

shake the nervous system temporarily, if not permanently, and make it unstable, and what doctors call "movable," and its possessor queer and unreliable and "difficult to do wi'." And I should like to sum up my indictment against women in a few propositions—most regretfully—for no one appreciates their good points more than I do, or have had greater delight in the privilege of knowing specially selected members of the group. Their sense of veracity is on a far lower level than men, and this is, I think, admitted even by themselves. Now by this I don't mean to charge them with deliberate untruthfulness, but only with a certain perverse imaginative twist and desire to magnify their own side of a case in the best possible light. Partly as a result of this is their want of faculty to adhere to an honourable obligation. We all remember the misguided female who darted into the House of Commons after a tacit undertaking to obey the known regulations; and other suffragists who began screaming and interrupting meetings when they had promised to keep quiet, these are only some out of too frequent illustrations of what I mean. Women are essentially insubordinate. They tend to go "agin" all governments, and to rival even the Irish Nationalists in the skill with which they evade rules and regulations; their excuse being that as they have been made by men, they are not incumbent on the other sex who were not consulted at their framing. Women seem inevitably to bring personal considerations into the discussion of larger questions, and appearance, manners, or even dress are apt to sway their opinions one way or another; and Mrs. Jones will not sit on a