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Speaking at Kirkcaldy, on the Bow and Bromley election, Mr. Lloyd George said, "The Tory candidate [who is an anti-Suffragist] was my candidate, and he won."

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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 in this fight, we dedicate this paper.

THE OUTLOOK

The most important political event of the week for Woman Suffragists is the speech of Mr. Lloyd George on Tuesday last to a deputation of the Women's Liberal Federation of Wales on the prospects of securing Votes for Women under the Government's Franchise Bill.

The Gist of the Speech

Mr. Lloyd George made three points. Firstly, the position was not so good as he had anticipated

mad work" of the militants, who had alienated their friends by their persecution of the Prime Minister and by their other misdeeds. Secondly, in spite of all provocations, he and his fellow Suffrage members of the Cabinet would vote for the inclusion of Woman Suffrage in the Franchise Bill. Thirdly, he urged upon his hearers the necessity of selecting one of the three principal Woman Suffrage amendments to the Bill and concentrating all their forces upon that; the one which he preferred himself was what is known as the Norwegian Amendment, and this was the only one which, in his opinion, had any chance of becoming law. The speech is given fully elsewhere

We are not in the least surprised that Mr. Lloyd George is slowly coming to the conclusion that the "omens are not quite so propitious" as he professed to think them a year ago. We knew then, when Mr. Lloyd George "torpedoed the Conciliation Bill" Mr. Lloyd George "torpedoed the Conciliation Bill" by the promise of the introduction of the Manhood Suffrage Bill, that the "omens" were highly unpropitious; but it was not convenient to Mr. Lloyd George at that time to admit it. He professed then to think the prospects rosy; he now acknowledges them to be the reverse. What has happened in the meantime? Mr. Lloyd George says "militant methods"; but is it really militancy which has made the difference? Is it militancy which has converted the Trish Party into a solid hostile group? Is it it would be a year ago; that was due to the "wild, | the Irish Party into a solid hostile group? Is it |

militancy which has split up the advocates of Woman Suffrage in the House into three parties, one of which supports adult suffrage, another the Nor-wegian Amendment, and the third the Conciliation Bill proposals?

What is the Cause?

Mr. Lloyd George and every politician who faces facts knows that it is nothing of the kind. He knows facts knows that it is nothing of the kind. He knows that the attitude of the Irish is dictated solely by party exigency, that they will vote when the time comes not on the merits of Woman Suffrage, not on the merits of militancy, but solely with the object of retaining the Liberal Party in power; and that if they think that any Woman Suffrage amendment is likely to be carried they will vote against it, lest haply they should cause the resignation of Mr. haply they should cause the resignation of Mr. Asquith and the break up of the Coalition. As to the divergent views upon the number of women who ought to be enfranchised at one stroke, Mr. Lloyd George knows quite well that these existed before militant methods were commenced, and that if militant methods were to cease to-morrow they would still exist precisely as they do to-day.

Divide et Impera

The craft and cunning of Mr. Lloyd George are only equalled by the sublimity of his "cheek" and the gullibility of the public. In face of Mr. Lloyd George's pious utterances it is really difficult for people to remember what Mr. Lloyd George actually

did. He found the Suffrage forces outside the House united and at peace, the militant lion lying down with the constitutional lamb. He found the Suffrage forces outside the House of Commons as an independent party.

The found the Suffrage forces outside the House of the Labour Party to fulfil its mission in the House of Commons as an independent party.

The political répertoire of a Cabinet Minister when opening a hall in the interests of a Wesleyan Mission.

When is a Riot Not a Riot? forces inside the House concentrating on a simpl proposal—the Conciliation Bill—on which an over-whelming majority of the House of Commons was agreed. He deliberately torpedoed this compromise, and substituted the Franchise Bill with its trio of and substituted the Franchise Bin what is also divergent amendments. At the same time he struck a wedge between militant and constitutional Suffragists, and was the author of all the consequences which have followed. What a mockery it is that this wrecker poses as a Woman Suffragist, and that he has the audacity to urge upon us a unity which he has himself deliberately destroyed!

Sir John Simon

Another member of the Government in the person of Sir John Simon, the Solicitor-General, has als been speaking on the question of the Franchise Bill, and the "Parliamentary opportunity created by it."
At the Woman Suffrage Conference on Wednesday he followed almost precisely the same line as Mr. Lloyd George, and said he saw no reason why, if the Woman Suffrage cause was effectively led during

The House of Commons Time Table

Meanwhile there are grave doubts whether the Franchise Bill will be proceeded with at all. The Parliamentary Correspondent of the Westminster Gazette, in an important article on Wednesday afternoon, states that the Government "hope to carry the Franchise Bill after the Irish and Welsh Bills have been disposed of." He adds that this cannot be till the end of January, and therefore that the Franchise Bill cannot at the earliest be dealt with until the beginning of February. At the same time, he gives a positive assurance that the Session will not last on until "supply" is set up a second time. That means that the first week in February is the latest as well as the earliest time at which the Franchise Bill must be disposed of, if it is to fall within the provisions of the Parliament Act. Is this semi-official pronouncement a preliminary to a statement that the Bill is going to be dropped ?

London and other parts of the country were startled on Thursday in last week by the news that a large number of pillar-boxes had been tampered with, and that many letters had been destroyed beyond recognition, and in consequence could not be delivered. This was followed on Friday and again on subsequent days by news of similar attacks in other places. Up to the present none of the perpetra-tors have been caught, but the actions are generally attributed to Suffragettes in view of the fact that on occasions Woman Suffrage pioneers hav admitted to similar actions, and that in some of the present instances Suffrage literature has been found ttached to bottles which have done the damage. Our comment upon this latest development of militancy will be found in the leading article (page 152).

Miss Gladys Evans

It is with the gravest concern that we learn of the serious condition of Miss Gladys Evans. She is told that if she goes beyond the police district of Dublin without giving notice to the police she will be instantly re-arrested; and our readers know, as well as the Government knows, that, as a released political offender, she will strenuously refuse to onform to the regulations applicable to a ticket-of conform to the regulations applicable to a trace-of-leave convict. It is not surprising that the strain of all she has gone through, coupled with a perpetual sense of being watched, is having a very grave effect upon her health; and she is further suffering terribly from insomnia. We have no words with which to condemn a Government that can stoop to the employment of such brutal methods in fighting a political nent who, they know full well, will not yield

Mr. Lloyd George and Mr. Lansbury

The true character of Mr. Lloyd George may per-The true enaracter of Mr. Lloyd George may perhaps be gathered from a remark which he let slip at Aberdeen. Speaking of the Bow and Bromley election, he said, "Blair was my candidate." That is to say, in this election, fought largely on Woman Suffrage, Mr. Lloyd George preferred the return of the Anti-Suffragist Conservative to the Suffragist Labour man. The excuse he gave for his choice, viz., that Mr. Lansbury was opposed to the Insurance Act, does not admit of examination, for it will be found that Blair was very nearly, if not quite, as denunciatory of it as his opponent. In addition to Mr. Lloyd George the Labour Party and Mr.

Mr. Lloyd George in Scotland

The Chancellor of the Exchequer went to Aberdeen under the customary police escort, last Friday, and made the usual guarded speech in a guarded hall that made the usual guarded speech in a guarded that that we have now learnt to associate with the few public appearances of our Cabinet Ministers. Three women Suffragists, however, contrived to conceal themselves in the hall where the meeting took place; another broke the window of the car in which Mr. Lloyd George was believed to be driving; and a fifth the street with a white converse when the mistock for the women themselves, there was no commotion in the streets. This may be sound law, but in our view the difference between the window street with a white converse when the mistock for the control of the women themselves, there was no commotion in the streets. This may be sound law, but in our view the difference between the window street with a white converse when the mistock for the control of the women themselves, there was no commotion in the streets. This may be sound law, but in our view the difference between the window street with a white a white the control of the women themselves, there was no commotion in the streets. This may be sound law, but in our view the difference between the window street with a white a white a white a white with the control of the women themselves, there was no commotion." Mr. Justice Bucknill a control of the women themselves, there was no commotion in the streets. This may be sound law, but in our view the difference between the window street with the women and the control of the women themselves, there was no commotion in the streets. This may be sound law, but in our view the difference between the window street with the record in the matter of disguises. All were arrested and brought up at Aberdeen Police Court, and an account of the subsequent proceedings will be found on page 149. In spite of the most elaborate

The Smithles-Taylor Case efforts to secure a dumb audience, several men uttered protests during the meeting against the exclusion of women from the franchise, and were ejected with followed almost precisely the same line as Mr. Lloyd George's meeting at women from the franchise, and were ejected with the Woman Suffrage cause was effectively led during the worm Suffrage cause was effectively led during the next few weeks, it should not triumph in the Committee Stege of the Bill. We will only ask Sir John Simon one question. Can he show us by the elements of political arithmetic any one of the three Suffrage amendments which in view of the hostility of the Irish Party can command a majority in the House? If he cannot show this, it is of no use telling us that which we know to be incorrect.

women from the franchise, and were ejected with violence. The Chancellor, having passed the night in a house patrolled by police, journeyed south via Dundee and Kirkealdy, and was approached at every stopping-place by militant Suffragists, whom his guards instantly hustled out of hearing. At Stone-haven, a bridal party that three old shoes after his train, were nearly arrested en bloc. It is perhaps worth noticing that Mr. Churchill, speaking at the Eighty Club on Friday, referred to "this peaceful country."

the Aingsway Hall to-day (Friday); but, according to a morning paper, "in view of the possibility of Suffragist interruption, he does not intend to make a speech." Dumb Crambo is a very good game in its place, as the approach of Christmas reminds us; but it does not seem to us to figure very appropriately in length of the hatchet charge against Mrs. Leigh has been postponed to Tuesday next, December 10.

An important decision was given on Thursday in last week in a civil case between two insurance companies relating to the window-breaking raid of last March, in which the point turned on whether the circumstances amounted to what might be called a "Riot or Civil Commotion." Mr. Justice Bucknill struck with a whip someone whom she mistook for the Chancellor disguised as a Baptist minister, a not unnatural mistake, in view of Mr. George's past record in the matter of disguises. All were

Muzzled! By Order of the Suffragettes

Mr. Walter Runciman, M.P., President of the Board of Agriculture, is to preside at the opening of the Kingsway Hall to-day (Friday); but, according the Kingsway Hall to-day (Friday); but, according

WHY WOMEN WANT THE VOTE

To Raise the Status and Defend the Honour of Womanhood—For the Sake of the Welfare of the Community

Women who look life in the face are appalled by the defacement of present-day civilisation. They see on every side the strongest evidences that all is not What they mean, if they only knew it, is, "You the defacement of present-day civilisation. They see on every side the strongest evidences that all is not well with the human family. They are confronted with the problems of prostitution, immorality, disease, crippledom, epilepsy, and feeble-mindedness, and they know that these and other evils are bred of women's subjection.

Hariament. What they mean, if they only knew it, is, "You cannot change human nature by penal laws and rigorous punishments." Women found that out centuries ago in that oldest of schools and training grounds—the nursery.

Mothers and teachers could have told law-makers that the taugh human nature by penal laws and rigorous punishments."

raise the status of woman to one of human equality with man. The insulting denial to women of the rights of citizenship stamps them as beings of a lower order, made for the use or the pleasure of the rulers of the community. It stereotypes their position as the creatures and not the fellows of men, and lowers the standards of honour and morality as between the

two sexes.

Women want the vote that they may raise the status and defend the honour of womanhood. They want the power to protect the bodies of women so that the very source and channel of human life and health and evolution may be kept pure and untainted.

Moreover, women want the vote that they may cooperate on equal terms with men in shaping the conditions under which the children of the human family are to be born, and the world in which they are to grow up. They want the vote in order that they may bring their point of view and their motherwit and mother-wisdom to bear on problems that have baffled the male half of the community for centuries, so that men and women together may make a united so that men and women together may make a united and determined attack upon evils that are poisoning the very roots of the health of the community.

The White Slave Traffic, of which we have heard so much of late, is a part of a much greater evil which men, at various periods of the world's history, have tried in vain to subdue. The White Slave Traffic itself is one of the most obvious effects of women's subjection. The very name is an admission of the

No emancipated class, no members of a self-governing commonwealth, could be the victims of such infamous barter. Nothing is heard of the White Slave Traffic in New Zealand and Australia, where

If the House of Commons were to emancipate the If the House of Commons were to emancipate the women of this country, a far greater blow would be dealt to the system of White Slavery than could be inflicted by any lash which may fall upon the back of a scapegoat "commercial traveller" in the trade. Closely allied to the White Slave Traffic is the

whole problem of prostitution, with its attendant, far-spreading evils of disease, degeneration, and

Ramsay Macdonald have been dealing out criticism and abuse of Mr. Lansbury, to which a dignified to stamp out social evil, men have fallen back on the

The only way to touch the root of the matter is to aise the status of woman to one of human equality that induce evil and by removing the causes that

engender it.

That is what women are telling male legislators to-day in countries where they are allowed to speak by means of the vote—the only voice to which male legislators listen.

There the problem of prostitution is being dealt with with some success at last, because the whole community is dealing with it, by constructive legislation.

Penal legislation can kill prostitution as a profit able commercial enterprise yielding large profits to its shareholders; but prostitution as an alternative to starvation, or as a refuge from grinding drudgery, or as a result of helplessness and fear must be dealt with by constructive legislation.

First and foremost in efficacy would be the passage of a law giving Votes to Women. For this would raise in women a sense of greater respect for themselves, and in men a new respect for womanhood.

Very necessary also are laws to check the sweating of women, to improve the conditions of their industrial life, and to give to the wife and mother some financial security and independence. Such laws are much more likely to receive serious consideration after women have obtained the vote.

Laws affecting the reform of our administrative system would have an immediate bearing upon the problem. The appointment of women as Poor Law Guardians, the inclusion of women as members of the Police Force, the concession to women of the right to serve on juries, would go far in combatting the evil.

From time to time in the pages of Votes for

to serve on juries, would go far in comparing the evil.

From time to time in the pages of VOTES FOR WOMEN we shall deal further with the necessity of this kind of constructive legislation. We shall tell the story of how these laws are being carried out in other lands, and we shall trace their results.

Meanwhile, we ask the thoughtful consideration of these matters on the part of every reader of this Paper. Especially we ask every woman to re-read and ponder over the two reasons given above for the determined struggle which women in this country are making to obtain the vote.

For to grasp the whole significance of these two reasons is to understand what is puzzling millions of people at the present time.

What is religion if it is not manifested in supreme ove for the human race and devotion to its welfare

Emmeline Pethick Lawrence.

"WOMEN CAN'T FIGHT"

By Henry W. Nevinson

womanhood. The feet of working peasants, whether womannood. The feet of working peasants, whether men or women, are not white. Girls labouring in the field are much too busy to laugh, and probably they have better things to do than jumping on the peasants, whether and only a Government receipt on a bit of paper given in exchange. A terrible loss! But still the loss of the men counts for something, too.

One cannot say what the war will cost the country. they have better things to do than jumping on grapes. Besides, in the Italy of ancient Rome, as in nearly all countries of the present day, there would not be anything in the least unusual in women doing the heavy work, whether in fields or workshops. That has always been their part in what is called the division of labour, men naturally allotting to themselves the more interesting and casual task of

It is so to-day in Central Africa, Eastern Europe, and most other countries I have known, even where for bloodshed from his cradle to his grave without once fulfilling his natural function of protecting feminine weakness. In the Balkans it is certainly so. drink, warmth, and similar bodily needs. But, after teminine weakness. In the Balkans it is certainly so. I have seen all the Montenegrin men, for instance, swaggering about all day with their rifles, embroidered raiment, and silver accourtements—the decorated, if not decorative, sex—waiting for the war that was more than thirty years in coming, while the women ploughed the fields, tended the goats, carried the petroleum tins of water, and, harnessed to carts beside an ox or dog, slithered through the mud, far from laughing, and with feed through the mud, far from laughing, and with feed through the mud, far from laughing, and with feed through the mud, far from laughing, and with feed through the mud, far from laughing, and with feed through the mud, far from laughing, and with feed through the mud, far from laughing, and with feed through the mud, far from laughing, and with feed through the mud, far from laughing, and with feed the campaign a man may be. No lists of the

But though Macaulay was a incapable of seeing reality as any modern "Anti," those lines of his kept running in my head, like a silly tune, while I watched the armies mustering in Bulgaria during the first week of October. Here was a country actually depleted of its men before my eyes. All the men between twenty and fifty were already enrolled. The first line—"the line" proper, the men between twenty and thirty, let us say—were already with their regiments on the frontier. The Reserves of rather older men were joining them rapidly, marching out through the capital in battalions by thousands a day. They marched in any scraps of uniform they could get, or in their peasant clothes, with great-coat, water-bottle, and bits of sacks tied by string about them. They marched in the pointed, peasant sandals, lashed to goats'-hair stockings by eather thongs. Flowers were stuck in the muzzles of their rifles, and in their furry caps. Beside most of them marched the women, carrying bundles of pro-visions—sausages, leeks, live fowls, and fragments of the family pig or calf. So the women marched to the station, or up into the mountains as far as they ere allowed, determined to see the last of their men were allowed, determined to see the last of their men, and to give them something to cheer a man's heart in addition to the army rations of bread and soup for at least a day or two. Now and then, a woman or girl who was not marching would step out from the silent crowd that lined the road, and throw her the silent crowd that lined the road, and throw her arms round the neck of some officer, or some man among the fours. No one laughed. All knew how bitter and how solemn the moment was. An army of the people, a nation's manhood was going to battle. There was hardly a man among them who was not leaving someone behind. There was hardly a woman who was not left. Of those men marching to the front at least twenty thousand will never come back again; at least, eighty thousand are now coming back

Since then, the mere boys of sixteen have been called up for service. They can at least fetch and carry. They can stand with rifle and fixed bayonets carry. They can stand with rifle and fixed bayonets to guard the railway bridges in the rear of the advance. The men from fifty to sixty, and even up to seventy-five—they, too, can make themselves useful. They can guide the innumerable ox-carts that crowd in unceasing procession along the terrible roads, carrying bread, cartridges, and even heavy guns to the front, and bringing the loads of wounded jolting back. So it is that, at this moment, very nearly all the men of the nation are engaged in one service of war or another, and it falls upon the women to carry on the ordinary work of life. women to carry on the ordinary work of life.

The Woman's Burden

In one of his rhetorical "Lays of Ancient Rome,"
Macaulay described a country depleted of men because they had all gone to war. "And in the vats of Luna," he sang:

And in the vats of Luna,
This year, the must shall foam
Round the white feet of laughing girls
Whose sires have marched to Rome.

It is all false. The white feet and the laughing girls
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whose sires have marched to Rome. are merely parts of the Early-Victorian myth of moroduce brought to market. Thousands on thou womanhood. The feet of working peasants, whether

> There will not be much indemnity, for Turkey is pretty nearly wiped out, and Turkey never pays. But, in any case, in one form or another the main loss will fall upon the families; that is, upon the women. The cost of provisions, clothes, and the few So will taxation. And the buying power of money will go down. Every family will have to stint itself, and it is the woman who always does the stinting. That is one of the reasons why the woman's place is

the home.

The Burden of Uncertainty I have kept strictly to what is called the material or practical side of the matter—the side of meat, through the mud, far from laughing, and with feet anything but white.

When the Men Go

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When the Men Go for the trains to pass—waiting in hopes of news about a father, husband, brother, or someone else they like. Hour after hour they stand. Some make soup ready for every train that lumbers up, on the chance he may be in it. Some wait through the night as well as day. They sleep on the platforms, or on the tiled floors of the waiting-rooms.

Woe to the Conquered

We to the Conquered

If these things are done in the victorious country, what of the country whose armies are defeated and driven back in panic rout? Take the suffering at its lowest. On entering the Turkish town of Mustapha Pasha, two other correspondents and I pitched in a harem. Do not be alarmed. It was empty, painfully empty. All the Turkish women, all the Turkish families in the town had fled, carrying with them the scraps of things that could be carried. Hardly had they gone when every house was pillaged. We found the rived little new house that Turkish writing flow. the nice little new house that a Turkish retired officer had built for his wife and three children stripped of every stick. Carpets, hangings, divans, furniture, cooking things—all were gone. Nothing remained but the bare mud walls and the bare mud floor. We lived there some weeks, gradually burning for firewood all that would burn, except the house itself. Fences, clothes-props, doors, lattice, garden trees-everything went. To what a ruin that Turkish wife will return if she ever returns! And that sort of thing happens in every village or town that a foreign army enters. I know it is "against the rules of war." That makes no difference. It happens, and it is the best that happens.

For miles south and east of that town, almost

For miles south and east of that town, almost every village was in flames, or smoked with blackened, empty walls. But I have not space to speak of the worst that happens in war, nor could it be described. The things that have been done during this few weeks' war by Turks before they fled, by the invading armies, and by neighbours venting the cherished hatred of generations, will never be known. No one will ever describe them truly—the pillage, the murders, the child-slaying, the violations. I who know Turkey and her empittered races rather well. know Turkey and her embittered races rather well, can imagine no more infernal scenes, and I know that in all of them it must necessarily be the women who have suffered most. But women are to have no vote, no voice in the crisis of peace or war, no word as to the life or death of themselves and their children, no decision where their own honour is at stake!

I do not mean they would always decide for peace.

I am convinced the Bulgarian women were ready to risk everything rather than allow the Turkish domination to continue. But that women should have The Woman's Burden

As I have said, this extra burden would not be so much noticed in the Balkans as in England. I don't know what proportion of Englishwomen keep them selves or add to the family income by paid work

The Woman's Burden

ovoice in their own destiny "because they cannot fight!" Lord Curzon, Mr. St. Loe Strachey, and all the "Anti's," except Mr. Belloc, tell us so. No doubt they are all honourable men, but of one thing they seem to me entirely ignorant, and that is war.

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THE ATTACK ON THE PILLAR-BOXES

Since last Friday the papers have devoted many columns to accounts of the attack upon pillar-boxes, which seems to have been wide-spread both in London and its suburbs, in Dublin, and the great Midhand cities and towns, and to have continued up to Tuesday night.

In London the attack was mainly concentrated last Thursday night on the City, when it is said that acid was dropped into pillar boxes in Threadneedle Street, Moorgate Street, Moorfields, Mansion House, Throgmorton Street, Queen Victoria Street, Drapers' Gardens, Finsbury Circus, Holborn Viaduet, Angel Court, Coleman Street, Gracechurch Street, Stock Exchange, Mark Lane, Copthall Avenue, Swan Alley, King Street. One estimate said that about 1,500 letters and packages were reported from the local offices as damaged.

At the same time pillar-boxes in the West End and the suburbs of Wimbledon, Islington, and elsewhere were also dealt with. Those in Berkeley Square, Hill Street, Bond Street, and Brook Street had corrosive fluid poured into them. In some cases rags soaked in parafilm were found in the pillar-box.

In other cases exposure to the air appears to have generated fire, and it is reported that sorters were startled by seeing at blue flame rising from the letters.

A report which has been since contradicted said that and smoke were also seen coming from a pillar-box opposite the General Post Office.

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A Post Office Statement

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The Times and other papers published on Friday the following statement by an official of the General Post Office: "Most of the letters brought in from the boxes about which we got the earliest complaints have been forwarded to the addresses after being enclosed in special wrappers, with a covering note as to the cause of the delay and damage to contents. The investigation into the crimes must necesthe delay and damage to contents. The investigation into the crimes must necessarily be left to the City and Metropolitan Police, as it is outside the scope of the departmental staff. In certain cases an analysis of the stuff put in the pillar-boxes will, no doubt, be made. Much of the material is something like printer's ink, but more fluid and very glutinous and evil-smelling."



Notingham and overded their way south, west and east, the area covered being about four miles from north to sorth an about four miles from north to sorth the sorth the sorth that sorth the sorth the sorth that sorth the sorth the sorth that sorth the sorth the sorth that sorth the

prison and keep them there, despite hunger strikes."

PRESS OPINIONS.

Obviously this is a matter that concerns the public very closely. If we cannot rely on the safety of the correspondence entrusted to the familiar letter-box all confidence in the Post Office vanishes.—The Daily Sketch.

Public patience is exhausted, and the Government does nothing.—The Globe.

Choosing Stock Exchange "Pay Day" for the fell work was not a bad iden—from their point of view.—The Financier and Bullionist.

Was it not a distinguished member of the chemical parcels post as a means of getting rid of troublesome autocrats? The advanced guard of the militant suffrage movement, the petticoated Bashi-Bazouks, have at any rate, adopted this expectation.

The Daily Sketch of the correspondence and builtonist.

AN IRISH VIEW

Until quite recently, says the Dublin Express in a leading article, "the average Irishman regarded the question of the same way—we say it with all due reserve—as he regarded the coming of the Last Day—that is, with the fairly comfortable assurance that it would not, at any rate, happen in his time. Under those circumstances he was disposed to look upon the matter with a lenient—nay, we might say almost with a sympathetic—eye. But of late his equanimity has been rudely shaken. On coming down to breakfast in the morning he finds his correspondence stained, discoloured, rendered almost illegible by compounds which have been poured on it during the night. On making inquiries, he learns that this is the work of Suffragettes, or, as they prefer to be called, Suffragists. . This is a state of affairs which gives one furiously to think. ""

SUFFRAGISTS IN DUBLIN

A NEW MILITANT MANIFESTATION

MR. REDMOND HECKLED

REX v. PETHICK LAWRENCE AND OTHERS

WORDS NOT DEEDS!

Mr. Lloyd George At Home and On Tour

VOTES FOR WOMEN.

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Mr. Lapy Georgie At Home and on Tour

When Jack Jones and Jones and

The Newest Novelty

CHILDREN'S

Redroom or House Wear

THE FAMOUS

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ffragists have not forgotten how Mr. Joh s, as President of the Local Government Board Burns, as President of the Local Government Board, visited a school and exhorted the boys to be brave and courageous and to learn a trade which would make them independent, and how he told the girls that their duty in life was to cultivate self-sacrifice and to make other people happy It would almost seem that the same spirit actuated Mr. Alfred H. Miles when he edited a volume of stories for boys under the title, "In the Lion's Mouth," and an equally fat volume of stories for girls as "Where Duty Calls" (both published by Stanley Paul, 5s.). A strange delusion seems to influence people whose thoughts run in this groove; they imagine, one can only suppose, that boys and girls inhabit two entirely separate parts of the globe, and that they never meet, or that if they do it is only on the emotional plane. Here are extracts from the two prefatory notes, over the same signature, to these

We all know the lion's mouth, and we commonly smile then we see our fellows walking straight into it.

("What uncommonly nice fellows you must be," we cannot resist saying incidentally! We should have thought the smile was more appropriate on the face of the lion.) Now take the opening words of the preface to the girls' book:—

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Oh, Aunt Bella, how could I ever have fancied myself love with him, or thought him handsome?

e made a desperate effort to appear at ease in my society he girl is seventeen and the man twice her age], but his kily attempts at gallantry filled me with disgust. I am raid I showed something of my feeling in my face, for a turned away intensely mortified.

In her moralisings on the man in question the author of this story, Isabel Vernon, has previously remarked: "I have sometimes thought, when I have remarked: "I have sometimes thought, when I have seen two or three young girls using every effort to attract the notice of some desirable but indifferent Adonis, if they only knew the worth of a little judicious letting alone they would practise it oftener. Men who respect themselves seldom marry women they do not respect, and they never respect girls who boldly seek their society." And this is not a "Guide to Marriage," but a book of stories for girls published at the end of 1912!

NEW BOOKS FOR CHILDREN

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The remarkable drawings of little Daphne Allen, recently on view in London, and published under the title of "A Child's Visions" (George Allen, 6s. net), will make a charming present for a child with artistic gifts. Mr. Lewis Hind says in an introductory note that before she was twelve "Daphne had made thousands of drawings. . . No one can look at the range of illustrations in this book without a feeling of astonishment that they should have been produced by a child." Any little girl who draws, and finds this fascinating book among her Christmas presents will be fortunate indeed.

Whether or not, from the strictly technical point of view, it is high commendation to say that a photograph does not look like a photograph, but like a very dainty pencil drawing, we do not know. At any rate, nothing more pleasingly unlike the ordinary photograph has come our way than the charming illustrations by Carine and Will Cadby to "A Child's Day" (Constable, 5s. net). The work of these artists is already well-known to lovers of beautiful pictures, and for the sake of the pictures we can forgive the printing of the rhymes (by Walter de la Mare) on dark grey paper, which, while it forms a suitable background for the illustrations, is somewhat trying for print. We should like to see "A Little Boy's Day" illustrated by the same artists. Would his pre-occupations also consist of the duties of the toilet, making daisy-chains, dressing up, and—stealing the ginger? We wonder.

It is a pity that the text of "The Dutch Twins" (Constable, 3s. 6d. net) was not carefully edited before publication on this side of the Atlantic, because in these days children are so very critical! And such a sentence as "When she was all through, it was still quite early in the morning, because they

before publication of the because in these days children are so very critical! And such a sentence as "When she was all through, it was still quite early in the morning, because they had gotten up with the sun," is calculated to puzzle he young reader, who will, however, probably overook it in the delights of following Kit and Kathrough their simple adventures, and in looking at the quaint pictures of these fascinating little Dutch beople. Lucy Fitch Perkins, as both author and llustrator, has succeeded in giving us a delightful oook. She has kept the balance between the boy and girl very carefully, too (evidently she knew that her book would have to pass the stern test of the Suffragist reviewer!), and we knew of no little boy or girl whose fingers would not itch to write his or rer name in the space on the page where there is a drawing of the twins holding up a tablet with the words: "This book belongs to......."

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"The Dreamer"

"The Dreamer," described as a poetic drama of the life of Joseph, by Mrs. Percy Dearmer, was produced for the first time on Friday last in the King's Hall Theatre. One is so often told that this is a materialistic and a sordid age both by laymen and clergy that there is grave danger lest we accept this without question, and so fail to see those signs of the times which point in quite another direction. "The Dreamer" is one of these signs, so is "Eager Heart," and so are other players, and the Morality Play Society. These and many other plays are proof that men and women to-day cannot live by that which in drama shows only the material and obvious side of life; they are proof of the hunger for real and spiritual life in which it is the province of art to lead, in music, in colours, in form, and in rhythnic movement.

In "The Dreamer" we have in drama all these artistic forms calling us to the revelation of the spiritual life as it is understood by those who dream the almost inarticulate realisation of the presence and voice of God and the natural human fear of the consciousness of immensities only dimly understood. We see as the play develops the jealousy, the impotent rage, the ornel harred always meted out to those, however humble, who are consciouses of immensities only dimly understood. We see as the play develops the jealousy, the impotent rage, the ornel harred always meted out to those, however humble, who are consciouses of immensities only dimly understood. We see as the play develops the jealousy, the impotent rage, the ornel harred always meted out to those, however humble, who are consciouses of immensities only dimly understood. We see as the play develops the jealousy, the impotent rage, the ornel harred always meted out to those, however humble, who are conscious of an injure making triumphant over Hz senence.

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opamin was delightful.

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re rehearsing; it was unusual, and expressive of

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if the dancers were very recent recruits, as they watched the others too carefully, and were even then a little out of time.

The second dance, before the Pharaoh, was much more spontaneous, but it was more ordinary, one seemed to have seen the movements often before, which of course always happens when any one technique is very closely followed. I think, too, that in both cases the dancers were a little cramped for room. This applies to the actors, too; several times I thought the stage too crowded, and that a better effect would have been attained by an emptier stage. I am not going to say the production was influenced by Reinhardt, because I am told it was not, and I can well believe that many effects which to-day are becoming quite usual on the stage are part of a quite unconscious similarity of taste which finds the same sort of expression quite natural. When our houses, our gardens, our dress have so entirely left early Victorian standards of taste behind, the stage is bound to be influenced in the same direction, and so we get space, clear outline, and an effect of air and sunlight on the stage, as we do in our homes, instead of walled in stuffiness, plush furniture, and endless, tiresome accessories. And there is more chance for the action of the play and the genius of the actors, as there is more room for the life of the family in the home. Altogether Mrs. Dearmer is to be congratulated on the production as well as on the writing of the play.

Mr. Wilkinson's Widow

Mr. Wilkinson's Widow

I like to hear you men prate of our "womanly delicacy"
—as if you valued it so highly. . . . A lot of delicacy
the Sedleys and Etheredges of the world leave us!

In the course of the argument Griffin urges that a woman's true vocation (they said it in 1661 and they are saying it still!) is to be the wife of a good man, and to bear him a hopeful and healthful progeny. But Mr. Burt, Margaret replies, who plays Othello, does it no worse because he has to be father and mother too to his numerous children! She adds: "Tis very bitter to me to think that through my failure I may have kept my sex off the stage for centuries—if not for ever."

Left alone, she sleeps, and there appear to her the

TWO NOVELS

"Mrs. Lancelot" (Macmillan, 6s.) is a story dealing with the early part of the eighteenth century, written in Mr. Maurice Hewlett's delicate style. He calls it a comedy of assumptions—for the gentle heroine marries the man "assumed" by her family to be the right person; and later on she is "assumed," quite wrongly, to be the mistress of the Great Man of the story. In the end-comes a reaction, and she breaks away from all these "assumptions" and makes a path for herself of which we are shown only the flowers and not the inevitable thorns. The story of the heroine is typical of the social crisis of a period when old accepted ideas were just beginning to be questioned, and the new spirit of enquiry and revolt was arising. It is unnecessary to add, regarding a book by Mr. Hewlett, that the setting of his story is vivid and attractive.

Another book, by Richard Dehan, the author of "The Dop Doctor," has been eagerly awaited. "Between Two Thieves" (Heinemann, 6s.), stirring and strong as it is, may be a disappointment to many. Perhaps it loses in effect because it deals with a more remote period than that which formed the background of the earlier book; perhaps it is too long; perhaps it is only that one resents an imaginary story woven round the revered figures of Florence Nightingale and Henri Durant, the founder of the Red Cross. At any rate, it is encumbered with unnecessary characters, although the main thread concerns the influence of a good and a bad woman in the hero's life. We get glimpses of the "Lady with the Lamp" at work in London, or militant in the Crimea, and she forms in her purity and unselfishness a striking contrast to the self-seeking and pettiness of the other woman, who first drew the hero from the high ideals of his boyhood.

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WHO ARE THE PILLAR-BOX CULPRITS?

During the past week the Community has been startled and angered by an attack upon one of the most important arteries of its daily existence. The work themselves out that the ignorant and the postal system has by universal usage become so much | shallow often fail to trace the connection between a part of modern civilisation that its regularity and cause and effect. The man who breaks with the moral inviolability have been taken for granted. It has traditions of his childhood is often surprised to find seemed almost as unlikely that letters posted would | that he can do so with great pleasure to himself, and not be delivered as that night would not follow day | that the maxims he has been taught seem to be conor that the tides would cease to ebb and flow.

ance a bombshell has suddenly been cast. Pillarboxes have been tampered with in such a way that his Parliament took up arms against him. The letters have been destroyed or their addresses ren- British Ministers frankly trampled on the rights of dered indecipherable; and this has been done on a the American Colonists for a long time before they scale which suggests preconcerted arrangement, or at rose in rebellion. And instances without number any rate a common impulse actuating a number of people simultaneously. Moreover, not only has this occurred once, but several times, and as none of this occurred once, but several times, and as none of the perpetrators has been caught there is no certainty that it will not occur again, perhaps on many other countries and at other times. The women have occasions. The public are therefore eagerly demand- not gathered themselves together and encamped in ing that the offenders be brought to punishment, and | battle array upon Primrose Hill, because to take that a stop may be put to this derangement of public | such a course, in view of modern conditions, would affairs. Will they succeed in these endeavours?

The answer to this question lies deeper than many who ask it understand. We must first realise the delicate balance of forces which civilisation implies. The essence of all human society is mutual helpfulness and the mutual abstention from acts of unfriendliness. Though average morality, as established by human custom regulated by human law and enforced by public opinion and the combined force of the Community, may not reach the heights demanded by religious teachers, it has nevertheless a about the disintegration of the whole social fabric.

Under ordinary circumstances the only persons are the so-called criminal classes—the persons who in | port them and their leaders to some lonely island in consequence of their misery, their selfishness, their | the Pacific half-wittedness, or their lack of education, care nant-high reservation of the civilised State.

Description of the civilised State.

Description of the preservation of the civilised state. But this is not the case in the present instance. No! Such a prescription for the disorders Judging by previous occasions we know that the Community does not provide a remedy, for the women who have tampered with the pillar-boxes are simple reason that the diagnosis is at fault; it has women of character, of education, and of steady and mistaken a symptom for the disease. There is only confirmed purpose. It is quite useless for anyone to discuss whether the action itself is criminal or morally wrong, because it is evident that the women who have committed it do not hold this view. In their opinion the outrage committed against them in the prime Minister and his Cabinet act justly; let them listen to the voice of the people when constitutionally expressed, let them abandon coercion and admit women to a share in the control of the country. In this way, and in this way alone, will the present advanced to the holds residue of the hold withholding from them by dishonest means the Par- disorder of the body politic be healed and the wellliamentary vote, after a duly expressed constitu- being of the people of the country be restored.

tional agitation, has freed them from the binding moral force of the observances of civilisat

Herein lies the root of the matter. From the commencement of his public life Mr Asquith has proceeded on the assumption that women did not count as human beings. The great maxim, "No taxation without representation," was in his opinion only applicable to men. If a woman claimed the right to share in making the laws she was called on to obey, her voice was to be silenced and her claim ignored. When a deputation of women, including some of the most honoured names in the community, asked him to receive them, he had them driven back with blows by the police. Mr. Lloyd George has aided and abetted Mr. Asquith by adding dishonesty to contemptuous disregard. Between them they hatched the plot of 'torpedoing" the Conciliation Bill, on which women had built their hopes for two years, and for which Mr. Asquith had promised a fair field and no favour in the Session of 1912.

By these actions Mr. Asquith and Mr. Lloyd George said in effect to women, "We care nothing for the justice of your demand, we care nothing that it is supported by every organised body of women, by lmost every County Council and Municipal Body throughout the country, and that it commends itself o the good sense of the people as a whole. You are weak and can be trampled upon; we do not recognise any obligations towards you!" They thus frankly broke the fundamental laws of civilisation; and the Community in allowing them to take up this attitude with impunity endorsed their action.

spicuously falsified by the event; it is not till years or that the tides would cease to ebb and flow.

Into this regular and comfortable state of assurSo it is in the world of public life. King Charles I.

have been to court instant defeat; but they have adopted a far more effectual modern equivalent. They have struck a blow at civilisation from within, and by this means they have partially succeeded in putting its complicated machinery out of gear.

Very many suggestions have been made as to how these attacks can be brought to an end. It has been proposed that every pillar-box and post-office in the land shall be watched day and night by a member of the police force; it has been proposed that any woman actually caught in this or any other attack upon property shall be dealt with as a lunatic or minimum below which it cannot go without bringing if she hunger strikes she shall be allowed to die; it treated with exceptional severity in prison, and that has been proposed that new laws shall be passed. permitting flogging of these women, that other laws who infringe the established laws of the community shall be passed giving the authorities power to trans-

Does anyone seriously suppose that such pro-

"THE ONLY WAY"

Extracts from Mr. Lansbury's Speech at the London Opera House on Dec. 2, 1912

DECEMBER 6, 1912.

But the root of the matter is just this, that the Party humbugs did not want the people to realise what the election was about for two reasons. First of all, they feared altogether to let the people—and particularly the people in a place like Bow and Bromley—know that there was a movement in the country which placed the question of the enfranchisement of women right in the forefront. The second reason was that it was to the interests of the Labour Party caucus of the Liberal Party caucus and of Party caucus, of the Liberal Party caucus, and of the Tory Party caucus, to confuse the issue alto-gether and get me beaten if they could, because they the Tory Party caucus, to confuse the issue altogether and get me beater in if they could, because they knew quite well that if a man could get returned independent of the Party caucus, then the Party system would soon be at an end. We have had seven years of something like forty Labour Members in the British Parliament. Can anyone say that those men, of whom I was one, have justified their existence and of whom I was one, have justified their existence as a Party, so far as the poor are concerned? I go back to Bow and Bromely, and I see women toting and sweating there day in and day out. Why should they bother about politics is not going to lift them up out of the slough of deepond in which they are now? The record of the Labour Party in the House of Commons, which they can put before the electors at the next election as the record of forty men, is a pretty poor record indeed. I hope you women who are making such a struggle to emancipatio poil to be streamed and energy you possess to your cause, will use your votes and political power side by side with your weaker sisters down there, and lift them right up, and help them to fight for social emancipation, just as we are all banded together for political emancipation.

I was asked by political men during the election, and by Trades Unionists, why I swung off on the question of Votes for Women, away from the poverty question. I have not done anything of the kind. I never can understand why I should expect another man to live under conditions which I would hate and detest for myself, and I don't understand how any man can expect that any woman who has relaily thought about things, and tried to know about social of the permeation of this epirit, which is finding to the first and energy of the first and the proposed of the permeation of the service of the permeation of the permeation of the man who has through the permeating the perm

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THE "VOTES FOR WOMEN" FELLOWSHIP

By Mrs. Pethick Lawrence

It seems strange to us at times that many and great sacrifices should be exacted in order to win a measure of justice so simple and so logical as the political enfranchisement of women. We think of the strenuous lives of hundreds of women who have given the best years of their existence and have grown old and grey-headed in arduous service to the cause of the emancipation of their sex. We remember the imprisonment of over a thousand women and the anguish of their relatives and friends, the violence, worse than imprisonments, that thousands more, both men and women, have suffered, the stoning and mishandling they have endured from ignorant mobs, hounded on to their work by infuriated party politicians, the brutality with which their protests at public meetings have been met by Liberal stewards — the unforgettable horrors of Black Friday. We

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little over £300, and that the whole of this amount has been forwarded on to him.

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cently in the Morning Post, from which we quote the following verse:—
Then Farewell, Lansbury, a long farewell!
I cannot say we want you back again;
You're rather troublesome, the truth to tell.

Your independence cuts against the You know you never could your conscience



DECEMBER 6, 1912.

reason for giving the vote to men applies equally to women."

Both Mrs. Baillie Reynolds and Mr. Pethick Lawrence gave economic reasons for the faith that was in them, and Mr. Lawrence went on to give political reasons also, winding up with a warning against trusting to amendments to the Reform Bill and against trusting to wolves in sheep's clothing such as Mr. Lloyd George. Mr. Henry W. Nevinson gave twenty-five reasons—a complete Suffragist manual—which we have not space to enumerate here. One of them was particularly apposite: "Because something must be wrong when a man like Lansbury is kept out of Parliament and people like Lloyd George and Ramsay MacDonald rejoice at it."

MR. JOHN MASEFIELD

WHY WRITERS WANT WOMAN SUFFRAGE | been made by the Academic Committee of

this:—
I did not think, I did not strive,
The deep peace burnt by me alive,
The bolted door had broken in,
I knew that I had done with sin,
I knew that Christ had given me birth
To brother all the souls on earth,
And every bird and every beast
Should share the crumbs broke at the feast.

NEWS FROM DENMARK

We hear from our Danish correspondent that the Second Reading of the Bill for Equal Suffrage which is before Parliament will take place on December 10. We shall hope shortly to publish an article on the prospects of the Bill and the Woman's Movement generally in Denmark.

At a meeting of the Women's Christian Temperance Union in Gisborne on Franchise Day, September 19 (the anniversary of the granting of the Franchise to the women of New Zealand), the following resolution was passed: "That the Gisborne branch of the W.C.T.U. is earnestly desirous of seeing the Franchise extended as speedily as possible to our sisters in the Homeland, and would encourage them to continue striving for this by every legitimate means in their power."

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A meeting of the "Joint Committee for Securing the Enfranchisement of Women on Broad and Democratic Lines" was held in the London Opera House on Wednesday, December 4.

The Joint Committee represents members of Parliament, the National Union of Women Suffrage Societies, the Women's Liberal Federation, the National Women's Labour League, the Men's League for Women's Suffrage, the People's Suffrage Federation, the Women's Co-operative Guild, the Scottish Women's Liberal Federation, and the Fabian Society.

Mr. Arthur Henderson, M.P. (Secretary to the Labour Party), presided at the morning session, and divided his speech between an apology for the Government and an appeal for support for an amendment to the "Reform" Bill. After carefully pointing out that in 1910 and 1911 the Conciliation Bill received large majorities with reluctance, and that the minority of fourteen this year should not be taken as final, he proceeded to urge that responsibility rested with those "reluctant" private M.P.'s and not with the Government. A lady in the audience thereupon asked, "How will you get over Irish votes?" and merely received the vague answer that if she would wait the Labour Party would do that also. "The safety of the Government," cleared the Secretary of the Labour Party, "cannot be endangered!" "Why not?" was another query to which no answer was vouely safed. After referring to the "spleidid opportunity" and stating as his opinion that the amendment would be carried, Mr. Henderson was again asked if the Labour Party would turn out the Government should his prophecy prove false. The only answer he had to give was a request to the propose of the present of the present one; he was in the first of the forest of the morning of the morning of the world was the only danger. When, however, one of the militants in the audience tested him by asking in he would not answer that until the time came, and left the meeting without a definite pronouncement of any sting.

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Sir John Simon (Solicitor-General) then moved a resolution calling on the House of Commons to enfranchise women on broad and democratic lines, and that copies should be sent to the Cabinet and Party leaders. He also considered it necessary to devote more than half his speech towards explaining and magnifying the opportunities which the Government had given to women Suffragists with a very long discourse on the "honourable" manner in which Mr. Asquith had kept and would keep to his pledges. He pointed out that whilst a majority for votes for women had been in existence in the House since 1886, no progress was made until the Government came forward (sic) and offered this "grand opportunity." After explaining at some length low Mr. Asquith had kept and would keep to his pledges. He pointed out that whilst a majority for votes for women had been in existence in the House since 1886, no progress was made until the Government came forward (sic) and offered this "grand opportunity." After explaining at some length low Mr. Asquith land kept and would keep to his pledges. He pointed out that whilst a majority for votes for women had been in existence in the House since 1886, no progress was made until the Government came forward (sic) and offered this "grand opportunity." After explaining at some length low Mr. Asquith land were therefore guilty of assault; of the committee of counsel had raised some very material questionards explaining and magnifying the opportunities which the Government had given to women Suffragists with a Sumanner in which Mr. Asquith had kept and would keep to his pledges. He pointed out that whist a majority for votes for women had been in existence in the House since 1886, no progress was made until the Government came forward (sic) and offered this "grand opportunity." After explaining at some length how Mr. Asquith had kept to his pledges, even to the extent of introducing a Franchise Reform, Bill at all, he state-tails, but could only grant opportunities for woman suffrage, and it was bound to be the same with a Conservative Government. His words are notable: "It is another thing to grand opportunities to the House of Commons without tsing any pressure, direct or notable: "It is another thing to group opportunities to the House of Commons without tsing any pressure, direct or notable: "It is another thing to group opportunities to the House of Commons without tsing any pressure, direct or notable: "It is another thing to group opportunities to the House of Commons without tsing any pressure, direct or notable: "It is another thing to group opportunities to the House of Commons without tsing any pressure, direct or notable: "It is another thing to group opportunities to the House of Commons without tsing any pressure, direct or notable: "It is another thing to group opportunities to the House of Commons and not the they repudiate and condemn it. Their appeal was to the House of Commons and not the for ever inserted in the Franchise Bill?" But he confessed that it was he who had actually drafted the Bill.

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Mrs. Harvey herself was absent when this action was taken.

POLICEWOMEN AGAIN!

Last week we mentioned the petition of the San Antonio women for the right to become police-women; and a little while ago we gave some account of the appointment of Mrs. Alice Stebbins Wells, of Los Angeles, to be the first police-woman in the United States. She is now making a tour, we hear, of the Eastern American cities, studying the work that could be done by women police officers. Mrs. Wells, who was at first laughed at when she tried to gain admission to the force, persisted in her demand, showing how much a woman was needed to handle the problems of girl offenders, and especially to combat the White Slave Traffic. The newspapers took up her case at last, and she was finally sworn in as police officer. There are now three women on the Los Angeles police force.

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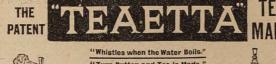
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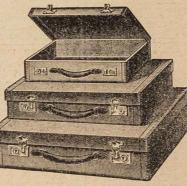
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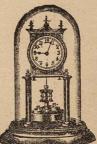


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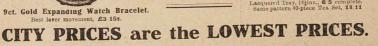


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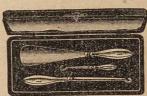


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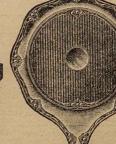




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