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Flourist

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Drayton Gardens,  
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Mr Chamberlain of the  
Women's Franchise Association,  
has received a copy of p. m.,  
a note from Miss Ward  
asking her to put to  
right, a short paragraph  
on the condition of the  
Vote.

Miss Ward advised Mr  
Chamberlain to state along  
what special disadvantages  
women suffer under. —  
The enclosed has seemed  
the best thing to put in



If this is not  
what Mrs. Sturges wants,  
write she writes all  
it - or see what she  
can herself compile for  
the notice in the  
Psychical Woman's Year -  
book, which was drawn  
up by Mrs. Chamberlain



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of the materials they use  
it stands to reason that every-  
thing must be done as late as possible to  
ensure the charm of freshness, without which  
floral-decoration is of no avail. Artificial  
flowers and foliage will be used  
and will have to be used, if the procedure of  
working up to the last-minute on sale occasions  
is to be lost to the Florist. Then not only  
will she (or he) suffer, but the numerous persons  
of both sexes, now employed in growing supplies  
for the flower market.

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Florists' work is in itself interesting and delightful; but at the present time they suffer under two disadvantages; the first of these is the severe competition, not only from each other as traders, and taxpayers, but from the immensely unfair conditions, whereby the sale of plants and cut-flowers is permitted to costermongers and street-sellers, who buy under much easier conditions than the shopkeeper, and have neither real nor taxes to meet.

Secondly the proposed legislation to make them work under the factory acts, is simply killing to all their opportunities of making money when special ~~opportunities~~ <sup>occasions</sup> ~~offer~~ but during the London season, or at other ~~special~~ <sup>special</sup> times when large decorations are urgently wanted, from the parish hall to the