

BALLAD OF A SUFFRAGIST

By LUCILLE MARSDEN.

It was a doughty suffragette, her name was Mrs. Tupp;
She had some little ones at home, a husband, and a pup.
She held a suffrage meeting at the corner of the square,
And eloquently pleaded with the crowd assembled there.

She made the speech in Brooklyn, in the borough by the sea,
And she pleaded *Votes for Women* most enthusiastically.
She spoke about our food supply as if it were impure,
And insisted *Votes for Women* would its quality ensure.

Her voice rose high and mighty on a domineering note
As she drew the paradise we'd have when women got the vote;
She was vehemently urging all the men to join the cause,
When a voice, behind her elbow, rose above the wild applause:

"*Votes for Women!* Grub for husbands!—that's a more important thing
Than the stuff that you are preaching to the crowd that's listening!
You come home and cook the bacon, for it's long since time to sup,
Cook the dinner for your children, and your husband, *Henry Tupp!*"

"Home to supper, home to supper!" then the crowd began to cry,
When the speaker beckoned wildly to a policeman passing by.
"Please arrest that gay disturber of the public peace!" said she,
And they dragged poor Henry off, as he was shouting gleefully.

Mrs. Tupp appeared against him at the court, as is the law,
And reluctantly admitted that she'd seen the man before.
"I know him very slightly," absent-mindedly said she,
"I believe he sometimes visits with the children and with me."

Upon investigation it was found that she was right;
Gay Henry Tupp, so free of care, was seldom home at night;
But he sometimes condescended, when his cash was getting low,
To stop with them for supper, and to chat an hour or so.

Said Mrs. Tupp, "I'm working for the children and for me,
I, just as well as any man, support my family;
So that is why I lecture from the corner of the square,
Instead of getting supper for a man who isn't there!"

Poor Henry hung his head in shame, and promised to be good,
And they trotted off together, as married couples should.
"*Votes for Women!*" is his watchword, he has taken suffrage up!
An energetic suffragette is Mr. Henry Tupp!

THE CRIME OF BEING A SOLDIER'S WIFE

Women Receiving Government Pensions Kept Under Special Police Supervision.

On the grounds that the women and children of soldiers are receiving Government pensions, the wives of English soldiers are put under special police supervision. Thousands of women in England are protesting against this indignity offered the women, who have to make the greatest sacrifice for their country. It is suggested that if the police are the best judges of the private lives of people in the pay of the Government, they should begin with a close supervision of the private lives of Members of Parliament.

A CLASS IN PUBLIC SPEAKING
under the direction of
MR. DALE H. CARNAGEY of NEW YORK

is being formed among the members of the Equal Suffrage League, the Just Government League and the Maryland Woman Suffrage Association.

The first meeting of the class will be held at 2.30 P. M. on Wednesday, January 13, 1915, the place of meeting to be announced later.

All those who desire to join the class should send in their names at once to their league's headquarters, as the charge for the lessons will be determined from the number joining the class. It is hoped that 25 cents a lesson will be the maximum charge per person.

MISS GRACE DODGE DEAD

Noted Philanthropist, First Woman to Serve on Board of Education, Dies in New York Home.

MISS GRACE HOADLEY DODGE, the daughter of William Earl Dodge, and a member of the well-known New York family of that name, died December 27 at her home, 262 Madison avenue, New York, in her fifty-ninth year. Her grandfather, William E. Dodge, was a merchant in that city, and was noted for his religious activities and charitable work, and was known by the title of the "Christian Merchant."

Miss Dodge was noted for her practical work on behalf of her sex, and in particular for her interest in the Y. W. C. A. and Y. M. C. A. She was the first woman ever appointed a member of the New York Board of Education, and was the founder of the Girls' Public School Athletic League in 1905. Miss Dodge also founded the working girls' clubs of this city and Teachers' College, which is now affiliated with Columbia University. In 1910 she presented to Barnard College the chimes now in daily use.

In November, 1913, she was one of the active workers in the \$4,000,000 Y. M. C. A.-Y. W. C. A. campaign, to which she contributed \$250,000. Later, with her brother, Cleveland Hoadley Dodge, she gave \$375,000.

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