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Why They Deny the Right of Equal Suffrage to the Other Sex.

On Things About Men Women Can't Understand

"BEING a good suffragist," said the sixth woman, "the thing that I find it hardest to understand about men is why they deny women the right to equal political liberty with themselves."

The suggestion that they won't give us the ballot because they want to tyrannize over us and rule as is absurd, because the average man doesn't tyrannize over his womanhood or rule them.

"That's why men's opposition to equal franchise is so inexplicable, for none of them ever give any reason for their position that is worth serious consideration."

"All men believe, for instance, that the great mass of women stand for the moral uplift, for whatever makes for honesty and purity and decency, and noble living. It is the women, in every community, who run the churches and the children's societies, who are interested in getting better schools and art galleries and libraries, and in civil beautification."

"Why Do Men Refuse the Ballot?" "This makes women pretty desirable citizens; and yet men deny them citizenship. There's isn't a man living who doesn't know that you could depend on the women of any community to vote solidly for every measure that would be for the benefit of the country; and yet the men, who are patriots and who have the good of the country at heart, refuse to give women that vote. I can't understand that."

"When men want to do anything for the good of the community in which they live the very first thing they do is to get the aid of the women and appoint a women's auxiliary. It's the aid societies, with their oyster suppers and strawberry festivals that build the churches and keep them going."

"It's the Women's Board of Missions that sends millions of dollars to foreign lands. It's the board of woman managers that supports hospitals and asylums. Why, then, if men find the help of women so useful, everywhere else, do they disdain it in politics, where, heaven knows, some assistance is so needed. I can't understand that."

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CITIZENSHIP IN ST. LOUIS HAS STRONG HOLD

Many Difficulties Had to Be Overcome But All Were Conquered.

St. Louis, Mo., May 13.—In times past the government of the typical American city was so controlled and regulated by the state legislature and special legislation affecting adversely interests of the individual city was so often enacted that many states incorporated provisions in their constitutions prohibiting legislation from passing any law with reference to one city that did not apply to all cities alike.

Partially Successful. The attempt was at least partially successful, for the convention knew that without the support of St. Louis the constitution might not be ratified by the people. The completed instrument provided that cities with more than 100,000 population might make their own charters applicable to cities with 10,000 population and laws of the state, and that the charter should be drafted by a committee of freeholders duly chosen. The constitution also laid down some other guiding principles, such as the provision that there should be mayor and a two-chamber council, at least one branch of which should be elected at large.

But in the main St. Louis had become master of its own destiny. A board of freeholders was elected with authority to frame a charter for submission to the people. This charter was drafted, submitted and adopted. The restrictions imposed by the constitution were not intended to prevent freedom of action, but the new charter was such an improvement that home rule became a fixed principle of municipal government. In 1880 California followed suit with a home rule constitution applicable to cities with 100,000. The charters under this provision were to be approved by the legislature, but it could not amend them, so that this approval became merely a perfunctory duty. So well did the home rule provision work that in 1887 Minnesota extended to cities of 10,000 population, and in 1890 still further extended to embrace towns of 3500. There were some provisions in the California constitution which were found to militate against the absolute independence of the cities controlling their local affairs, and the constitution was twice amended—in 1892 and 1896—in a way that took away from the legislature the last vestige of interference with the city government in the conduct of its local affairs.

The example of California was followed in 1889 by the state of Washington, which gave home rule to cities of 2,000 population and to cities of 10,000 population in 1890. Minnesota followed suit, giving a fair degree of home rule to all cities within its borders. Colorado joined the procession in 1902, Oregon in 1906, and in 1907 Michigan. In 1907 every state where the home rule doctrine of city charter making has been applied there has been a general tendency toward charters more

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suited to local needs and better adapted to local conditions. The states which have constitutional guarantees against legislation for individual cities not only have prevented legislative interference, but they have cut off the right of a city to appeal for aid to the legislature in remedying a specific situation. Authorities say that the experience of Chicago in this direction is most illuminating by way of illustration as to what a city can do when conditions are bad. The same law which prevented the legislature from interfering with Chicago's affairs also prevented it from rendering Chicago aid when that city desired to free itself from the thrall of a corrupt city council. So hampered by the impossibility of adding to or subtracting from the powers of the council through legislative action, Chicago reformers settled down to fight the problem out in another way—by cleaning out the crooked members and substituting good men. It was a long, uphill pull, but since then good government experts everywhere have held up the experience of Chicago as an object lesson of what can be accomplished when a city is left to its own resources in its fight for better municipal conditions.

Under the Michigan constitution cities of all classes are governed as to what they shall and shall not do by the same general law. This law had to be broad enough to allow Detroit, with its nearly half a million people, the necessary freedom of action of a metropolis, and at the same time it had to be specific enough in detail to guide the untrained official of the country town of 500. It is provided that when a revision of a charter is sought there must be an initiative petition signed by at least 20 percent of the voters. If two-thirds of the legislative body vote favorably on the petition, it is placed on the municipal election, submitted to the electorate. If a majority vote in favor of the revision, a charter commission is next chosen, consisting

Married Life the Second Year

By Mabel Herbert Urner

HELEN'S father, Dr. Allen, had met them at the station with the survey and old Topsy. They were due at 6:30, but the train was almost an hour late, so they had to wait when they drove home through the quiet streets.

Over everything was the sultry languor of a spring night in a small village. The wide tree-arched streets, the twinkling lights from houses set far back in the yards, the faint fragrance from an occasional flower bed on the moist night air, even the sound of old Topsy's hoofs and the creaking survey had a charm of its own.

Topsy herself turned in at a well-known gate and drove up to the side door. A stream of light came from the door which Aunt Mollie threw open as she ran out to meet them, while Rover rushed up leaping and barking joyously.

"Tom's gone off, so I'll have to put Topsy up myself," said her father, as he led the horse back to the stable, while the others went on into the sitting room.

Aunt Mollie was exclaiming over Winifred. "Why, Helen, she's beautiful. What big blue eyes. And look—look at the dimples, when she laughs. Why, she is much prettier than the pictures you sent us."

"Oh, those were just snapshots Warren took."

"And how is Warren?" inquired her aunt. "Your father and I didn't think he'd be coming after you."

"No," Helen answered after a slight pause, "I am afraid he is too busy for that."

"But, Helen, you're thinner and so pale," Aunt Mollie gazed at her anxiously as she helped her off with her wraps. "Haven't you been well?"

Ella Wheeler Wilcox On "the Girls of the Orient"

THE young girls of Japan, China and India are not concerned with the preliminaries relating to marriage. These matters are attended to by the parents and those business it is to find husbands for girls and wives for youths. The husband and wife rarely meet until the wedding takes place, unless they are cousins (which is a frequent case) and have known each other as playmates as small children.

We, in America, regard this custom as deplorable, knowing that it must, as a rule, rob life of that romantic period of courtship—so beautiful to the young and so necessary to see them well launched in a promising career.

Each mother was trying to be the friend, counsellor, chum and comrade of her son, and each found the young lad's time, thought and prospects interfered with and intruded upon by the young girls of his acquaintance. They rang the telephone and called him away from his studies. They wrote notes and sent him invitations to all sorts of festivities, and they even called on him and urged him to act as their escort to various functions.

When he went away for a summer outing with his parents they pursued him with letters, and by their unremitting attentions succeeded in distracting his mind from study, and, in one case, leading the boy into marriage before he had become self-supporting.

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Young girls in England, France, Germany and all European countries are more carefully guarded by their parents and are not allowed the freedom which has been and is being misused by so many—by the large majority—of our American girls.

Liberty and License. It is one thing to enjoy liberty of action. It is quite another to be guilty of license in conduct. The girl who keeps the telephone busy calling up her young men friends and asking them to show her attentions is guilty of license and immodesty. The man should always be the one to make advances.



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of one member from each ward and three at large, who are chosen as the regular city officials, are except that their names are placed on a separate ballot, on which no party designations are permitted.

In this case the legislative body, by a two-thirds vote, may propose an amendment, and if the amendment is able to command a majority of the votes cast at the next municipal election, it becomes a part of the charter. There is also a provision in the constitution requiring that no charter shall become a law until it is first approved by the governor, although it is provided that the city may override his veto by a two-thirds vote. A number of other safeguards, such as the limitation of indebtedness and the right of tax-paying women to vote when questions of taxation are pending, are provided by the constitution.

Charter reform in one of the most important tendencies of the new municipal movement, both in home rule cities and those municipalities which do not enjoy home rule. In two years the National Municipal League to assist them in building or rebuilding their charters. This included nearly all the larger cities of the country and a number of states a year ago. The program consists of a large collection of statutes aggregating half a million words, a hodge-podge of all sorts of laws and regulations, thrown together by charter-making processes covering many years. When Justice Hughes was governor of New York he appointed a commission which drafted a modern charter for the city, the new instrument covering the entire situation in 700 words. But the legislature and the governor locked horns over the charter reform and the question is yet unsettled.

St. Louis has had a board of freeholders at work on affairs of this kind into which it is sought to incorporate the best ideas of the English and German systems with those of the advanced American system. St. Paul and Pittsburgh also have been at work doing their municipal affairs by incorporating in their charters the best lessons of municipal experience. San Francisco has shown a deep interest in charter reform, and the indications are that the present decade will witness a greater era of charter making progress than any other decade in American municipal history.

The privilege of home rule for cities gives individual municipalities opportunities to try experiments that never would be granted a general law passed by a state legislature. It was while acting under its home rule privilege that Los Angeles made a notable departure in municipal affairs by incorporating a recall provision in its charter. That the recall has been abused in some instances may be admitted, and that it has not been on trial long enough to justify a final decree in its favor may be conceded, but on the whole it has gone a long way toward proving its case in the court of public opinion, and it will probably become one of the most potent influences for pure municipal government yet discovered. If it justifies the hopes of its advocates it will in itself be a sufficient excuse for home rule. While Los Angeles has not been as successful in its efforts to try experiments that never would be granted a general law passed by a state legislature. 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