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A NEW VERSION

(With acknowledgments to "Alice")



"It seems a shame," McKenna said,
"To play them such a trick,
After you've called them from the home
And made them work so quick."
The Prime Minister said nothing but
"It is a bit too thick."

"I weep for you," the Chancellor said,
"I truly sympathise."
With sobs and tears he sorted out
Taxes of the largest size,
Holding his 1915 Budget
Before his streaming eyes.

(The Prime Minister, Mr. Lloyd George, and Mr. Samuel have all made references in recent speed so the urgent need for warn's war work, while under Mr. McKenna's new War Budget they will be taxed as heavily as men. But there is no mention of their being enfranchised equally with men, or given equal pay for equal work.)

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DEDICATION

To the brave women who to-day are fighting or freedom: to the noble women who all down he ages kept the flag flying and looked forward to this day without seeing it: to all comen all over the world, of whatever race, or

to make both ends meet that is going to affect

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THE CAMPAIGN

Friday, September 24: 8 p.m.—Open Air Meet-

Sunday, October 3; 3.30 p.m. - Open Air Meeting.

-Milton Hall, Deansgate, Manchester. Speakers: Mrs.
Pethick Lawrence and Mr. Laurence Housman. Chair:
Rev. A. E. Cornibeer. Admission free. Reserved seats

Wednesday, Nov. 3; 8 p.m.-Public Meeting.-

Friday and Saturday, December 10 and 11; from 3 to 10 pm.—Christmas Sale.—Central Hall, Westminster. Proceeds to be devoted to the U.S. Women's Club.

U.S. WOMEN'S CLUB

92, Borough Road, S.E. Secretary, Miss M. R. Cochrane. Tel.: Hop 4172

On Tuesday Mrs. Bouvier came to speak in place of Mrs. Drake, who was prevented from coming, and on Thursday the Misses Fox gave us a concert, which our members much enjoyed The members have hailed the idea of a club savings bank with such delight that we are going to start one at once. It does not matter how small the sum saved each week, and it can be paid in to the secretary on whichever day is most convenient to each member. There can be no fixed day, as "pay day" varies. We wish be no fixed day, as "pay day" varies. We wish to thank for boxes of flowers Miss Gore Browne, Mrs. Richmond, and Mrs. Whelen; Mrs. Aspland for books, and Miss Dalgliesh for cakes.

Aspland for books, and Miss Dalgliesh for cakes.

every confidence that our many friends who sup-ported our sale so generously last year will again come forward this year in aid of so good an

already been kindly undertaken by Mrs. Good-

materials can be provided. Will others send contributions in money for this purpose, or failing this, suitable material?

WAR INTERCESSION SERVICE

We remind all members and readers of the we remain Square, Manguesters. Wednesday, October 6; 7.30 p.m. Public Meet-Wednesday, October 6; 7.30 p.m. Public Meet-War Intercession Service, organised by the ing.—Spinner's Hall, Bolton. Speakers: Mrs. Pethick ing.—Spinner's Hall, Bolton. Speakers: Mrs. Pethick Lawrence and Mr. Laurence Housman. Chair: Rev. Lawrence and Mr. Laurence and Mr Wednesday, October 6; 8 p.m.—Public Meeting.

-Queen's College, Birmingham Thursday, October 7; 7.30 pm.—Public Meeting. Bridge, Monument Station, Underground

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BOLTON U.S.

Hon. Sec., Mrs. Jessie Crompton, Brookdale, Ridingate, near Bolton

object.

The Stalls

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KENSINGTON U.S.

man, who conducted it so admirably last year. Promises to undertake whole or part stalls, to help with the refreshments, and to send contributions to the various stalls, will be gladly received by Miss Bertha Brewster, Hon. Sale Secretary, U.S. Offices, 4-7, Red Lion Court, Fleet Street, E.C.

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A U.S. member has kindly offered to make blouses and shirts for the blouse stall if

It is specially desired that no fancy articles

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Friday, September 24; 7.30 p.m.—General Meeting.—Onward Buildings, 207, Deansgate, Manchester.

Sunday, September 26; 4 p.m.—Joint Demonstration.—Trafalgar Square.

U.S. Speakers: Mrs. Pethick
Lawrence and Mrs. Ayrton Gould.

Tuesday, September 26; 3 p.m.—Open Meeting.—
U.S. Women's Club. Speaker: Miss M. Hodge.

Wednesday, September 29; 7 p.m.—Members'
Meeting.—379, Harbourne Road, Birmingham. Hostess:
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Saturday, October 2; 3.30 p.m.—Open Air Meeting.—Alexandra Park Gates, Manchester.

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The Physical Force Argument

entry into new trades; and we even find the Special Commissioner of the Herald commending the Trade Union Congress for passing a resolution against the admission of women into all industries, on the ground that "their health and with the special commence of working women are not being squandered entirely in the public house!

The Alabama Lower House gave a majority to the Woman Suffrage Bill, at the end of last month, of 52 votes to 43. The Bill did not pass, however, as a three first property of the second control of the second control of the Herald commending the Trade Union Congress for passing a resolution against the admission of women into all industries. dustries, on the ground that "their health and such like considerations entered in." A week or two ago, we split a lance with the Evening Standard, quite good-humouredly, we thought the Evening Standard says. "somewhat extended to the same of the the Evening Standard says, "somewhat extitedly"), on the subject of its contention that its interesting to learn that 720 of London, it is interesting to learn that 720 of creed, or calling, whether they be with us or against us in this fight, we dedicate this paper

THE OUTLOOK

Last Tuesday, Mr. McKenna brought in his new Budget, framed to meet an estimated expenditure in 1915-16 of 1,590 million prounds. Fully consider the mean and the million of the subject of its contention that "equal pay for equal work" is out of the question, because, it maintained, "there are strict limits to female endurance as regards hard physical work." We alluded to this in a leading article, in which we contended, among other things, that until all branches of industry were thrown open to women it was impossible to say that their physical inferiority had been proved; The British Committee of the Women's Interpage of the paper to determine them conductors in London, it is interesting to learn that 720 of these are employed in Glasgow, 262 in Sheffield, and 153 in Newcastle. Also that, last week, the tram receipts in Glasgow were greater than has ever been known before, thus showing that the women conductors in London, it is interesting to learn that 720 of these are employed in Glasgow, 262 in Sheffield, and 153 in Newcastle. Also that, last week, the tram receipts in Glasgow were greater than has ever been known before, thus showing that the women conductors in London, it is interesting to learn that 720 of these are employed in Glasgow, 262 in Sheffield, and 153 in Newcastle. Also that, last week, the tram receipts in Glasgow were greater than has ever been known before, thus showing that the women conductors are doing ever been known before, thus showing that the women conductors in London, it is interesting to learn that 720 of these are employed in Glasgow, 262 in Sheffield, and 153 in Newcastle. Also that, last week, the physical work." We alluded to this in a leading article, in which we contended a mean article, in which we contended to the same that the end work is a stantage of the contended to the same than 153 in Newcastle. Also that, last week, the tram receipts in Glasgow were greater pounds. Fully sensible as women are of the colossal nature of his task, and of the grave equal pay for unequal work; and that, even if her output could be proved to be less than a seriousness of the present crisis, it is impossible man's, she could still be paid on a system that seriousness of the present crisis, it is impossible man's, she could still be paid on a system that ensured her equality of payment for the work than Thursday in this week.

Two Allies in the Press

them even more than men, without feeling more passionately conscious than ever before of Evening Standard, that our contemporary their political negligibility, and of the fact that this crisis has been reached, and this burden of new taxation imposed, by a Government that is responsible only to the men of the country.

Why Necessaries and not Alcohol?

For the lowering of the income-tax exemption limit and the comparatively small increase in the super-tax are features in the new Budget that cause it to press hardest upon the very classes that will be hit most severely by the doubling of the taxes upon such necessaries as tea, coffee, cocoa, sugar, and dried fruits. That

and help the country in the hour of her need, and difficulties still continue to be placed in the way of their responding to the call. "The Government has got the women, but it has not got the machinery for dealing with them," Miss Strachey, of the London Society for Women's of 15! trachey, of the London Society for Women's of 15!

question of wages, added that unless a minimum wage could be guaranteed to women from the outset there was a real danger of their lowering the standard of wages all round. She mentioned further the important fact that the Amalgamated Society of Engineers had undertaken to press for a starting wage of 20s. a week for women in the engineering days the weat to be seen to be something the committee, and they are not sufficiently of munition workers, includes six medical men, but not a single medical numerous societies will be Mr. George Lansbury ("Herald" League), Mr. John Scurr (U.S. and "Herald" League), Miss Sylvia Pankhurst (E.I.F.S.), and numerous representatives of pointed to the Committee, and they are not Sufficiently the specific Mrs. Desired the second of the standard of wages all round. She mentioned the s women in the engineering shops, the wage to be doctors.

raised to that which a man would receive for the According to the Daily Chronicle, some of the same work as soon as the women were efficient. higher war wages now being earned in certain trades are being spent in working-class homes The physical force argument dies hard. Its on labour-saving devices, such as vacuum-cleaners. It is a pleasant change to be told that the enormous incomes of working women are not the enormous incomes of working women are not

national Congress will hold a Conference at the ion, and must apply for tickets not later

TRAFALGAR SQUARE DEMON-STRATION

doubling of the taxes upon such necessaries as tea, coffee, cocca, sugar, and dried fruits. That is what we mean when we say that women will be the greatest sufferers from the new taxation. For women are the universal exchequers of the home; it is they who have to stretch the family income to meet the rise in food prices; it is they who are first to go without when food runs short. And the unmarried woman worker, earning almost invariably less than the man in her position, will consequently suffer more than the man who works beside her at the same job.

As at all in the Man in the Street, "who were dead in "The Man in the Street," who were recently in the Daily Sketch:—

Objects of the Demonstration

A great many subjects bearing upon this general question of the position of women will be discussed at the various platforms, including protests against taxes on wages, high food prices, and the sweating of women. But U.S. speakers will concentrate on those matters which form part of their programme at all times, and will deal with the Budget proposals from the point of view of voteless women, and also with the question of women's wages in war work. They her position, will consequently suffer more than he does from this rise in the cost of living that lies before us all. Women are as patriotic as

Child Labour, the War and the Vote
The War Emergency Workers' National Council passed an admirable resolution last week.

Of view of voteless women, and also with the question of women's wages in war work. They will demand the enfranchisement of women and equal pay for equal work as between men and

lies before us all. Women are as patriotic as men, as ready as men to stand by their country in a crisis, though it be none of their making. But they have a right also to reflect that if Mr. McKenna's constituents were women as well as men, beer and spirits would not be left untouched while the children's food threatens to reach prohibitive prices. Government without consent, at all times infinitely chafing to women, becames intolerable under the stress of the out consent, at all times infinitely chafing to women, becomes intolerable under the stress of war conditions.

The Problem of Women's Labour

Prominent Ministers continue to adjure women (we deal with the Prime Minister's speech in our leading article) to come forward conductors in London, although it does not prevent their being successful tram conductors elsewhere!—it does seem the height of hypocrisy to allow children of 12 and 13 to be pressed into industry and agriculture. A pamphlet lately issued by the National Child Labour Committee in New York is a significant conductor speaker to represent the U.S., will be the other speaker to represent the United Suffragists next comments and help the country in the hour of her reasons why women may deal with a subject of such immense importance at this critical moment. It is enough to make the announcement here that she will speak on this occasion; our friends and supporters will be pressed into industry and agriculture. A pamphlet lately issued by the National Child Labour Committee in New York is a significant speaker to represent the United Suffragists next speaker to represent the united speaker to represent the United Suffragists next speaker to represent the united speaker to represent the present their being successful tram the announcement here that she will speak on this occasion; our friends and supporters will be announcement to at this critical moment. It is enough to make the announcement here that she will speak on this occasion; our friends and supporters will be announcement here that she will speak on the supporters will be announcement the present the announcement there that she will speak on the supporters will be announced to the supporters will be announc

Cymric Suffrage Union, "Herald" League B.S.P. Dockers Union, Branches of the I.L.P. Suffrage, said bluntly to a Press representative, last week. Miss Mary MacArthur said very much the same thing; and, on the important question of wages, added that unless a minimum question of wages, added that unless a minimum that the same thing is added that unless a minimum that the same that the

Suffragist, Mrs. Despard.

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HOW MUCH MORE MUST WOMEN PAY FOR THEIR VOTE?

d bookstalls. In New York, at terms of Mr. McKenna's War Budget will be equality of treatment as no more than the male and at Handel House, Ltd., Eloff known; and women will have to do their best worker's due. to remember, according to the orthodox teaching It is quite true that more recently still Mr. of the anti-Suffragists, that they are "getting Asquith has called women to the Nation's aid, good value for their money." They must bear out of their appointed sphere, "the home." in mind that under war conditions both necesthey now find themselves amid an upheaved than in the work of the munition factories; and world of industry and finance, they will have to he added the promise that if the women would are doing the same?

Read it and get the book, price 1s., from "The the upset of things for which male government Mr. Asquith stopped, without offering to women throughout the world has to stand responsible. balance, safeguard, or redress in the public field their patriotism and their sacrifices, they have versial, but which under these changed condialso something very pertinent to say about tions should become legislation by consent guarantees and safeguards. No similar guaran- Apparently not. Women are to pay the entees and safeguards are offered to women for the hanced price of war in money and service—and the upheaval caused by other people, or for the mains among those controversial topics whose A NEW EDITION of the above book with use to-day and the discarding to-morrow of their settlement would "put an end to the party services to the Nation in its need. Mr. Lloyd truce.' George told the munition workers recently that Now let us see what this really means. Mr will be issued shortly by the United Suffragists it was wrong for them to strike, and he told Asquith calls women to work in the munition them very especially why. For the Govern- factories. Mr. Lloyd George, by his activity as ment, he said, while requiring them to forego Minister of Munitions, has turned London into many Trade Union customs protective of the a great factory of munitions and war material rights of Labour, had not only given an under- he has boasted of it, and if by that boast, as i taking that at the end of the war all these were at least arguable, Mr. Lloyd George has under to be restored, but had also set hard and fast the terms of international law given a military limits to the profits of the employers. To excuse for Zeppelin raids upon London, he ha make terms a limit is to be set to the right of Asquith has invited them to take their place ts employer to make profit. However contro- there alongside of men. ersial in peace time the balancing provisions In the early months of the war Mr. Lloyd night have seemed, their powerful Parlia- George announced that under modern war conmentary representation—and the fact that their ditions the deaths among non-combatants in an VALUABLE LENDING AND REFERENCE LIBRARY political supporters share office in the Coalition invaded country were to combatants in the pro Ministry-have insured to them that safeguard portion of at least three to one. But though and guarantee shall come within the range of that fact by itself sweeps away many an ol things done "by consent"; and there is no sug. Anti-suffrage argument, it may still be said t gestion that these highly controversial expedi- be merely one of the accidents of war, and no ents are a breach of the "party truce"; for party, as represented in a tri-partite Govern-But the administrative initiative of a Minister of

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how they are treated under like circumstances—under the great adverse change, that is to say. which has fallen upon their condition owing to the war. Has that brought balance and reduce the remaining their duty to stand under fire with men. But they have not given women the vote. When women workers have been destroyed in a mamunition factory, or within their own doors in a city that the will of the Government has turned into a great arsenal, will not Mr. Telephone: Museum 1230 (2 lines). with men? A week ago the authorities of has been paid?

Articles and News contributed for insertion in VOTES FOR WOMEN should be sent to The Editors, VOTES FOR WOMEN, 47, Red Lion Court, Fleet Street, E.C., at the earliest possible date, and in no case later than first ment department-let it be known that they cause women could not do the work, but because if they once got it their occupancy of it was likely to remain permanent, and so, through the jealousy of men anxious hereafter to replace them, might breed trouble for the police. It was also felt that it would enable unfair pressure to be brought upon men toward enlistment. Whose interests in that case are the authorities consulting: the men's or the women's? Though this lies outside the inequalities of the law, the inequality continues: it is administrative as well as legislative. And one can read between the lines of one of the resolutions at the recent Trade Union Congress By the time this issue appears in print the that Labour also approves and regards such in-

> saries and luxuries have risen in price; and so, last week at the reopening of Parliament, "of both for the luxury of male government and for what is called national service in which at this the necessarily unsafeguarded position in which moment women can do more for their country pay a heavier price than ever they paid before. so give themselves, and if the men would put no Why should they not, it may be said, when men hindrance in their way, the result would be "a are doing the same?
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> It is quite true that men are paying heavily for of our most pressing problems." And there Yet we seem to remember that when eloquent of service to which he now calls them. Is there Cabinet Ministers go out of their way to address no debt of honour remaining to be paid-somethe representatives of Labour and extol them for thing which yesterday was regarded as controprice which they also are being asked to pay for that is all. To them the balance due still re-

palance a diminution in the right of Labour to brought women into the firing line; and Mr.

party, as represented in a tri-partite Government, has agreed to them. To these powerful political interests it becomes a national debt of honour to make concessions in return for concessions.

And now let us turn to the women and see the second procession of the summon of a Prime Minister to women to work in it—these are the acts of a government and the expression of its will. By these acts they place women in a position of the summon of the sum And now let us turn to the women and see danger, which under quite likely circumstance may become as hazardous as that of our soldie

"Do you have to uear them?" I said owned a razor in civil life! I wrote to this his comfortable home than the army.-I am, good man and pointed out again that many dear madam, It is nearly a year ago now since I first saw young men from comfortable homes were carry- I suppose I upset the poor gentleman's delithem—the pants and shirts, the socks and ing kit they did not need, including unused cacy so greatly by my horrifying mention of razors, the knife and fork and "housewife," razors. I said if he could get the authorities underclothing—male underclothing—that his that constitutes an army "kit," and both my to allow these men to give up what they had, he naturally logical mind received a shock, and he son and I looked at them with no gratitude would find enough razors, I thought, to satisfy was unable to see that my point was proved by those who had them not. When I got his letter the two letters he got by the same post—one It is a new feeling to be clothed by public I knew for certain that I was indeed an illogical man with a razor to spare, another man wanting

By an Illogical Mother

"Oh, we needn't wear them," said Bobby as for letter No. 1. cheerfully. "Got to carry them about and "Dear Madam,-I thank you for yours of the shock-I felt I must not even resent his sneer show them up, you know. Nuisance, isn't it?" 10th inst. I regret that I cannot enter into a at poor Bobby, who had nothing whatever to "But what a waste," I said. "You needn't correspondence with you regarding Army Regu- do with his tiresome mother's bad behaviour. wear them, and yet you've got to have them. lations. The fact that your son has got a razor This was all in the early days. Bobby knows And they say they can't clothe the men fast of his own will not deter me from making the what to do with his—(this is a woman's paper, most strenuous efforts to provide them for those so I may mention these things)—underclothing "Oh, well," Bobby said tolerantly, "army who are not so fortunate as he. That there is a now. A sergeant told him the answer to the need for them is proved over and over again. query as to where his clothes were: "One on; If Bobby had had a nice logical father, he For instance, by the same post as your letter one in the wash." Quite unanswerable, but would no doubt have agreed that his son, hav- came one from Trooper J. E-, who is serv- equally quite untrue. The clothing lies in ing joined the army as a private, must perforce ing with the N-H- in France, asking Bobby's wardrobe, unused, wasted, and when I carry about in his kit-bag all the clothes given me to send him a razor, having seen my look at it I wonder if I am quite so illogical to him, as well as those he was wearing of his letter in the Manchester Guardian. As I am as these good men would seem to think me; or own. But Bobby hasn't a father, and I am an not interested in underclothing, I prefer not to if, after all, they are not quite so logical illogical female, and it seemed to me that a word discuss so delicate a subject with you. I am as they would have us believe. For they never in the right quarter might alter matters. In hoping that the complaints which you make in answered my question; and would it not be times of peace men who join the army may, no your letter do not come from your son, for if possible to save the country a little money in doubt, be glad of the clothes given them, but they did you must excuse my expressing the these and other ways if women had a chance to at present they are often not necessary. I had opinion that he would have been more suited for interfere? already discovered that the men need not be

female. I append it, and offer the same prize it. Realising what I had done to his modest mind—which I trust has by now risen above the

MR. GALSWORTHY'S NEW NOVEL

"THE FREELANDS"*

little more, and the carriers of the kit-bags too?

(A prize of a five shilling War Loan voucher leading up to the rick burning and ultimate conviction and suicide of the man, could be matched, probably, at many a County Assizes. But Mr. Galsworthy will some day probably, at many a County Assizes. But Mr. Galsworthy will some day probably, at many a County Assizes. But Mr. Galsworthy will some day probably, at many a County Assizes. But Mr. Galsworthy will some day probably, at many a County Assizes. But Mr. Galsworthy will some day give us a real rebel woman, a Nedda with some-background of revolt against the existing state of things, and that is what makes his book so interesting to all rebels. The fact that the particular rebellion he describes breaks down, and the leader of it is disowned by his followers, who return cowed to the safer paths of obedience and submission, makes the story all the more realistic. Every reformer knows that the but, being only a foolish woman, I actually tried again.

I saw that a well-intentioned, industrious person was busy collecting "razers for the troops."

It is an odd thing, by-the-bye, that no young the is an odd thing, by-the-bye, that no young the is an odd thing, by-the-bye, that no young the is an odd thing is an odd thing is an odd thing.

Who rectangle with the story all the more realistic. Every reformer knows that the hardest thing he has to fight is the love of the slave for his chains. Where we think Mr.

"The Woman of the Hill."

"The Woman of a Harem."

"The Woman of a Price 1s. 6d. net.)

Galsworthy has been a little unnecessarily So, like the foolish woman I am, I wrote to the Major, putting this point of view before him. The boys were carrying round stuff they did not need, and would never wear. The country was paying for it. Could not this be altered?

The Major replied in one busy gasp:—

"Madam,—In reply to your letter, it is quite correct your son will have to carry with him all the articles you mention when he is on active service, and a good many things beside, and if he was in France now he wouldr't next with a sincer ity and a potential him all the was in France now he wouldr't next with a sincer ity and a poignancy that is almost unbearable. Of all the reforms that lie waiting for the woman's help, reinforced by her political weapon, few perhaps are more pressing than that of the land and all that this means. Mr. Galsworthy has been a little unnecessarily cynical is in his delineation of his women characters. Kirsteen, the mother of the boy and and that all reformers are engaged in prosecuting to a triumphant victory, and has prevent, is admirably sketched; but she remains a sketch. The daughter, Sheila, is evidently unsympathetic to the author; and her portrait gives one the impression of having been slurred over because of this. Nedda is more alive than anybody in the book, except perhaps Felix Free-land, and she has that irritating characteristic of so many of Mr. Galsworthy's women—one remembers it most distinctly in his capacity for seeing both sides of a question, to be was in France now he wouldn't part with any
listing for seeing both sides of a question, to bear upon the problem round which his story occasion demands a certain greatness. She thing. When he has had a greater experience revolves; and the picture he draws, as we have loves Derek, who is a born rebel; but she does thing. When he has had a greater experience he will appreciate the necessity of carrying all his necessaries. Believe me, all these things are carefully thought out by our most experienced experienced from the picture he draws, as we have said, is so terribly true as to be almost unendurable. But it is never exaggerated and never sentimental; and in some ways his latest book seems to us to contain incomparably his finest and the hardest part to bear of this tragic story. The main incident of the story is a common flings up rebellion and consents to go to New is her temporary victory at the end, when Derek is cordially offered to the person who finds the answer to my suggestion in this letter.)

The man incident of the story is a common mings up rependent and consents to go to item one enough in real life—that of the eviction of a peasant by a landowner, who, with his wife, is victory—for Derek certainly is not of the stuff As, naturally, the first thing any sensible determined to purge the property he owns of all to remain quiescent for long, and the real drama-As, naturally, the first thing any sensible young man would do on reaching France and finding himself burdened with a double load would be to drop what he didn't want down the nearest ditch, I did not feel as if I had got any farther. I quite see "the necessity" of carry
The condition of the property he owns of all who do not happen to conform to his standard of conduct. In this case it is a labourer who wants to marry his deceased wife's sister, a perfectly legal proceeding, of course, but one that does not happen to fit in with the religious code of his master's wife. Every little detail of the story, leading up to the rick burning and ultimate con
The condition of both their lives—when the rebel in him shall break out again and find Nedda incompetent to cope with it—remains unwritten. We do not in the least maintain that there are not plenty of Neddas in the world, just as lovable and just as limited, or that they do not frequently attract as limited, or that they do not frequently attract. ing the "necessaries," but my point was that leading up to the rick burning and ultimate conmen of Derek's type and fetter them. But we

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THE HOME WORKER IN WAR TIME

refrain from exploiting the unprotected half. home-worker who earned exactly that amount. should I not be modest for once?

The Hundredth Person

The hundredth person, when I found her, was running a league of some sort to protect some portion of the unprotected half from the usual exploitation. But the league, good as it was, had just as much relation to our interview as social reform has to the eternal truths—no less and no more than that. Like any other person who is one in a hundred, she had long learnt that the only way to protect the helpless is to remove their helplessness; and that, if you an starve on it," she answered, "till one day the coroner says 'Death from natural causes,' and somebody else gets your job."

She told me a little more about Mrs. Bevan, as we threaded our way through narrow courts and along depressingly grey cobbled streets, where children swarmed restlessly like bees that have lost sight of their queen. She was a young woman, delicate, probably tuberculous like her hundred, she had long learnt that the only way to protect the helpless is to remove their helplessness; and that, if you that the only way to protect the helpless is to remove their helplessness; and that, if you can't do that, it merely raises the plane of their can't do that, it merely raises the plane of their children and helplessness. So so he lived with him in a ground floor after. So so he lived with him in a ground floor after. So so he lived with him in a ground floor they go home and "clean their places down." can't do that, it merely raises the plane of their distress to catalogue it in a card index. Indeed, her slightly ironic attitude to her own league (which, by the way, has done as much as can be done remedially, thanks to its being run by the hundredth person while the other ninety-nine sit on the committee out of the way) reminded me of the Yorkshire parson who, on being asked by his bishop if he would like a Quiet Day conducted episcopally in his parish, replied—"What we want in this village, my lord, is not a quiet day, but a revolution."

So she lived with him in a ground floor after. So she lived with him in a ground floor room in Sprigg's Alley, and made tea bags at a shilling a thousand, finding her own glue and paying her fares to and from the shop. "Tea bags?" I queried. "The paper bags we buy one of these women what she would have to pay to have her home and children to crêches, &c. P. It may be suggested that if they receive the same wages as men, they can pay someone up a most interesting point; ask any one of these women what she would have to pay to have her home and children to receive, &c. P. Was, "She said. "Society sometimes pays the price in the end."

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replied—"What we want in this village, my lord, is not a quiet day, but a revolution."

So, being sure that I had found the right person, I knew it was safe to ask her what difference the war had made in the lives of the people at her end of the town. The wrong person would probably have answered in the words of the Parliamentary War Savings Committee—"The national and vital activities of the country are now so great that people thrown out of employment in the luxury trades can find work and serve their country in other ways." The hundredth person said—"Difference? It has sent up the cost of living thirty-four per cent." And when, trying to be fair to the other ninety-and nine, I murmured "war bonus," she "told me off," as we say in that eloquent district that stretches East of Aldgate Pump.

at least scraggy mac busies against a blue sky was there all right—heaven occasionally plays its part and the skies mercifully do not always fall in consequence!—but the picture. A cobbled pathway, strewn thick with tin cans and cabbage stalks, ran down a double row of two-storeyed yellow brick houses, each with its front yard greasy with refuse, and its broken-down, wooden wicket gate. The most ill-kept piggery of the most neglected estate would have been less unsavoury. And everywhere ran fleet, bedraggled children, adorable even in their grubbiness which surpassed anything I have been less unsavoury. And everywhere ran fleet, bedraggled children, adorable even in their grubbiness which surpassed anything I have per one the first of the country of the picture. A cobbled pathway, strewn thick with tin cans and cabbage stalks, ran down a double row of two-storeyed yellow brick houses, each with its front yard greasy with refuse, and its broken-down, wooden wicket gate. The most ill-kept piggery of the time of the country in other ways." The hundred word work and the first of the country in other ways." The hundred word of the picture. A cobbled pathway, strewn thick with tin cans and cabbage stalks, ran down a completely o

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An Early Paper-seller

One of the first women to sally forth in. Kensington, some six or seven years ago, with a. Votes for Women bag at her side, was Mrs. She was quite usual to look at; but I knew, that the war, far from improving wages, has in She was quite usual to look at; but I knew, that the war, far from improving wages, has in who, by the way, is sister to Professor Gilbert directly we met, that she was the hundredth many instances lowered them, as in the case of Murray, is an Australian, and therefore entitled person. For while ninety-nine persons out of every hundred, in their effort to get through life conscience free, go about trying to find some a dozen is paid where the price used to be tenreason for poverty that shall enable them to look the poor in the face, the hundredth person equipped with khaki drill bags (made at the three days a week, standing out in all weathers,

(September 20):-

"He was a subaltern in the Tube, and had propoverty; and that, when all is said and done, if you deprive half the nation of any power over the Government that is responsible for Labour legislation, you cannot expect the employers to lour?" I asked, as we went round to call on a hour?" I asked, asked, as we went round to call on a hour?" I asked, as we went round to call on a hour?" I asked, as we went round to call on a hour?" I asked, as we went round to call on a hour round to call on a hour

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Starvation Wages all the Time

It appears that, in spite of the war, and partly because of the war, starvation wages are the only wages still open to thousands of unorganised and politically helpless home-workers. It appears that while a Trade Board Act can offer the should ever drink tea again. A woman came to the door and shoved the child out of the way.

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COMPARISON OF PUNISHMENTS HEAVY SENTENCES

LIGHT SENTENCES

SEPTEMBER 24, 1915.

Offences Against Children The Morning Advertiser (August 8) ports case of a labourer charged at towards children in the recreation ground. A constable gave evidence, and a park-keeper testified to previous offences. The magistrate called him a disgrace to his race and country.

Sentence: Six months 1 acting improperly before Mr. Hedderwick at North London Police Court with being found in a cloak-room supposed for the purpose of committing a felony. There were previous convictions for theft, once for stealing bedclothes.

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Cruelty to a Horse

Loitering to Commit Felony

Cruelty to a Horse

e Woolwich Pioneer (Septem17) reports case of a carman and employer, charged before Mr.

mons at Woolwich Police Court borough Street Police Court with Symmons at Woolwich Police Court with cruelty to a horse by working it and causing it to be worked when its condition was so bad that it had to be taken home in a float. The animal was lame in both fore-legs, had large bony growths on fetlock joints and large sores on the shoulders. It was in great pain.

Symmons at Woolwich Police Court with borough Street Police Court with stealing a purse of the value, including the contents, of 4s. 7d., from a hospital nurse. He had been last convicted under the Prevention of Crimes Act, and said he had been working hard since then, but had fallen out of employment.

: Fined respectively 5s., and Sentence: Three months' hard costs.

ing Advzrtiser (September 15). A carman, summoned before the Bench at Stratford Police Court for assaulting his wife, attacked her with still greater violence on being served with the summons, "smashed up the and threw a teapot at her.

offence than to a double assault upon

Should Husbands go to Prison?

With reference to the imprisonment f husbands for wife-beating (or any orrespondent writes: "What becomes f the women and children when the husbands are sent to prison? Who supports them? If they are left to

f imprisonment, but is set to work or the country roads for a period no Act should not be passed in this country—or, rather, there is a reason why some similar Act should not be passed in this country—or, rather, there is a reason which we need not specify to our readers!

"MOLESTING" WOMEN

We are glad to see that the Chairman of the East Ham Bench (the Mayor, Alderman R. Banks-Martin) spoke very strongly to a ship's engineer, charged on September 17 with "insulting behaviour" to three women to whom he spoke in the street.

CONTEMPT OF COURT
More Important Than a Wife!

A curious instance of the value set upon a wife is recorded in the Morn
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"We look upon this offence molesting women from a serior standpoint, especially now that it streets are very dark. We must only the control of t

The "Spoilt Darling"

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According to the report from which we quote: "The Bench said it was contempt of court to attack his wife after receiving the summons, and sent lim to gaol for a month with hard labour."

This little incident is headed "Contempt of Court"; and we are forced to the conclusion that police court law attaches more importance to this months hard labour, is merely called "insulting behaviour" when indulged in by men, and becomes an offence for which the maximum penalty is (apparently) thirty-one days, or a paltry fine of 40s.! And then we are told by some people that woman is the spoilt darling of the law!

New York Ahead of Us

An immensely important reform in this direction, we learn from the Suffragist (Washirgton), has just been supports them? If they are left to effected by a new vagrancy law in starve the punishment is farcical; it New York, by which, for the first Row They Settle It in Washington State.

There is a great deal to be said for cur correspondent's contention, which opens up the whole economic position of the wife. One way out of the difficulty has been found in Washington State, where one of the first measures passed after women won the Vote was one that is known as the Lazy Husband Act. Under this Act, the man who refuses to support his wife is not given the foolish and wasteful penalty of imprisonment, but is set to work on the set of the Suffragist adds: "Whether or not the Suffragist adds: "Whether or n

fact that Suffrage agitation, which brings to notice legal discrimination against women, helps to effect minor reforms, even before the vote is won."

COST OF THE HOME

An interesting correspondence has been going on in the Liverpool the grocery and provision trac

To prove his point, the writer given interesting list of "rock-botton rices which have been fixed by contract of the provided by the contract of the provided by the provided tract after competition, so they mus not be regarded as the prices at whice the same goods would be sold over the counter. They are far below thos prices, but they . . . show ho the prices have jumped up since the war broke out."

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Cheese 8d	11d
Rolled oats 2/3	3/0
Potatoes 3/	4/9
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