of the court. Her recommendations would only be advisory under our present law, but they would have much influence in all decisions. The presence of a woman as an officer of the court would soften the proceedings, temper justice with mercy, and inspire courage as

only a woman can. She could do a good work by investigating, outside the court, the causes and conditions leading to a woman's arrest, and help untangle domestic or moral wrongs. I recommend that we try the experiment, and believe good results will follow:

MORE MASCULINE MILITANCY.

The venerable "Mother of Parliaments" in London was the scene last week of a riot which ought forever to disqualify its members from putting on airs of superior virtue in criticising the militant suffragettes. The cablegram says:

"The uproar far exceeded that which stifled Premier Asquith's speech when he introduced the home rule bill, and has not been equaled since the free fight over Gladstone's first home rule measure. The ministers were taunted with epithets like 'traitors' and 'apes.'

'Sir William Bull, Unionist member for Hammersmith, was ordered from the floor for repeatedly calling Mr. Asquith 'a traitor.'

"After adjournment, the Unionists doubled up programs and threw them across the floor at the prime minister. Winston Spencer Churchill, First Lord of the Admiralty, was hit with a heavy book hurled from the camp of the enemy. A fight appeared imminent until Will Crooks, the Labor member, poured oil on the troubled waters by starting the singing of 'Auld Lang Syne.'"

Let us see; did not not some one call women "the emotional sex?" These proceedings in Parliament were nothing if not emotional; yet no one has drawn the inference that men are unfit to vote. A. S. B.

Baroness Bertha von Suttner, of Vienna, was perhaps the most distinguished person in attendance at the

Biennial Convention of the General Federation of Women's Clubs in San Francisco. She is best known for her work in behalf of universal peace, having been awarded the Nobel prize, but she is also greatly interested in equal suffrage. In her San Francisco address she said: "Equal suffrage is a great, wonderful thing. It is a great gain in the movement for universal peace, for it gives the United States an army of, immeasurable strength, an army with more powerful weapons than those of brutality and murder, arrayed against the hell of war."

HENRY KNEW HOW.

Henry was very proud of the new kittens, and fetched them to show to the visitors.

His mother heard them coming along

the hall, and, alarmed at the noise of the procession, called out: "Don't hurt the kittens, Henry."

"No, mother," came the reassuring answer, "I'm carrying them very carefully by the stems."

This incident is commended to those cities and towns which think that a school board made up wholly of men is likely to know exactly how to deal with little children.

ARE POLITICS WOMAN'S AFFAIRS.

Because women consider the government men's affair, they have become so confused in regard to their traditional business in life, the rearing of children, that they hear with complacency a statement that one-half of the tiny lives which make up the city's death-rate each year might be saved

THE
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 PROFITS ARE ALL FOR
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NOT A DOLLAR for the Stockholder
 EVERY DOLLAR for the Policyholder

TABLE SHOWING THE
Rapid Growth of Profits Earned
 DURING THE PAST FIVE YEARS

YEAR	PROFITS EARNED	Profits Earned in Per Cent. of Premiums Received
1907	\$381,146	21.99 per cent.
1908	\$428,682	22.36 per cent.
1909	\$501,922	24.49 per cent.
1910	\$615,083	27.39 per cent.
1911	\$731,064	29.79 per cent.

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by a more thorough application of sanitary science. Because it implies the use of the suffrage, they do not consider it women's business to save these lives.—Jane Adams.

A PHILOSOPHICAL CITIZEN.

"The suffragettes are toiling for something that is not worth getting and which satisfieth not."

Such is the criticism of one of our modern philosophers, taking an outside view of the suffrage agitation. Let us turn it inside out and have a look at it.

We are striving for the enfranchisement of women, but the vote is not an end, but a means to an end. It is **not** an ideal which women set before them, but an indication of a changed mental attitude towards outer circumstances and environment, which in its turn is the outcome of an internal process of unfoldment and development in harmony with the law of Life. This growth expresses itself outwardly in the demand for liberty and equality.

History repeats itself. The same underlying principles and forces move the woman of today as moved the woman of the past. But there is the subtle growth in the manifestation and unfoldment of these principles which is evidenced in the spirit of modern womanhood. We move ever towards a grander fulfillment. The great urge is beautifully put by Holmes in his "Chambered Nautilus."

"Build thee more stately mansions

O, my soul

As the brief seasons roll.

Leave thy low vaulted past,

Let each new temple, nobler than the last,

Shut thee from heaven with a dome more vast

Till thou at length art free.

Leaving thine outgrown shell by life's unresting sea."

The soul of womanhood is striving to build these "stately mansions" perhaps **more consciously** than the woman of the past. One thing becomes clear, women cannot be **made** free. Mountains of legislation would be futile to accomplish this, but that they are freeing themselves by an internal process cannot be denied, by self realization, self reliance, self development, self organization and discipline. Yes, and self annihilation of all that hinders the upward and onward winging of their way. This larger consciousness shows forth and stands back of the demand for the vote. It is the inner vision calling for an outer correspondence.

There is that irrepressible life force back of the so-called woman's movement which makes its progress irresistible. It is not the **vote** that will work miracles, but the **spirit** that discerns the need and makes the demand.

WISE AND OTHERWISE.

"You gwine ter let dat mewel do as he pleases?" asked Uncle Ephraim's wife. Wha's you will power?" "My will power's all right," he answered. "You jest want ter come out hyar an' measure dis here mewel's won't power."

Are objections to woman suffrage based on Reason or Prejudice?

Think it over.

Vote to give women the ballot.

When a man gets the ballot is he asked:

If he will use the vote?

If all men want the vote?

If he thinks the laws need changing?

If he will promise to make better laws?

If he can still be a good father?

If he thinks it "gentlemanly" to vote?

If he will "remain attractive" after he votes?