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MADGE MORRISON, The Molalla Maid and Matron.

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CHAPTER XXV.

Summer, with her bounteous fruitage | would come !" of all things necessary for human subsistence, had taken her departure, leav-

rural regions.

herself a little home-very humble and | welcome. unpretentious, but sufficient for her younger sons and daughters, thereby house and home!" leaving the apathetic mother of Madge family, and much reducing her daily

toil. But it seemed that misfortunes beset Mrs. Andrews upon every hand. Her daughter Alice, who had been for several years a wife and mother, returned to the maternal home widowed and almost destitute, with three children demeans at her disposal until letters of adsupporters of women, so the drunkard's wife's respite was brief and unreal.

"Hasn't Madge gone back to her huspause to consider those of her sister. "No," was the apathetic reply. "She

ing in any sense."

"And that's your advice to me, is it, Alice?"

least expected, in the hope to overhear something to live for, and we ought not tion for a writ of habeas corpus. The lugs, the something not intended for his ears. to be left in darkness, as to what that man isn't guilty. The very idea is ab-She rides a high hoss sometimes, an' at my disposal I will buy lumber, and swears she won't stan' this nor that, Jason and I will build an addition to Jason." but she allus comes round about fodder this old cabin. Thanks to the wool in

Mrs. Andrews turned away with an

ill-concealed shudder of loathing. "Thar's no tellin' what's went o' Madge," continued the step-father, "but I s'pose of course she's come to some show for her to come to any good. I life." want to know what ye propose to do for a livin', Alice? Ye surely don't expect ed Alice. to git yer grub off e' me !"

overcome by recent bereavement, and weakest forms of physical suffering," ones, of whom the youngest was an in- mental agony to endure. If I knew I'd fant of three months, looked up with an never see or hear of George Hanson

to my mother," she said, through her where do they live?" tears. "There'll be something left of Explanations were speedily given, the estate after the law has gone which brought up the subject of the through it, maybe, and then I'll see Morrison arrest and imprisonment. what I can do. But I must have some "What nousense to accuse him o place to stay, and you wouldn't dare to murder!" said Madge. "I can testify object to my staying here if my mother that I saw George Hanson several dayswere not your wife,"

wasn't my wife, of course."

"But what right have you to object "But the Grand Jury found a true effort, and far less suffering, than I have meeting of the District Court." endured since I was married to you. I "Well, I'll visit him in prison, anyearn as much as I used to, and I fall to how," said Madge, "and I'll do all I can see by what code of ethics you judge to relieve the monotony of the outrage me when you treat me as a pauper."

sich yaup since Madge run away!" sald well long after Jason Andrews last saw Jason, angrily. "See here, ole woman," him. I'll try the effect of habeas he continued. "If it makes ye so darned corpus." obstreperous as this to have yer Morri- "What do you know about law, son brats comin' round, I'll drive the child?" whole batch of 'em out o' doors!"

"I didn't mean anything, Jason!" pleaded the wife, in alarm.

"Ye'd better take it back !" exultantly exclaimed her legal protector. "I want "Test the matter and do what you can, one who had essayed to be such, was which narrow the soul and darken and lordin' it over me!"

Mrs. Audrews rocked to and fro upon wouldn't be much, for Jason's so fool- mony concerning his whereabouts; and her chair, soothing her nervous babe, as ishly jealous of the gentleman that I the other was the wronged mother of bored for humanity and freedom? it clung in its tender helplessness to her would not dare to say anything in his illegitimate child, and therefore inaching breast, while it sobbed as though favor, no matter what I knew." grieved beyond endurance.

"Why don't ye talk, woman?" exclaimed her excited lord.

"I have nothing to say," was the apa-

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at my cask. I'd never drink in the tive ability. world if I had a wife that honored me. Women'll have a heap to answer for in Jason, after breakfast, as the poor exclaimed, vehemently. "What mockthe next world !"

"Thank God!" sighed the wife, as he barn in quest of his dram. departed. "I always rejoice when he gets dead drunk, for then, and then only, innocently. do I have a little peace."

"But, mother," said Alice, "do you think Jason will really forbid my staying here till something else can be done with or for me ?"

"God only knows!" replied her demolish the cask with an ax, thus mother, sadly. "How I do wish Madge raising a perfume among the hay that

the words before a stage-coach halted eat or drink spoiled food. ing autumn, benignant and balmy, in before the door, and Madge herself, undisputed possession of the golden har- looking pale, jaded, old, and careworn, seended the ladder, ax in hand, "I've that there, were radical objections vest that smiled in the sunlight upon alighted from its clumsy depths and made up my mind to submit to no more against an intelligent wife; that the the brown bosom of mother earth, walked hesitatingly toward the little foolishness on my mother's premises. while husbandmen were occupied in re- old brown cabin, attired in the identical Three months ago I was a child. I am such was the tenderness of the sex that moving crops to market by the slow shabby dress over which her mother a woman now, and I intend to see that the women consented to remain ignorteaming process yet in vogue in many had sighed three months before because you walk straight hereafter, or die try-

Mrs. Andrews was well-nigh crazed Alice and her mother were for a moand wholly stupefied by the burdens of ment almost stupefied with surprise, bad from the effects of his night's potaher life. The advent of Sara Perkins but recovering themselves, they ad- tions, and was in that weakly, tremhad resulted advantageously, Inasmuch vanced to meet her, while Sam and bling state induced by prostration, as it had enabled the grandmother of Harry, who were just returning from which is so often, under less favorable sulting idea of woman," said the lec-Jason Andrews' children to secure for the fields, set up an exultant shout of circumstances, the bane of the victim of turer,

"Thar comes that sassy jade," said present needs, and quite superior to Mrs. Andrews, to himself, as he peeped from Andrews' own; and Jason, being, for a a crack in the loft of the barn while he nature didn't make much of a success with health and pouring nectar, fitly wonder, disposed to be affable, had al- paused to take breath over his deep po- on you to begin with, but there's more married to Hercules, strongest of the lowed her the custody of his four tation. "I see that I'm to be eat out o' manhood about you than you imagine,

It was well for the family's peace that chance to prove it. Do you remember Morrison with a comparatively small the head was stupefied till the subordi- the first time I saw you? Have you nates could have opportunity to talk up forgotten the pale, sick wife who went their own affairs. The mother and down to her grave, dying for the want education to their girls, and in a strain daughters had much to tell each other, of the love you forgot to bestow upon of the keenest irony told how Boston, and their deep and earnest conversation her? Do you remember how you and awakened only the warmest sympathy I toiled side by side to make this home,

mother. My wages were fair, and it body and will of my mother?" pendent upon her for support, and no would have been well could I have longer concealed my sex. But alas, ministration should be properly filed alas, there's little show for a woman and otherwise acted upon according to when thrown upon her own resources in see that you respect yourself and your the laws of men who claim to be the this world. I have come to you, dear family. Not another drop of liquor mother, in sorrow and humiliation; but shall you bring to this ranche. If you terfield, has given place to a better idea; I sorrow not as those who have no hope. will be a man once more, I'll be your and we go forward with God's help to Depend upon it, there is a Power higher friend. If you go on debasing yourself, band yet?" asked Alice, as soon as she than we, who will overrule all things I'll see that you lose wife and children could so far forget her own sorrows as to for our ultimate good. There is a new and home. Now, mark what I say. power, a new impetus inspired within You shall have two days to sober up. me which will not allow me to yield to Then you'll help me to build an addidon't seem to consider her bargain binddiscouragements. From the first motion to the house, and we'll all get along have to hire somebody to care for her ment that I fully realized my situation together first rate." "I am sure," said Alice, "that if I I seemed transformed. I have carefully made a bad bargain, I'd stick the closer hoarded my wages, and I am not destihoarded my wages, and I am not desti-tute. Thanks to the simple manner of my bringing up, I need but little, and you'll succeed, for you shall. Now, you charged with an admonition. -Sun. "Yes," interrupted Jason Andrews, I am going to stay with you, and see if from his difficulty. You must go with that would fall on the husband "That's what I'm allus tellin' Nance. something is. With the little means surd."

the barn and the muslin and calico in my trunk, we can make some extra beds and comfortables, and we'll fix up and

now." said her mother, sadly. bad end. When a woman forsakes her "Don't fool yourself!" said Madge. rightful master thar's mighty little "I never felt so strong and well in my

"But you're not able to build houses

live nicely."

"Then your looks belie you," respond-

"If women would obey the laws of Alice, poor child-woman as she was, nature they'd outgrow the worst and weak and ill from long watching beside Madge replied. "I look old and thin her sick husband and helpless little and careworn because I've had so much expression of anguish that was pitiable. again, I'd be happy as the day. How do "I don't see where I could come if not Sara and Mrs. Perkins get on? And

yes, two weeks after Jason overheard "I'd have no right to object if she that threat he tells about. The man ought at once to be set at liberty."

now?" cried Mrs. Andrews. "I had bill, daughter. He was regularly commore property before I married you mitted to prison after due preliminary than I now have. I paid my way in examination, and there is no alternathe world while a widow, and with less tive but to wait till the next regular

he's enduring. Sara Perkins knows, as "Highty! tighty! I haven't heard well as I, that George was alive and

"I know enough to be sure that a writ may be served in some legal way to rescue any one from false imprisonment," expectations, the coveted writ was not sake? Did any man ever mourn that

any son of woman that I would not dare telling the truth concerning anything cards, to say nothing of the cost of to do what was right!" said Madge.

The next morning found her up be- own degradation. netic reply.

times, figuring away at her bill for lum"Coward! are ye? Well, ye'd better ber, and ordering everybody, Jason inwith her soul oppressed by a weight of \$500,000.

"Where's that whisky?" she asked drunkard was wending his way to the ery, injustice, and fraud!"

"D'ye want a swig ?" he answered,

"Yes, a big one."

"It's in the loft." Madge looked in the direction indidigit, and hurrying away, proceeded to

"Now, Jason," said Madge, as she de-

of its worn and dilapidated condition. ing." Jason hung his head. He was feeling

strong drink. "You'd never be a Solomon under any and I propose to see that you have a "I couldn't remain away longer, lived till you got a legal claim on the

"Yes, Madge; I remember all."

"Well, Madge, I'll pledge my word-"

"I didn't say he was guilty," pleaded

"Then who did ?"

"The Graud Jury." "Upon your testimony."

"How do you know?" "I feel it in my bones."

next. It was a little cruel for Madge to starvation to her and her children. cut his long-indulged potations off so

ing, and held her patient well in hand. success among the sinners there. "The very devil possesses Madge,"

wish he'd make a business of possessing were enacted in the towns up the river

folks," retorted Sam. that had beset them in the wilderness polished than Mr. Moody's; her reasonwhen none but she could be relied upon are more pointed. Her earnestness can Her mother and Alice watched and went on like magic.

As soon as Madge could leave Jason alone with the family, for he raved fearfully for several days if she were not in rison as she had designed, and assured him that he would be released, and that right speedily.

"Alas, poor child," he said, in reply, "I regret to say that I do not join in your enthusiasm. You will fail for want of properly accredited witnesses."

and Sara, who were overjoyed at meeting her, while the latter was surprised when informed that she and "Tommy, the waiter boy," were one and the same person, she unfolded the plan, already known to Jason Andrews, for the legal liberation of her friend.

But, alas for the vanity of woman's ures, or capable, according to the legal codes

be! I'm goin' off to have another swig cluded, with the old active, administra- overpowering sorrow, indignation, and THE CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHT OF declare at what age, and under what cirshame.

"Men call this a free country!" she

[To be continued.]

Then and Now.

Mr. George William Curtis lectured in New York recently and viewed the advance made in the position of women. cated by the trembling victim's nervous

The following is a report of his concluding remarks:

Mr. Curtis then humorously described the discussions that were carried on in spoiled a ton at least, for cattle are so Dean Swift's time as to whether it Scarcely had Mrs. Andrews spoken far superior to men that they will not would be prudent to marry a woman who had good natural sense, some taste, and was able to read understandingly natural levity of women needed a ballast of ignorance and stupidity. And husbands. This was slow to change. Not more than sixty years ago Sidney Smith spoke of the disparity between intimated women should cultivate household duties to the exclusion of other acquirements. "That it is an inwhich makes her happy when her husband brings her home a bracelet and screaming when a mouse hops across the floor. She is not the fine lady across the floor. gods. Is the Portia Shakspeare has drawn beautiful because a wise young judge, less truly feminine than Juliet whispering her love from a balcony?" Mr. Curtis sketched the great caution with which the Pilgrims and early settlers of New England dealt out a little trembling for the bulwarks of freedom, opened a high school for girls, and stood aghast at the immense attendance upon and usefulness of women should be confined to home, simply because men had an idea that that was her "sphere," was is gone and to-day has come. The fretted slave of the Greek household, and the idle toy and doll of the age of Ches-

> A case that puzzled a London magistrate was that of a woman who had assailed her husband with an axe. It he sent her to prison, the husband would children while she was incarcerated. If he fined her, the husband would have word "male" as well? Why is this there express your wishes, and say by Columbia.

can homes,'

that little is in my trunk in the yard. must help me to extricate Mr. Morrison trate was very tender of the penalties who had not forgotten his old habit of we cannot all together manage to make me to the Court-house. I must see the case. As the English law gives the coming in upon the household when life less burdensome. Surely we have proper officers and make legal applica- man the right to all his wife's earnhardship does not seem so great. Would it not serve the cause of justice better to have each individual esponsible for his or her own crimes and punishments, and also each indi- either to strike out this word "male," sume to answer for them, and say you claim of the Supreme Court of the vidual entitled to his or her own property and earnings?

Here is the other side of the picture. A California man beat his wife, was fined \$10, and then sold her silk dress to pay for the fine. This is the average practical result of a so-called "justice" to wives who appeal to it for protection But Jason Andrews was not able to against brutal husbands. Fine and imgo to the new village that day, nor the prisonment for him mean hunger and

Widow Van Cott, now preaching over suddenly, but she was firm and unflinch- in Brooklyn, is at last obtaining some accomplishing what the other female "Then he's a grand, good devil, and I revivalist failed in, and the scenes which are repeated in Brooklyn. It is evident that they do not mean that, or that pleasure. that, next to Brother Moody, Widow they mean something else. There is Never, since the old days when Madge | Van Cott is the most powerful revivalhad been inspired by the necessities ist in the field. Her language is more in great emergencies, had she so risen to not be surpassed, and she seems determeet the difficulties that beset her way. mined to compel people to come in. waited upon her plans with feelings kept out of the city itself. Some of her akin to awe. The boys obeyed her be- admirers are now trying to get her over hests without a question, and the work here, to take up the work which Brother among us and do all the good she can .-New York Sun.

HIGH-TONED.-They were trimming sight to quell him, she visited Mr. Mor- the church with evergreens, and after a couple of hours' hard work, the young ladies felt hungry, not being used to

"I am so hungry! I wish I had a dish of pork and beans, mum.' young lady; "why, I wish I had some

sourkrout. The first lady looked holy horrors, and you ever hear anything so vulgar?" codfish and potatoes.-Rochester Ex. sons" are citizens, and our opponents Dress.

Did any man at his death ever regret his conflicts with himself, his victories over appetite, his scorn of impure pleashis suffering for righteousness "Very well," replied her mother. procurable. One of the witnesses, or he had impoverished himself by integto aid Mr. Morrison. But my best evidence could not be accepted as testi- last hour most serene and full of hope? Is it not to him who, amidst perils and allurements, has denied himself and la-

The envelope makers and printers as-"Catch me being so much afraid of made by fathers of such children, of sert that the Government loses \$700,000 save only said child's paternity and her rying them as mail matter, and they claim that if the Government would now abolish stamped envelopes, wrapWOMEN TO VOTE.

READ BEFORE THE YAMHILL COUNTY WOMAN SUFFRAGE ASSOCIATION MAY 17, 1876, BY MRS. ANN M. MARTIN.

tional right to vote.

the United States, and of the State the second Section of Article 4. If this give place to justice. These women do wherein they reside. No State shall Amendment does not confer nor guar- not sue for grace and favor, but they demake or enforce any law which shall antee the exercise of the elective fran- mand a right. abridge the privileges or immunities chise, then at influite pains have we of citizens of the United States." Are dug among the foundations of our won- quested to present a memorial from the not all these women citizens of the derful structure, and have deposited asking for a form of government in the United States? Are we not amenable there as one of them an utter sham, District of Columbia which shall secure ant that they might be equal to their to the laws of this State and the United full of the emptiness of nothing. But, to its women citizens the right to vote; States? Suppose we were to commit to sweep all doubts aside, we have the their memorial printed in the Record. murder or theft, or any other crime further words of the Constitution as the knowledge of men and women, and that men commit, would not the sheriff contained in the Fifteenth Amendment. privilege of saying a few words in favor man? He would come, make his best To make assurance doubly sure, it says: trouble you, but you have violated the States to vote shall not be denied nor chusetts, wrote to her husband, John law, and it is my duty to arrest you." abridged by the United States or any Adams, then a member of the Contilaws of the United States by going over vious condition of servitude." But rights of woman the right to protect the to Victoria and trying to smuggle a some one will say that does not apply eral revolution if justice was denied silk dress, or any other article of appared that we should take a fancy to, we servitude. The one that would make some of that period, distinguished by heroism and patriotism dertook to bring a silk dress pattern know that, according to the common wife of the second, and mother of the fastening so that it came below her a woman's person and property are was perhaps the first demand for the dress, and was seen by the revenue under the absolute control of her hus-recognition of the rights of her sex for weary, suffering, heart-sick Madge, such as it is? and how happy we it and the eager acceptance of its privito couldn't remain away longer lived till you got a legal claim on the leges. The notion that the education amenable to the laws which govern tude. I fail to comprehend what would American women. They ask for an or-

aware that the Constitution of Ore- want it? Man says so, and nobody

rect them all.

Moody left unfinished. Let her come more. He or she is the creature of a polit- think will best fill the positions they such arduous labor. One lady ex- privileges. Let us, in this light, read right to the ballot be recognized, and, two from Indiana, the two from Michi-"Pork and beaus!" exclaimed another "All persons" (not all male persons, nor of election, and test the matter before one from Louisiana, one from Kansas, all white persons), but "All persons the Judiciary of the State. born or naturalized in the United Repairing to the home of Mrs. Perkins and Sara, who were overloved at most "Oh, my! the idea! Sourkrout! did States, and the State wherein they re- desire to retard her work of redemption,

> vent them from voting. Let us see, further, what the framers shall make or enforce any law which ties of citizens of the United States." izen" means?

He or she, or both, are persons in possession of, and have, by express decla-"minors would be citizens according to tude toward Widow Van Cott's work of that, and would have the privilege of going to the ballot-box the first thing." They seem to forget that all power is inherent in the people, and it is per- statesman. fectly proper for this "all power" to quietly replied the dealer.

NUMBER 40. cumstances the citizen should vote, so

that the rule applies uniformly, and ex-

arrest us just as soon as he would any Now, what does this Amendment say? of the request made by the gentleman bow, and say: "Madam, I am sorry to "The rights of the citizens of the United since Mrs. Abigall Adams, of Massa-And, if we were to violate the revenue state, on account of race, color, or prewould be served like the lady who un- such an assertion certainly does not never surpassed in any age. from Victoria, and wore it for a bustle, law, (and that is in force unless there is sixth President of the United States, but one end of the silk slipped from its special statute to the contrary), that nollitical as well as its results in the contrary.

officer; and it was taken from her just band, and he can dispose of her prop- made in this country, and is one of the the same as though she had been a crty at pleasure, determine where she membered. It came from a good quaramenable to the laws which govern tude, I fail to comprehend what would American women. They ask for an orthis State and nation, how can the constitute servitude. I cannot com- ganization of a government in the Disjudges of elections, law-makers, and ment further on this point, as there is their political rights. I voted some "Well, Jason, you haven't got mother ridiculed and disposed of by argument to deal with now, but me. I intend to and copious illustration. "Yesterday are women? their pointest rights. I voted some years ago to give women the right to words.

makes no such distinction. I am the ballot. Who says she does not the Fourteenth and Fifteenth Amend- swers it himself. I deny that women names. ments to the Constitution of the United have declared that they don't want the "white" out of our Constitution, and whether they want it or not. Gentle- be printed with the memorial. every negro male can go to the polls men, how do you settle a question that when tinkering up a Constitution, that of suffrage to the women, and let them MEMORIAL OF WOMEN CITIZENS OF THIS if he did not insert this word "male," take a solemn vote on the subject. women would vote. They had the Offer them the chance by which they To the Senate and House of Repre right, and there had to be a constitu- can speak for themselves, and see tional barrier to prevent their exercise of whether they want it or not. Don't it. The thing which we have to do is refuse to let them answer, and don't as- United States has re-affirmed the deof elections, and the rest of the world representing yourselves. Let woman istration, and Webster vs. provision in the Constitution of the have said that she was nobody and no-

against the plain, obvious meaning of of Women to Vote," allow me, ladies, Widow Van Cott, while preaching in as women are concerned, is to bring ers, and demand the right to place your all the places around New York, has them into the possession of the rights of ballot along with theirs, thereby exleges, and the franchises of that partic- who are in favor of equal rights regard-

WIDOW VAN COTT .- It is merely because she is a woman, and not from any And that girl went home to dine on side." They are citizens, that is, "persons' are citizens, and our opponents will have to prove that women are not but it merely increases the obscurity. Women of the whole country that jus-'persons' before they can lawfully pre- If the Brooklyn clergy really believe that tice to women is policy to men; and, of this Amendment meant: "No State shall make or enforce any law which Almighty, how can they withstand her representation, and are subject to manshall abridge the privileges or immuni- on any account whatever? If they had ifold wrongs resulting from unjust and said that her work was of the devil, arbitrary exercise of power over an unye to know that I'll have no women I'm sure I'd do anything in my power the wife of the missing man, and her appal the last hour? To whom is the Is there any doubt now as to what "cit- the penitents around her altar were but Centennial year the spirit of frown upon her. But their present po- mosities, and inspiring into our nasition is illogical. One part of it is con- nional councils a finer sense of justice ration, all the privileges and immuni- tradictory of the other part. It is the and a clearer perception of individual ties of citizens. "But," says one, duty of the clergy to explain their atti- rights: therefore, redemption.—New York Sun.

> "Is that marble?" said a gentleman, pointing to a bust of Kentucky's great "No, sir; that's Clay,"

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Woman Suffrage in the District of Co-

To those who profess to believe that cludes none. One-half of the people Woman Suffrage is losing instead of were excluded, and this article removes gaining ground, we commend the pe-Gentlemen and Ladies:-You have that exclusion, and that is all. Women rusal of the following, taken from the heard argument after argument in are not only citizens, but the Amend- Congressional Record of April 1st, and favor of Woman Suffrage, and from ment says that "no State shall pass or ask that they will compare the treatalmost every stand-point, but, not enforce any law that shall abridge the ment accorded to the petition here to my knowledge, from the position privileges and immunities of this citi- given with that which similar petitions taken above, namely, their constitu- zenship." These terms, "privileges received at the hands of legislative and immunities," are not now used for bodies a few years ago. It would, iu-We have the Fourteenth Amendment | the first time in the American Constitu- | deed, ill become the representatives of a to the Constitution of the United States tion. They are old acquaintances of great nation to treat with contempt a saying: "All persons born or natural- ours, and have done service a great petition of 400,000 of its citizens, and ized in the United States, and subject to while. They occur in this same Con- the time is near at hand when courtesy, the jurisdiction thereof, are citizens of stitution, as will be seen by referring to though well enough in its place, will

Mr. COX. Mr. Speaker, I am re-

women citizens of the United States, Mr. BANKS. Mr. Speaker, I beg the from New York who presents this memorial. It is a hundred years this day give to woman the right to protect the' The Constitution of the United States It is said that woman does not want course of its government, I think it would have done no wrong if they had enjoyed political rights.

Mr. KASSON. I suggest that the gon says "free white male," but, as else. Man asks the question, and an-memorial be printed without the

Mr. COX. There are no names appended except those of the officers of States were adopted, they took the word ballot. They have never been asked the Association; and I hope they will Mr. HENDEE. Itrust the gentleman will allow this petition to be referred to and vote, and you dare not say him is submitted for your consideration? will allow this petition to be referred to

Mr. COX. I have no objection to that. There being no objection, the memo-It was not by accident. If so, it would the legislative balls, or decide any other rial was referred to the Committee for not be used so frequently. It was be- question that comes before you for de- the District of Columbia, and ordered cause every man among them knew, cision? Now propound this question to be printed in the Record as follows:

sentatives of the United States in Con-

gress Assembled:-Whereas, the Supreme Court of the

or convince our law-makers, our judges represent them. You barely succeed in of Spencer vs. the Board of Regthat it is already expunged, which I vote, and then we can tell better Judges of Election, and has decided think is easier. It makes no difference whether you have a right to represent that, by the operation of the first section of the Fourteenth Amendment in how many constitutions it is found, her or not. Men have made all institu- to the Constitution of the United States. nor in how many state constitutions tions for men, and for men alone. They women have been advanced with full it has been incorporated, for a single have never consulted woman. They citizenship, and clothed with the capacity to become voters; and, further, that this first section of the Fourteenth United States is of that potency to cor- where, or, if she was anywhere, she Amendment does not execute itself, but was out of her sphere, and must go requires the supervention of legislative But we would like to talk about our back to nowhere and to nobody imme- power in the exercise of legislative discitizenship a little more. We under- diately. Men have gravely assumed to cretion to give it effect; and, whereas, the Congress of the United States is the daily meetings are crowded, and her stand that when the people or the legis- understand her nature and character legislative body having exclusive jurisaltar is besieged by penitents. She is lature speak by constitution or law, and better than she herself has done, diction over this District of Columbia, use ordinary language, that they mean pointed out her sphere and bade her and, in enfranchising the colored man what they say, and nobody can say walk therein, or incur their severe discrimination against sex, and did not they mean something else. There is In concluding this somewhat dry dis- give the intelligence and moral power nobody who will for a moment argue sertation on "The Constitutional Right of the citizens of said District a fair opportunity for expression at the polls: and, whereas, Woman Suffrage is not ing is more orderly, and her illustrations words. When such are used, it is the to exhort you to do your duty by voting an experiment, but has had a fair trial end of argument and of construction. at the coming election. Go to the polls in Wyoming, where women vote, The great object to be achieved, so far with your husbands or fathers or broth- where they hold office, where they have the most orderly society of any Territories, where the experiment is approved by the executive officers of the citizenship. A "person" is one thing, pressing your individuality the same as United States, by their press, and by and a naturalized citizen is something they do. Vote for the persons you the people generally, and where it has "rescued that Territory from a state of comparative lawlessness," and rendered cal compact, having the rights, the privi- are striving for. And, gentlemen, you it "one of the most orderly in the Union:" and, whereas, upon the Woman ular political association, whatever that less of sex, show your faith by your Suffrage Amendment to Senate bill No. 44 of the second session of the may be. Now we use the term "cit- works, and take your wives, sisters, Forty-third Congress, votes were reizen," and apply it to a person in pos- mothers, and daughters with you to the corded in favor of Woman Suffrage session of certain political rights and polis, and with them demand that their by the two Senators from Florida, the the first clause of the Fourteenth If there are any objections to their vot-one from California, one from Illinois, Amendment, and see what it does say: ing, help them to prosecute the judges one from Alabama, one from Arkansas, one from Massachusetts, one from Minpesota, one from Nebraska, one from Nevada, one from Oregon, one from South Carolina, one from Texas, and one from Wisconsin; and, whereas, a fair trial of equal suffrage for men and hold aloof from the Widow Van Cott. under the immediate supervision of she is carrying on the work of redemp-tion, that she is truly successful in the United States are governed without business of regenerating sinners, and their own consent, and denied trial by that her religion was a sham, and that represented class; and, whereas, in this victims of delusion, there would be no difficulty in seeing why they should melting away all prejudices and ani-

> We pray your honorable body to frame a government for the District of Columbia which shall secure for its women citizens the right to vote

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