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SAY ECONOMIC PRESSURE DESTROYS CHANCE OF MOTHERHOOD

*Chicago Women Tackle Question of Maternity Among
the Poor—Dr. Caroline Hedger Says Young Women's
Health Is Left Behind Them on Sweatshop
Machines—Mrs. Virginia Brooks Washburne
Blames Low Wages and Hard Work.*

"The average young girl in Chicago is physically unfit for motherhood. Life in a big city is too strenuous, and as a consequence the material of womanhood is decidedly discouraging."—Dr. Caroline Hedger of the Women's Trade Union League.

"I agree with Dr. Hedger, somewhat. The average working girl may be physically unfit. But she is made physically unfit by the struggle for existence, by being deprived of little comforts that make life worth while."—Mrs. Virginia Brooks Washburne.

Two earnest Chicago women, both of whom have done their share in bettering conditions, have tackled one of the vital questions of the day—the question of maternity among the poor.

Several hundred women were told some unpleasant but pathological truths by Dr. Hedger at the Coonley School, Belle Plaine avenue and North Leavitt st.

The meeting was the first of mothers and fathers that has been arranged by Mrs. Ella Flagg Young for the purpose of discussing the sex hygiene problem.

The greater part of the audience was composed of mothers. And they