

concrete things that gives her her value on say a Board of Guardians, where human "cases" have to be dealt with, the people being more or less known to her.

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But in deliberative bodies women exercise a relaxing effect. It might be supposed that they would at least ameliorate the asperities of debate. But I know from long experience of business meetings, with women present, that it is not so. Women form a kind of gallery to which men play, and women can be more vehemently partizan and unfair than men. In a disagreement between men they take sides, not on the merits of the question, but on their view of the merits of the men. It is not a matter of rank in life or education. Women of the upper class have always taken a keen interest in politics, and one who reads a book like "The Greville Memoirs" finds the wives of Cabinet Ministers just as hotly partizan and wrong-headed on the side of a Palmerston, or Grey, or de Lieven as is the carter's wife at a branch meeting of the I.L.P. on the side of her husband and his "leader."

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Some Physiology.

Great nonsense is talked about the relations of the sexes and the "equality" of the sexes. The sexes are "equal," but that does not mean that they are alike. Heaven forbid! The woman who can think like a man or have the strength of a man is in the most literal sense an unsexed woman. A little elementary physiology settles this at once. The bare physiological fact is that the food, air, rest, exercise which go in a man to the nourishment of the brain and the biceps go in a woman to the nourishment of the generative and lacteal organs, will she nil she. And so the flat-chested woman with the masculine voice and the apparent contempt for man is a physiological freak, a monstrosity. It is not I who say so: it is nature that says so.

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The political women and the emasculate men who would provide for woman in the industrial field as if man did not exist are preparing for the extinction of the race could they but have their way. For that matter, races have been extinguished before now. In the interests of good government there are far too many voters in the country now. To call in the women would be to make bad worse. It is to be hoped that Mr. Asquith will stand firm against the coercion of terrorism; for if the Suffragettes have their way now others will try the same anarchic methods. There is an end of democracy, as indeed of all government, if a handful of women can coerce the nation into doing what it quite obviously does not wish to do. The unlovely feature of the militant movement at present is that the violence of the women is naturally being met by the violence of the mob. The Suffragettes have declared war against the community, and who can complain if there are reprisals. Of course the authorities must protect the women, even against the consequences of their own acts, just as would-be suicides have to be protected from themselves. The fact that the women will look for this protection, and complain when they do not receive it,