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Old Man: "I'm thinking that before we see you next year amongst us you'll have the vote."

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To the brave women who to-day are fighting for freedom: to the noble women who all down the ages kept the flag flying and looked forward to this day without seeing it: to all women all over the world, of whatever race, or creed, or calling, whether they be with us or against us calling, whether they be with us o in this fight, we dedicate this paper.

THE OUTLOOK.

One of the most significant features of the present day is the new spirit that has arisen in women. No longer are they content to sit down under injustice, but with growing solidarity and courageous enterprise they are protesting actively against it. Quite apart from the merits of the case or the wisdom of the measures taken, the women's recent strike in the East End for better wages, and the "House-

wives' Strike" in France against dear food, are in them-selves remarkable evidence of this new spirit. The Rising of Women.

The Hising of Women. In the East End the women obtained certain concessions, Mathematical and the second state of the second state are still going on. In one town twelve hundred women second state of the second state of the second second state of the second state of the second second state of the second state of the second second state of the second state of the second second state of the second state of the second state second state of the second state of the second state second state of the second state of

Women's Deputation in Turkey.

Women's Deputation in Turkey. The East is awakening! That is shown by one piece of news after another. Last week we referred to Persia, where the suggestion that women should have votes was actually raised in Parliament. This week the news comes that for the first time in the history of Turkey a deputation of women has been received by the Sultan. The chief demands were greater freedom for the leaders of the Women's Reform Movement, and permission to carry on clubs for women. The Sultan, remembering, no doubt, how mach the Young Turk Movement owed to women, promised to do all he could to improve their lot.

Woman's Interests in Men's Hands.

The position of women taxpayers—apart from the fact that they are unrepresented—is, in some cases, a peculiarly unjust one. There are many special and technical

disabilities (see p. 779) which are not generally known, and to put these before the Chancellor of the Exchequer, the one person who should be ready to listen to them, the Women's Tax Resistance League asked Mr. Loyd George to receive a deputation, and, at his request, sent him details of specific cases. Five months have elapsed and so far Mr. Lloyd George has not troubled to hear the voice of voteless women.

Interested Philanthropy.

Women have often been inclined to doubt the pure philanthropy of the tendency to restrict their labour. "For the sake of the women and children," the married woman is to be kept at home with no power to earn, and therefore often no money to buy food. It is interesting to have, on the authority of Dr. Greenwood, the opinion delivered at the Royal Sanitary Institute's Congress that, "As a result of investigation I came to the conclusion that no case had been made out for the further restrictive legislation in the prohibition of employment of women in the cotton mills of Blackburn."

Two Suffragist Cardinals.

We alluded recently to Cardinal Moran's inspiring words on Woman Suffrage. His belief in it was shared by the late Cardinal Yaughan, Archbisnop of Westminster, who said:—

I believe that the extension of the Parliamentary Franchise to women upon the same conditions as it is held by men would be a just and boneficial measure, tending to raise rather than to lower the course of national legislation.

Item of Interest.

The Senate of Illinois (U.S.A.) has passed a Suffrage Bill which provides that any town or city may, by referendum, allow women to vote for all offices save those of police magistrate and justices of the peace.

VOTES FOR WOMEN.

THE MASQUE OF WOMEN.

(With Apologies to Swinburne, via R. K.)

By Margaret Kilroy Kenyon.

- ARGUMENT:-The Anti-Suffrage League, at the instigation of the Liberal Government, makes an Inquiry into the Condition of the Women of England, and finds all well, women most con-tented and none desirous of THE VOTE-with publicible creations.
- The Englishman's CASTLE—HIS HOME. SCENE The Incarnation of the Anti-Suffrage Spirit habillé à la Turque, sings—to a gentle accompani ment of a humming sewing machine with distant clash of dishes-
- How sweet is the life of the Woman at Home,
- For she really has all that she wishes, She can dust, sweep and cook, mend the stockings and
- Her dear babe, when she's not washing dishes!
- -Smile, sweet babe, mother's washing the dishes!
- SPIRIT OF MRS. H-M-HREY W-RD. (Sings.) Now hear our proposition, We've made an inquisition Into the Real Condition
- Of Womankind to-day.
- The Suffragettes hysterical Make claims that are chimerical,
- But they've no strength nume And soon will pass away.
- We've studied physiology,
- And likewise sociology; We're sure of our psychology, So hear our roundelay.
- So hear our roundelay. CHORUS of Liberal Ministers (as the Antis line up, bearing notes, petitions, etc., showing result of
- their labours) -IInison)
- What is the state of the Women? Tell us
- their occupation? Hi! Get along! Wo've no time to waste. Hand out your information. Don't talk of spinsters, or women who work;
- Their place is the Home as we learn from the Turk. Have you canvassed meek wives who know
- Have you canvassed mees wives who know men are their lords? Who count men's approbation the first of rewards? Trot out your information About the occupation, The sweet and soft elation
 - Of women unnotorious With characters laborious
- And habits meritorious;
- [Harmony.] For of such are the Strength of the Nation and the Glory of their Sex.
 INTERLUDE.—(From Nowhere in Particular, dimmed by the Noise of Machinery.)
- Our children starve before our weary eyes, Their mouths are empty and we have no bread; We do the work without the Weekly Wage Of Husbands who are dead.
- The darkest dregs of Infamy we drink, But our betrayers bear no breath of shame; And when from life itself we dare to shrink
- 'Tis men who most do blame. The day is all too short to forge the chain ; Two thousand blows may bring us eighteenpence We know no time for weakness—only Pain—
- Until we go from hence. Our bare subsistence wage we cannot raise ; No higher grades of work may we annex. This is the Law—that Men so greatly praise For Us—The Weaker Sex !
- For US—The Weaker Sex! We work beside our brothers, share their toil, Finish it with them in the selfsame way; But at the Week-end, when we share the spoil, We get but half their Pay. Work, Sisters, work! But put no faith in Men.
- They talk most wisely ; our mistakes they tell ; They talk most wisely ; our mistakes they tell ; They make the laws that stiffe us, and then They blame when we rebel. Look forward ! We have learnt through darkest days
- The Shame of Meekness. Not obedient, we, In future, in the old submissive ways, For Women must be free. SEMI-CHORUS. (Dolce.)
- From our sisters, not from men Comes our Hope. They have trod the Prison Pen
- Towards the Dawn. Understanding half, we grope Where they smile on us forlorn; They are mightier than the Spirit of the Men. (Soft Music is drowned in loud Triumphal Chorus of the Antis, who dance round a doll clothed with jewels and gold chains, symbolic of Woman
- beneath Man's chivalrous treatment.) fff (f.) We have seen, we have canvassed; behold us, the proofs of our toil in our hands.

- The names of the sweated Sukies who said "yes" to all our demands. We have said of the Vote, "Who wants it?";
- of Starvation, "'Tis not in our ken." We have also the witnessed verdict of the Wives
- of Affluent Men. We have been, of course, to the Factories, and
- the Owners say all is well. The happy Condition of Women is more than we ever can tell! Quick Time.)
- Oh! the Wife and the Maid and the Servant slightly paid, And the Mother's Help so free,
- And the Millgirl and the Teacher, and-oh, every female creature
- Is as happy as can be! Sure the pale Girl in the Store wouldn't wish
- to ask for more, And the Uniform seamstress, too By the Favour of the Men they are pleased and
 - pleased again. It's true! It's true! It's true! It's true! It's true! It's true!
- Hired BRASS Band of Duly Tamed DEPENDANT RELATIONS.
- God bless the men Who are our Rich Relations ; They teach us Poor Women About our Proper Stations. We have our Proper Stations, In spite of exclamations About some odd starvations And some intimidations. The Suffragettes, they shock us so, Their wild claims seem to mock us so. We have, we have, —we're TOLD we have
- WE HAVE our Proper Stations ! Agitato Furioso.)
- It's true, and you can't deny, Or you tell a wicked lie : Women are women and men are men, It is so now and it was so then, And it will be so, again and again ; We can't get away from women and men,— The Weakness of Women, the strength of men, And women have CHILDREN, unlike the men, And the strength of a man is the strength of ten-So women OUGHT to be put in a pen For ever and ever and ever. Amen!
- CHORUS OF CRYSTALLISED FACTS. Before the Beginning of years There came to the Rule of the State Men preaching Women's Fears, Men in their Aggregate; —sq—th, with Gl—dst—n— for leaven, -sq-th, with Gl-dst-n- for leav Ll-d G-rg- with B-rns as well, Cr-m-r, with his Eastern Heaven, And Ch-rch-ll, torturing like H-ll1

And they gaily began to talk Of babes, and things of that ilk, And the measure of sifted chalk The milkman puts in his milk How a mother and child should sleep, And of married women's work, And vaccination, cheap, That only a Father can shirk. And fashioned with pens and paper, And fashioned in Black and White, With sneers for the Feminine caper And power to the Masculine Might, With the VOTE to enforce his contentions That his strength might never fail-With the very best of intentions The solely enfranchised male.

Women worked in the North and the East, But first they were taught by rote— What they also heard from the Priest— That a women must not vote. And man-made laws were wrought For the needs of the women within : A Magistrate's hearing in court, And advice to bear—and to grin!

They heard, " Men must go their ways," And "Nature you cannot fight," While the DOUBLE STANDARD wins praise Since might is the only right.

Her speech is of wageless working, To the law, she doth not exist, In her heart is a sense of shirking And knowledge she MUST resist. She suffers, and hates submission ; She thinks, and sees growing clear Her life has been one intermission tween a sneer and a sneer.

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POLITICAL PICKPOCKETS. To the Editors of Votes FOR WOMEN.

Dear Editors,-By the passing of the Parliament Bill into law the House of Commons stands to-day in a position of supremacy which it has never before occupied in our Constitutional history. In all money matters the House has now asserted its divine right of freedom from hindrance or control, and its very first act, under this new assertion of its powers, has been to pick the pockets of the unrepresented women of this country in order that it may fill its own.

The House of Commons has thus taken up the position once claimed for the Crown by Charles I. at the time when "forced loans," "benevolences," and the conversion of "ship-money" into a form of general taxation drove Hampden to the resistance which has made his name famous and dear to the hearts of Englishmen. In those days the Crown was fortified by long-standing custom, by precedent, and by prerogatives (non-existent to-day), which gave a more legal complexion to its exactions than now appears. It had behind it as many centuries of usage as the House of Commons has behind it to-day. To those whose interests were bound up with the Crown its action even appeared correct and constitutional; but whatever the letter of its authority, the revolt of Hampden proved more in keeping with the spirit of the Constitution; and though Hampden had to suffer imprisonment, and though at his trial the decision of the Court went againt him, Hampden's cause was won; for whatever the law might say, it had become clearly fixed in the minds of Englishmen that the only true sanction of Government lay in its representative character, and where representation was denied all moral sanction of Government ceased.

The tyranny of the Crown in the 17th century, based as it then was on precedent and custom, has its parallel to-day in the tyranny of the House of Commons towards the women whose enfranchisement it still delays, and from whom-while this delay goes on-it exacts subsidies for fresh purposes as to which their consent has not been sought. And so we have had recently the spectacle of Adult Suffragists, who regard the present electoral basis as insufficient and unjust, using the authority thus insufficiently and unjustly derived to vote money into their own pockets from the one statutorally excluded section of the community whom, by no possible stretch of terms, can they be said to represent. Scarcely less disconcerting is the fact that members of Parliament, who profess themselves ardent Suffragists, allow without protest a motion that the enfranchisement of women should precede payment of members to be crowded out by the operation of the closure, and then, accepting the abomination, vote with their party for an act the lishonesty of which that motion was set out to expose! It is such object-lessons as these which make true Suffragists despair of securing honest political action from members of Parliament who are ruled by party interests and the pressure of a one-sided electorate, and which make it more incumbent upon us than ever to prepare for the crucial moment when Hampden's example may have to be followed throughout the length and breadth of the country, in order to make our politicians realise (by its results in suffering and imprisonment to those who resist its claims) that taxation without representation is tyranny, and can only be enforced, where the sense of freedom is alive, by odious and tyrannical means .- Yours, etc.,

Laurence Housman.

W.S.P.U. ANNOUNCEMENTS.

W.S.F.O. ANIMATODIACINITIATIS. Already many inquiries are being made as to when the weekly free meetings will re-commence. Readers are reminded that the London meetings will be resumed at the London Pavilion, Piecadilly Circus, on Monday, October 2, and they are asked to make this widely known. It can be done so easily when writing and talking to friends; tell them you want them to keep the afternoon of Monday, October 2, free. Weekly free meetings are also held in all centres throughout the country where the Union is represented, and particulars of these may be found on pages 785 and 786.

Albert Hall Meeting, November 16.

Albert Hall Meeting, November 16. Referring to former Albert Hall meetings, *The Queen* says:---"These demonstrations have been events apart, and of them the W.S.P.U. may always well be proud." Members will realise, therefore, that there is a high standard to be maintained, and it is confidently expected that when they realise this and that it is on them the success of the great Albert Hall meeting on Thursday, November 16, depends, they will take a certain number of tickets for sale among friends and outsiders. Tickets-Prices: Stalls 2s. 6d.; arena, Blocks A and F, 2s.; Blocks E, O, D, and E, Is.; Balcony, first two rows Is., other rows 6d.; upper orchestra, 6d.; hoxes, 4I 10s., 4f 1.s., and 12s. 6d.-may be had of Miss Cooke, Ticket Secretary, W.S.P.U., 4, Clements Inn, W.O.

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A HIGHLAND MEETING. An Impression.

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women in the past It is as if all the nanhood had been ushes, and from h

rs shine tender M. McP.

A correspondent sends us her own translation the following lines :---of the following lines :--Mais l'amant, mais le père, o justice éternelle Pourquoi n'est-il pas là, flétri, brisé comme elle (3 S'est-il du noir cachot évadé par hasard ? Non. Il est au café comme à son ordinaire. Quand il aura fini de jouer au billiard Il prendra le journal et lira cette affaire. But he, lover and father, Eternal Justice, tell Why he is not with her, the broken flower? With calculating guile has he escaped the cell? —Not so. At his accustomed hour.

That this is due to the "militant" suffragists has i and although, be it noted, they were not

SOME PRESS COMMENTS.

ECHOES OF JUNE 17.

en of the

magnificent demonstration. . . This move-ment, I am convinced, is just, and if just, it will conquer. The Government should pass the Bill femanded this session and save a lot of friction

W.W. in the United Free Church Magazine.

It is interesting to read in the well-known German paper, Neue Freie Presse, a sympathetic account of the Procession. It is described as the

To have to wait five hours for a pro not only with their bar

veek had been put on a rogress. The Suffra pleased to come, and enjoyed themselves to th

-Penny Illustrated Paper.

er in my life within the space of three hours passed through so many varied emotions, in sober carnestness have I seen anything impressed me so profoundly. —EDWARD STORER in *The Commentator*,

Certain great demonstrations held by this soci the Albert and Exeter Halls have been eve part. Of the se the W.S.P.U. may always well roud; as, indeed, it may be of the concentrat of its clever The Queen

THE MOVEMENT.

When the history of the Suffragist momes to be written,

When the hurly-burly's done, When the battle's lost and won

will probably be found that some of the direct and incidental results of the campaig eform, for example, has recompetus from the revelations who have suffered gladly f

-Aberdeen Evening Gazette.

NEW METHODS.

ent which caused

-IDA HUSTRD HARPER in Harper's Bas

PURE FOOD

MRS. PANKHURST.

In the course of a sketch of Mrs. Pankhurs R. J. Bryce writes in the East of Fife Record. least world nysteria. These people forget at least two things; that nearly every great and liberal movement has been violent and vulgar—such as the Reformation and Chartism—and that every markyr was hysterical, for the confusion of hysteria with mysticism is so complete in this materalistic age that these terms have become synonymous. One other thing have the condemu-ers and the sneerers forgotten, that Mrs. Pank unst is both a Savonarola and a Molte. The porror at woman's lot—studied painfally and at first hand—bas gunk into be come.

After all the harder the fight the more brillia anity who do not humanity who do not helieve in the word "can't, or they would have lided down their arms long ago-and they are the Suffragette. The more reverses they get the increase they fight Why should not intelligent women have as much right to a voice in the governing of the country as the illiterate labouring man, who takes can particular side of politics for no better reason that because his father and grandtather upheld that ide before him." —Ide of Wight Advertiser.

It is sometimes argued that the Bill will revolutionise our political system. Women who pay rates vote for the election of town coun-cillors, and nobing exessional happens. Why, then, should it be anticipated that the addition of a small number of women to the Parlia

ommons? —Newcastle Daily Journal. -Account Dury Sound. One of the last places in the world where one would expect to hear the cry of "Votes for Wo-men" is Persia, and yet, the idea has been seriously suggested in the Persian Parliament. Another proof has been afforded of the world-wide character of the feminist movement, which is progressing in the East as well as the West. -Neucostle Daily Mail.

Referring to the different explanations given with regard to the Mystery Ships the Newcastle Daily Journal says:

With regard we were any set of all is that one of the vessels, at any rate, has been designed by Welsh friends of the Chancellor to bear him safely out of reach, during the autumn recess, of fraction. This is that fraction the statement of the set of th

WOMEN'S TAX RESISTANCE LEAGUE AND MR. LLOYD GEORGE

A good instance of how the

to bring to your notice

- nds are made.
- point out certain anomalies which ou propose to deal with
- what this implies.
- what this implies.) To assocrtain whether the oath taken by tax officials not to disclose official in-formation is binding when the parties con-cerned are husband and wife. [Such a breach of the oath is known to
- To ascertain from you the legality of tak-ing cases in the High Court when the Taxes Management Act has provided for the summary dealing with such cases by the General Commission Constitution ioner. [Specific case
- (8) To ask you to arrange that married women shall be able to get full and reliable

ince that date no reply has been received.

WOMAN TOWN CLERK.

Miss Emily M'Sheehy, a girl of seventeen, has been appointed Town Clerk of Byron, New South Wales. Miss M'Sheehy acted as assistant to her father (the late Town Clerk) for a year or two, she is the youngest Town Clerk in the world

Our members will be interested to know that Miss A. D. Corson, who for some time was Organiser at Northampton, was married lastweek to lir. Harold Croft, an essistant master at the Northampton and County School. Miss Corson was one of those arrested on June 29, 1969, and was one of the first hunger strike to Mr. and Mrs. Croft from the W.S.P.U.

A member who is governess in a German family, and has very little news of the outside world, writes to say how much the reading of Vorzes ron Wostes means to her every week. She is proud of and is in favour of giving w

This is the elected to

THE WRITTEN LAW.

In her article. "The Written Law," in our issue of July 21, Mrs. Lawrence referred to a case at Bahford, in which a publican's son, who murdered his illegitimate child, was sentenced to six months' imprisonment in the second division. The lemiency shown in this correspondences have written to ask for full particulars, as they desire to verify the matter. For a full report of the case we are glad to refer these correspondents to the *Bath Heraid* of February 2 (p. 6), February 8 (p. 6), February 18 (p. 7), February 25 (p. 7), and June 10 (p. 7). There is unfortunately no lack of parallel cases. They may be found almost daily in the newsapers.

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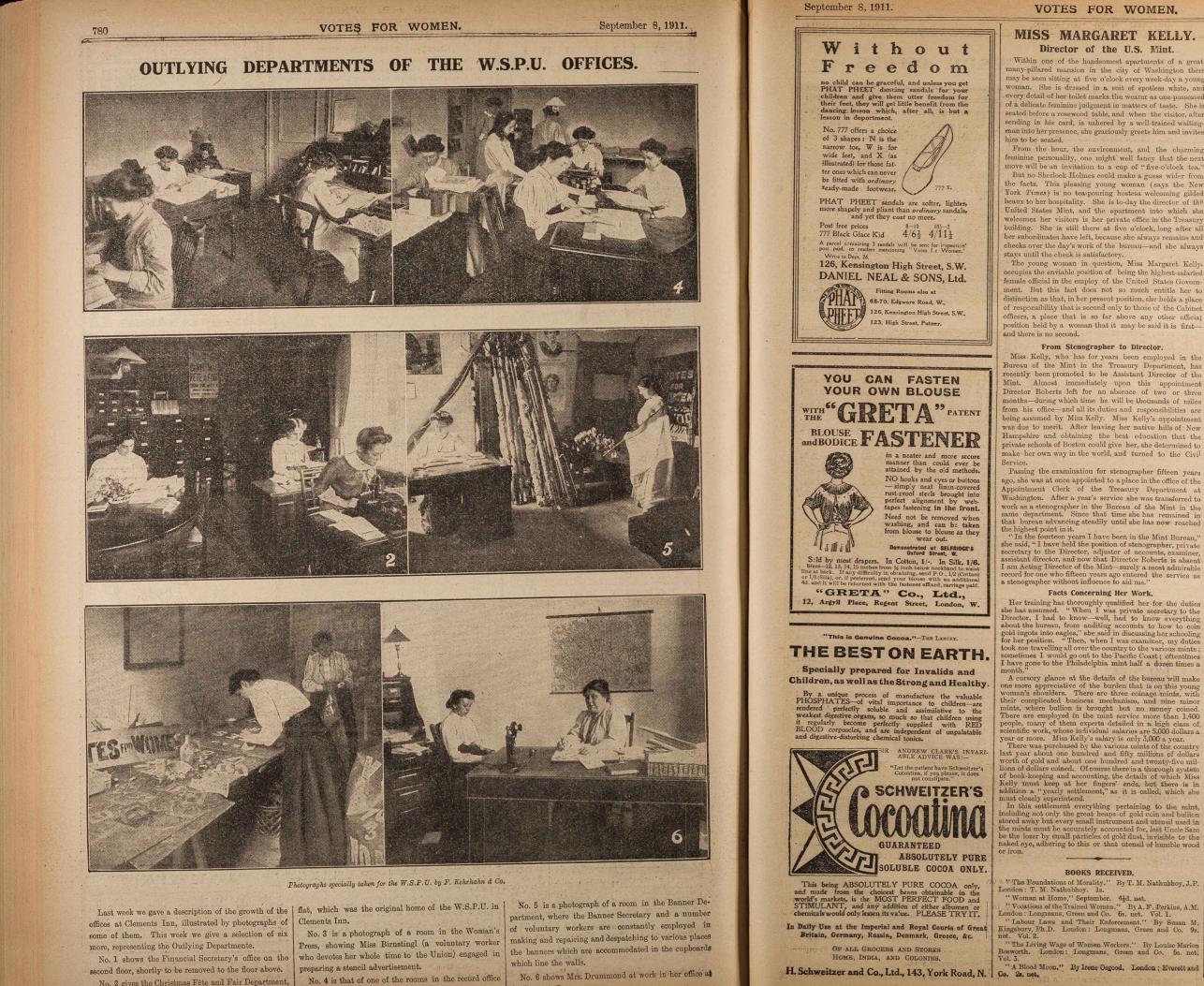
What is Cruelty?

A correspondent sends us a case reported in the Western Doily Mercury of Septem-ber 2, in which the decision of the magistrates is almost incredible. We will, however, marely give the facts without comment. After six months of marriage a young woman applied for a separation order. It was alleged that her husband called her foul names, had literatured to kill her, and once locked her out so that she was fareed to spend the night in a cork-house, and had

THE CASE OF MRS. MURPHY.

E. SYLVIA PANERUEST.

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No. 2 gives the Christmas Fête and Fair Department, accommodated in a room in Mrs. Pethick Lawrence's | where the files of newspapers are kept.

No. 6 shows Mrs. Drummond at work in her office at 5, Clements Inn.

VOTES FOR WOMEN.

MISS MARGARET KELLY. Director of the U.S. Mint.

Within one of the handsomest apartments of a great nany-pillared mansion in the city of Washington ther may be seen sitting at five o'look every week-day a young woman. She is dressed in a suit of spotless white, and every detail of her toilet marks the wearer as one possessed of a delicate feminine judgment in matters of taste. She is seated before a rosewood table, and when the visitor, after sending in his card, is ushered by a well-trained waitin man into her presence, she graciously greets him and invit-him to be seated.

From the hour, the environment, and the charr From the hour, the environment, and the charming feminine personality, one might well fancy that the next more will be an invitation to a cup of "five-o'clock tea." But no Sherlock Holmes could make a guess wider from the facts. This pleasing young woman (says the New York *Timmes*) is no tea-pouring hostess welcoming gilded beaux to her hospitality. She is to-day the director of the United States Mint, and the apartment into which she welcomes har violate is her mixets office in the Tacaran United States Mint, and the apartment into which she welcomes her visitors is her private office in the Treasury building. She is still there at five o'clock, long after all her subordinates have left, because she always remains and checks over the day's work of the bureau—and she always stays until the check is satisfactory. The young woman in question, Miss Margaret Kelly, occupies the enviable position of being the highest-salaried female official in the employ of the United States Govern-ment. But this fact does not so much entitle her to distinction as that in her present position via heads or large

distinction as that, in her present position, she holds a place of responsibility that is second only to those of the Cabinet officers, a place that is so far above any other official position held by a woman that it may be said it is first— and there is no second.

From Stenographer to Director.

Miss Kelly, who has for years been employed in the Bureau of the Mint in the Treasury Department, has recently been promoted to be Assistant Director of the recently been promoted to be Assistant Director of the Mint. Almost immediately upon this appointment Director Roberts left for an absence of two or three months—during which time he will be thousands of miles from his office—and all its duties and responsibilities are being assumed by Miss Kelly. Miss Kelly's appointment was due to merit. After leaving her native hills of New Hampshire and obtaining the best education that the private schools of Boston could give her, she determined to make her own way in the world and turged to the Civil nake her own way in the world, and turned to the Civ

Passing the examination for stenographer fifteen years Passing the examination for stenographer fifteen years ago, she was at once appointed to a place in the office of the Appointment Clerk of the Treasury Department at Washington. After a year's service she was transferred to work as a stenographer in the Bureau of the Mint in the same department. Since that time she has new reached the highest point int. "In the fourteen years I have been in the Mint Bureau," she said, "I have held the position of stenographer, private secretary to the Director, adjuster of accounts, examiner, assistant director, and now that Director Roberts is absent I am Acting Director of the Mint-surely a most admirable record for one who fifteen years ago entered the service as a tenographer without influence to aid me." **Fact Concerning Her Work.**

Facts Concerning Her Work.

Facts Concerning Her Work. Her training has thoroughly qualified her for the duties she has assumed. "When I was private sceretary to the Director, I had to know—well, had to know everything about the bureau, from auditing accounts to how to coin gold ingots into eagles," she said in discussing her schooling for her position. "Then, when I was examiner, my duties took me travelling all over the country to the various mints : sometimes I would go out to the Pacific Coast; oftentimes a I have gone to the Philadelphia mint half a dozen times a month."

I have gone to the Philadelphia mint half a dozen times a month." A cursory glance at the details of the bureau will make one more appreciative of the burden that is on this young woman's shoulders. There are three coinage mints, with their complicated business mechanism, and mine minor mints, where bullion is brought but no money coined. There are employed in the mint service more than 1,400 people, many of them experts detailed in a high class of, scientific work, whose individual salaries are 5,000 dollars a sear or more. Miss Kelly's salary is only 3,000 a year. There was purchased by the various mints of the country last year about one hundred and fifty millions of dollars worth of gold and about one hundred and twenty-five mil-tions of dollars coined. Of course there is a horough system of book keeping and accounting, the details of which Miss Kelly must keep at her fingers' ends, but there is in addition a "yearly settlement," as it is called, which she nust closely superintend.

nt everything pertaining to the mint, ery small instrument and utensil used in accurately accounted for, lest Uncle Sam ing to this or that utensil of humble wood

BOOKS RECEIVED.

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in it was comparatively small. In the new century, on the other hand, the part which women are destined to play is a very great one. For though further conquests over nature of far-reaching mportance may be gained, yet it will not be for these that the twentieth century will be remembered in history, but for the solution of the great problems of human life, and this will be in the main the work of women

Hitherto, while the genius and energy of men have been allowed free scope to develop in the interests of the progress of the race, the genius and energy of women have been cramped and prevented from being applied to reality. In consequence, much that is absolutely vital to the progress of humanity has been left undone. To-day, women are breaking their fetters, and very soon will be free to tackle the overdue problems which are awaiting them. Let us take a few examples.

In the case of the care of the family, the man's work is mainly that of production, the woman's mainly that of distribution. It is she who sees to it that each member has a fair share of the common stock and that the weak do not go to the wall. In the great world yomen have a similar work to perform. Everyone knows that it is wrong that, while there is abundance of wealth in the world, any human being should be compelled to work twelve hours a day, for a seven-days week, to earn a pittance of eight or nine shillings with which to try to keep herself and her children. Yet everyone knows that under the state of society which men have built up such a condition of affairs exists in countless instances. In spite of all our religion, our civilisation works out very little better than is described in the adage "Everyone for himself and the devil take the hindmost." Women are going to tackle and solve this problem of distribution.

Then again, women are the natural guardians of the young, and in the home it is they who stand between the little lives and the perils which surround them. But in the great world it is only in those countries where women have the vote that they have been able to guard the lives of the nation's children. Thus we have the appalling death rate in Great Britain of children under one year amounting to 110 out of every thousand born. In South Australia, on the other hand, owing to the wise laws that the women voters have secured relating to pure food and other matters, the infant mortality has dropped from being one of the highest to one of the lowest on record in the civilised world.

Finally, it is to women that we look individually for care and attention when sick in mind or body or when we have fallen out in the great race of life. How absurd it has been, therefore, to attempt to settle the great problems concerning these questions on a national scale without their advice, and without the driving power which their votes alone can give ! As the result to steamboats, even stage coaches had only just begun of our folly our poor law is an inhuman and costly to run: travelling from place to place was slow, failure, our mediaval prison system is a manufactory aborious, costly and highly dangerous. There was no of criminals, while preventable diseases such as con-

no matches nor any other sure and rapid means of women have decided that the time has come for them no matches nor any other sure and rapid means of kindling a flame; the great bulk of the people never saw any artificial light except that of the fire. Again, there was no telephone or telegraph, and the transmission of letters by "post" on anything like the scale of to-day was practically unknown. Manufacture by machinery in the world of material things, but in that vital and

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THE ECONOMIC POSITION OF FRENCHWOMEN.

By MRS. BELLOC LOWNDES.

At the present moment there is an epidemic in our French writer, unlike the English writer, finds set up Press of articles dealing with the Frenchwoman and French life, but very seldom is it that a French reader would recognise the picture presented as being a time would recognise the picture presented as being a true

In all those superficial accounts of what is, after all, a very peculiar and most un-English civilisation, the day in France, and not with the imaginary crea and dramatic visions of artists, who are all more o fact which governs the position-social, sentimental, religious and moral-of the average Frenchwoman. That is her economic independence, an independence not only secured to her in so far as such a thing can be secured by the laws of her country, but also, and this counts perhaps even more, by public opinion.

sider the vast accumulated and widely distributed wealth of France-and when you think of it, remember that as regards inheritance the young women of France stand on exactly the same footing as do their brothers. No French father can make an "elder son," and public opinion forbids him to spend on his boy's education three times that which he spends on his girl's. Once we get above the very poorest, that is, the improvident class, every woman brings a dowry, small or large class, every woman brings a dowry, small or large according to his own possessions, to her husband. That means that as a general rule-and the rule in these matters is so general that you might meet many an educated Frenchwoman who had never heard of an exception-husband and wife start equal in money, the woman, by reason of her property, being the man's partner in everything concerning the material side of their joint lives. This fact-and facts are stubborn things, as we all know-has led to various modifications of the French marriage laws. These laws are not fair or just to women. Napoleon, in his famous code, wished to limit the married woman's power, but owing to the fact that every bride brings money with her, the great majority of French marriages are entered into under the régime de la communauté, which means 'share and share alike," and makes the wife sole mistress of the joint fortune—subject, of course, to her bildren's ultimate rights—should her husband pre-of the "young ladies" working in such establishments children's ultimate rights-should her husband predecease her. It would be difficult to over-estimate the effect on

French womanhood of this economic independence. It means that all the men brought in contact with women regard them quite differently, and what is more to the point, treat them quite differently from the way the Englishman or the American considers and treats women in the mass.

Money is power. Frenchwomen possess that power; and if they lack it they are aware that they had has an ally close by who will take his or her part as best try and acquire and store it. Every French only a husband or a wife can take it. woman servant has savings, often very considerable savings, and if you talk to her you will find that she hopes in time to start some kind of business in her native place, where, as often as not, "les vieux," as she calls her parents, are already running some prosperous little concern of which she will, of course, in time inherit her share. Often she is a married woman, and her husband is earning and saving on his side as she

I notice with amazement that English writers imagine that the French girl has only lately taken to work. That is far truer of her English sister. The French girl, if born in an industrious home, always worked, not always, or perhaps not generally, away from her parents, but invariably at some money-making occupation. If there is land, the sons and daughters both labour, taking equal shares in what is often very hard work; if the parents, on the other hand, are engaged in business in a town, the daughter is generally trained as a book-keeper or to become "first hand" in one of the departments of the shop.

This being so, it makes a French reader smile to read of a "demoiselle" obtaining her dear papa's permission "to work as English girls do." It is true that most French parents would make a sacrifice to prevent their cherished daughter from going out to earn her living among complete strangers, but that, fortunately as I think, has not yet become a custom of the country, partly because, strange as it may seem to us, it is the married woman and the widow who are, as a rule, engaged in public Government and office work. French public opinion considers that a young girl-say any girl under twenty—is better at home than among strangers, the majority of whom are likely to be men. English people, both men and women, have an im pression that sex plays an extraordinary part in French life. It has become a truism to say that this impres-sion is due to the general trend of French fiction. The

amateur. An Englishman, when he is about to do may trace them ; and you know that she who now lies there isiness with her, seems to think that she will either once wandered free over the rocks with him." And I said, "Why does she lie there now?" And he said, "I take it, ages ago the Age-of-dominion-ofmuscular-force found her, and when she stooped to give suck to In Paris the business woman is treated as a brain, and no one inquires whether the brain in question is a masculine brain or a feminine brain. This, no doubt, is why French women are so successful in every kind of money-making work to which they apply their her young and her back was broad, he put his burden of subjecion on to it, and tied it on with the broad hand of Inevitable Necessity. Then she looked at the earth and the sky, and knew there was no hope for her ; and she lay down on the sand with the burden she could not lossen. . . Ever since she has lain here. And the ages have come, and the ages have gone, minds, and why the best business partner a Frenchman can have is generally accounted to be his but the band of Inevitable Necessity has not been cut And I looked and saw in her eyes the terrible patience of the

post without a single protest being raised, though her promotion must naturally have disappointed a good many Honfleur men. And I said, "Has she ever tried to move?" And he said, "Sometimes a limb has quivered. But she ig vise; she knows she cannot rise with the burden on her." The homage paid to feminine all-round ability in France is shown in a thousand ways affecting the daily life of the woman worker. In England the girls employed in shops are obliged to live in. In France And I said, "Why does not he who stands by her leave her And he said, "He cannot. Look-"" And I saw a broad band passing along the ground from one to that system-to my mind a hateful and an unnatura he other, and it bound them together. "'He said, "While she lies there he must stand and look as the Bon Marché, the Louvre, the Galeries Lafayette, And I said, " Does he know why he cannot move?" and so on, are married women. And he said. "No

This brings us again to the delicate question of married women's work. The young Frenchwoman, And I heard a sound of something cracking, and I looked, ad I saw the band that bound the burden on to her back broken sunder ; and the burden rolled on to the ground. And I said, "What is this ?" And I said, "What is this ??" And he said, "The Age-of-muscular-force is dead. The Age-enervous-force has killed him with the knife he holds in his hand; and silently and invisibly he has crept up to the woman, and with that knife of Mechanical Invention he has cut the hand that bound the burden to her back. The Inevitable mployers encourage marriage among their employee and this is an excellent thing, for the slave-driving



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"I thought I stood on the border of a great desert, and the sand blew about everywhere. And I thought I saw two great figures like beasts of burden of the desert, and one lay upon the sand with its neck stretched out, and one stood by it. And I ooked curiously at the one who lay upon the ground, for it had a great burden on its back, and the sand was thick about it, so hat it seemed to have piled over for cen

And I looked very curiously at it, and there stood one beside me watching. And I said to him, "What is this huge creature

And he said, "This is woman ; she that bears men in her

And I said. "Why does she lie here motionless with the sand

And he answered, "Listen; I will tell you! Ages and ages long has she lain here, and the wind has blown over her; the In any kind of business in Paris is seldom made to feel by the man with whom she comes in contact over the business that she is a woman and he is a man. In saying this I do not wish it to be thought that the guestion of sex obtrudes itself unpleasantly in English business circles, but I do assert, and I do not think any woman who has ever done business in this country is likely to contradict me, that in England the Customs, now crumbling to decay, I found the marks of her business woman is almost invariably treated as an footsteps! Side by side with his who stands beside her you

enturies; the ground was wet with her tears, and her nos blew up the sand.

Necessity is broken. She might rise now." And I saw she still lay motionfess on the sand, with her eyes open and her neck stretched out. And she seemed to look for something on the far-off border of the desert that never came. And I wondered if she were awake or asleep. And as I looked her body quivered, and the light came into her cycs, like when sunbeam breaks into a dark room I said, '' What is it? '' *

He whispered, "Hush ! the thought has come to her, ' Might

And I looked. And she raised her head from the sand, and I And 1 looked. And she hased ner near trem the same, and 1 Saw the dent where her neck had laid so long. And she looked at the earth, and she looked at the sky, and she looked at him who stood by her; but he looked out across the desert. And I saw her body quiver; and she pressed her front knee. to the earth, and veins stood out; and I cried, "She is going to

But only her sides heaved, and she lay still where she was. But her head was held up i she did not lay it down again, And he beside me said, "She is very weak. See, her legs have een crushed under her so long." And I saw the creature struggle: and the drops stood out

And I said, "Surely he who stands beside her will help

And he beside me answered, "He cannot help her; she must

And he beside me answered, "He cannot help her; she must help herself. Lot her struggle till he is strong." And I cried, "At least he will not hinder her! See, he moves farther from her, and tightens the cord between them, and he drags her down." And he answered, "He does not understand. When she

And he answered, he does not inderstand, when she proves she draws the band that binds them, and hurts him, and he moves farther from her. The day will come when he ill understand, and will know what she is doing. Let her ce stagger on to her knees. In that day he will stand close

And she stretched her neck, and the drops fell from her, and the creature rose an inch from the earth and sank back. And I cried, "Oh, she is too weak! she cannot walk! The ong years have taken all her strength from her. Can she never

And he answered me, "See the light in her eyes !"

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DOES A MAN KEEP HIS WIFE ?

To the Editors of VOTES FOR WOMEN. Par Editors. — The interesting article by I an agricultural labourer an years ago, leaving him wit the two eldest of which a n with him. There seems no way out unlty, as the law does not allow him to workhouse unless he takes his family The enormous value of the work done to by the wives of working men surely to work consistion and helm then

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MAN versus WOMAN. Great interest and surprise has been aroused recently by the cricket match played between a women's eleven of Forest Hill and a team of mean from the same district. The match was a most exciting one, and the wener claimed the victory by seven runs. "The meneting on the game the Vicentian of the the second second and the vicent second in the crithedox way, but though this minimises the merit of the victory, it still remains an astounding performance." Near Moose Jaw, in Canada, a Miss Hillman, who was formerly a journalist, is the active head of a profitable farm of nearly itwo thousand acres. Although she was ignorant of farming when she began, and her capital was very limited, she now ranks as one of the largest grain-growers in the district. Miss Hillman says that what she has done can be done by any grit working on a small it of farming when she is very limited, she now

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WOMEN HEROES.

One of the most noteworthy feats of bravery erformed recently was that of Miss bon, a fourteen year Lawrence Bay. Miss Broy Rector of Tollingham, wam out some distance. WI forty yards from the shore she turned and cried for help. Some children on Some children on her, but found the faint, and crieat for reach her, but found the the beach tried to reach her, but found the water too deep, and she became unconscious and sank. As she came to the surface Alice threa in. Secand area brown by the should be a the girl with a great effort managed to bring her to the shore, swimming foot by foot until she drew her heavy burden from the water. At first it was feared that Miss Brown was

At first it was feared that Miss Brown was dead, but a nurse applied artificial respiration, and after some time she recovered. "The name of Annie Mackenzie is one which I, at any rate, shall always revere," said the magistrate at Marylebone recently, when three men were charged with assaulting the police. Shortly before midnight on Thurs-day, August 17, a police-constable saw the privates folding. soners fighting, and on his intervening they tacked him, threw him to the ground, and cked him. The policeman blew his whistle for r house, an red him way through the crowd, rendered him e assistance. Mr. Denman, the magis-emarked that the case was both instruc-d interesting. "Many men," said he, among the crowd, but no one surely s Englishmen, when all that they did stand and look on while a woman their part, and went to the help of the led officer." He congratulated her upon imperilled officer." He congratulated her upon her pluck, and said that "the public ought to be most grateful to her for showing such courage." Mrs. Mackenzie has since been the recipient of a substantial sum of money sub-scribed by people all over the country, and also of a grant from a fund at the disposal of

watching the storm from ner namer scoreage, saw an engine with its human freight plunge into the seething waters. Realising that an express passenger train was about due, Kate ran out, and, in the teeth of the rain and storm, ran along the track towards the next station to the west, crawling across the Des on hands and knees, and perator of the accident. igh the brave action so been hurled to death. On July 5, Kate Shelley lay dying in the Iowa al.

Miss Helen Lang, 19 years of age, while taking early morning walk in New York City, was, her, Miss Lang demaided his buisness. In reply, her sprang upon her, But she was too quick for him, and dealt the ran some heavy blows with her cance. A severe tussle ensued. But at last the girl, giving him a blow on the head, sent her assulant to the ground, and as he tried to rise, dealt him once blow after another until he fell almost uncoursejons to the payment. Ashore and Allast he was able to do so the man got up and field

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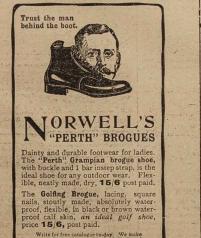
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