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\* **GIVE WOMEN A SQUARE DEAL** \*  
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The Day Book has been paying little or no attention to politics. We can't make head or tail of it except a scramble of a lot of men for office and power, to use for their own advantage rather than for the public good.

There will be one vote on April 9, however, that is worth thinking about. And that is a vote which means an expression of opinion of the men voters of Chicago on whether or not they favor granting to women the same political rights that men have.

If we thought taking a hand in politics would make women any less womanly, or less sweet and pure and good, we would not favor giving them the right to vote. But we don't think anything of the kind.

Womenly women will continue to be womanly in politics, or anywhere else they go.

But we do think politics as conducted by the men is rotten. We do think that male politicians are not giving the American people real-representative government. And we also think that whatever influence women have on politics and government will be for good, just as their influence in general is for good wherever it is felt.

There was a time when woman was considered man's slave, and man treated her as if she had been created merely for his pleasure and convenience. But that time has gone, along with other fool notions about lords and masters.

Industrial conditions have forced women, even from girlhood, into the shops, stores, mills and factories. As the rich grew richer and the poor poorer, women have had to do an ever increasing share of the world's work to make both ends meet for the family.

Men have had to work so hard that the responsibility of mothers in raising boys and girls has increased; and if we can trust to mothers the development of the boys who will be the men of tomorrow, certainly we can trust them to have a voice in the making of political conditions under which they must live.

There are those who think that the wives and daughters of the rich take up woman's suffrage as a fad. It makes no difference whether that be true or not. It is a fact nevertheless that they take a keener and kindlier interest in social conditions than do their husbands and fathers, who are money mad, and don't seem to care how much the great majority suffer so long as the few get the money.

When a man considers equal political rights for women, it isn't safe to accept the judgment of politicians who make their living out of politics. Let each man consider his own mother, or his own