

good use of their municipal votes and their municipal seats when they win them, and we shall see about the further extension of the franchise.

The militants say that the vote is *in itself* a badge of citizenship, and for that reason they wish to secure it. Was Dr. Garrett Anderson, lady mayor of Aldburgh, not a citizen, then, because she could not vote for a member of Parliament? Who cares for being a citizen in a part of the law if one can be a citizen in so much of the material fact?

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Women Suffrage in Practice.

It is not as if we had no experience of the woman voter in Parliamentary politics. In Australia the granting of the Parliamentary franchise to women has made no difference either in the composition of parties or in the attitude of the women themselves towards public questions. The women's papers are full of fashion plates and fashion news and stories of fashionable life, just as in former days. They have no political section. And the platform women who helped to secure the last of the franchises, instead of regarding their work as only begun, evidently regard it as finished. Instead of remaining to teach women in the use of their political power, these women's righters have, we are told, emigrated to England to help in smashing windows and baiting ministers.

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Under any conceivable franchise arrangements there must always be large numbers who have not the vote, and no harm done. "No taxation without representation" is a good old motto, but it does not cover the whole ground. If nobody is to pay taxes who does not exercise the vote, or if everybody who pays taxes is to exercise the vote, then every youth who smokes, every girl who uses a pack of cards to tell the fortunes of her friends, or who uses foreign silk or lace, or who drinks tea or has an occasional glass of wine, or a dash of brandy with her "trifle" or plum pudding, must be given the vote; for it is upon tea, excisable liquors, dogs, playing cards, lace, and tobacco that taxes are raised.

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Woman's "Pull."

All that in fairness is required of a representative system is that families and classes shall be broadly embraced by it. To say that women are not represented in Parliament by their husbands, sons, and brothers is nonsense. Men are generous and chivalrous towards women, and the law is outrageously favourable to women. A man's property is his wife's, but her property is her own. She cannot be sued for his debts even if she be wealthy; but he can be sued for hers. She may bring an action against him, and even if she lose he is liable for the costs. She may be a drunkard, unfaithful, an imbecile; but still he is liable for her support and for all the consequences of her misdemeanours.

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Woman Industrially.

"Yes," it may be said, "man is generous and chivalrous to women; but he is not just. A man will give a woman his seat in the tram-car, but