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To the brave women who to-day are fighting for 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.

Great indignation has been aroused by the story of the brutality inflicted upon Selina Martin in Walton Green Gaol, Liverpool. This has been heightened by the fact that at the time of the occurrence Miss Martin was an unconvicted prisoner detained in the prison on remand.

#### The Frog March.

Miss Martin, it will be remembered, was arrested on December 21 and brought before the magistrate, who in

remanding her for a week refused to allow her bail, though she was prepared to give an undertaking that she would engage in no militant work during the period. She was taken to the prison, and offered a rigorous resistance to being subjected to prison discipline; nevertheless, she was not only forcibly fed on refusing to eat prison food, but she was subjected to the utmost brutality. Her own account of the proceedings is as follows:—

The wardress pulled me off the bed and threw me on the floor. Then the doctor came and told me he would not let me go without food, but would feed me right away. He then ordered me to be dressed in my own wet clothes, and I was taken to a cold damp cell without ventilation, and was handcuffed behind and left on the floor. At night I was taken to a larger cell and kept in irons. Thursday night I was thrown down, and frog-marched up some steps, letting my head bump on the steps as I was carried. I was then forcibly fed, after which I was dragged to the top of the steps and thrown down. I have had a frightful struggle every time they have come with the instruments of torture, which the doctor does not hesitate to sneer about because I ask for a woman doctor.

Perhaps the cruellest part of the feeding process is the vicious manner in which the doctor forces the gag into my mouth, and coolly remarks, "Does that hurt you?" Yet he knows I cannot answer.

For those who do not understand the meaning of the frog march we may add that Miss Martin was seized by the arms and legs and carried head downwards from her cell to the doctor's room.

#### Exposing this Outrage.

The Women's Social and Political Union are determined that this outrage shall be exposed. They have prepared a leaflet on the subject which is being circulated by the hundred thousand throughout the country. It is No. 64.

Copies can be obtained, price 9d. a hundred, 6s. a thousand, post free, from The Woman's Press, 4, Clements Inn, W.C. The story is also being told at all the principal meetings of the Union. At the Monday afternoon meeting in London the audience was profoundly stirred, and a man expressed his intention and that of his four sons (all of them sturdy Liberals) of voting against the Government in consequence of the incident.

#### Bears the Marks of Handcuffs.

Another story of cruelty in prison comes from Preston, where Nurse Bryant has been imprisoned for a month for her share in the protest in Haslingden on the occasion of Mr. Harcourt's meeting. On entering the prison she refused to eat prison food or to wear prison clothes. She was accordingly forcibly fed after three days' hunger strike, and she was put into a canvas dress, which was strapped on to her. She was also put in irons for two days, and endured seventeen days in the punishment cell. When released on Wednesday morning she bore the marks of the handcuffs on her wrists, and was unable to stand owing to weakness. Miss Lily Norbury has also been released from Liverpool prison. She had been fed by force and put into the punishment cell. The spirit which underlies the actions of these women will be understood from the words which Nurse Bryant wrote on her cell wall, "Who would be free, themselves must strike the blow."

#### The Assault on Miss Davison.

Meanwhile the action brought by Miss Davison against the Local Visiting Justices of Strangeways Gaol, Manchester, for having the hose pipe turned on to her in prison will come on before the Manchester County Court





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"That the tactics of the militant Suffragists have alienated a considerable number of possible supporters is quite unquestionable; but it is also unquestionable that a large number of persons have been attracted by them, and have become supporters."

As regards people in general, and especially the working people in large towns, Miss Black thinks that they are at last becoming really interested, and she refers to the great sympathy which the Suffragists of all societies received in Bermondsey.

In an interesting open letter in the same number Mr. James Haslam touches on the difficult problem of the married woman worker, and shows that there is no way out of the problem but some system of State help.

Prohibition of the employment of women two months before and after childbirth. Pensions for working mothers during this lying-in period.

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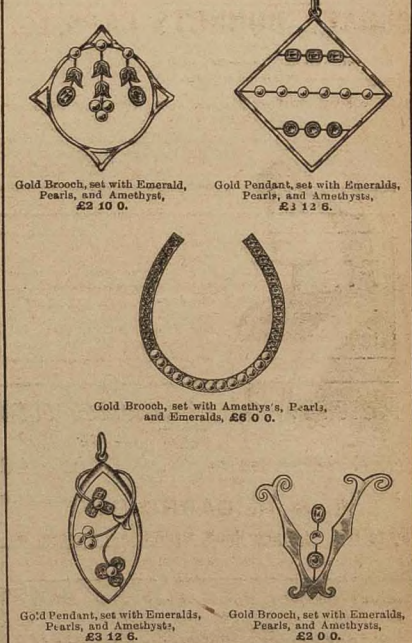


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