Get after the fly early, and keep after him as long as he is about. His prosperity in cities is inimical to that of the human race.

**TAKE CARE OF THE BABIES.**

July and August are trying months for us all, especially so for the nerves and general health of little children. Mothers should give them all the fresh air possible, plenty of refreshing bathing and simple food. Do not let the little child over-exert itself during these hot days. Have them rest in some cool, shady place during the afternoon when the sun is the hottest, by doing this they will be refreshed for their evening meal, which should be very light. Then they can play in the cool of the evening. Try this plan. They will not be nearly so apt to feel any bad effects from the warm weather that is so hard on the little ones.

If the child is small and has to depend upon milk for its nourishment, much care must be exercised in the way in which the milk is cared for. The bottles and pans must be thoroughly sterilized and the milk kept in a cool place.

The work of building simple ice boxes in Chicago, under the direction of Mrs. Ella Flagg Young, Supt., of the Chicago School system, for the use of the poor in the hope of reducing the high infant mortality of the tenement quarter in summer, is highly commendable. The ice boxes are intended principally for keeping milk, which now will be distributed free by the county, as well as the necessary ice. This will supply about 3,000 families with pure milk for their babies. It is hoped that other large cities will take up the good work.

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**The Woman, the Home, and the Ballot**

**By HENRIETTA C. LYMAN**

The time approaches when we women, who believe we should have the ballot, must be ready to give a reason "for the hope that is within us."

There are two questions we are called upon to answer with annoying frequency; one is this:

"What do women expect to accomplish with the ballot when it is given them?"

The temptation comes to reply by asking a question quite similar in phraseology, namely this:

"What do men expect to accomplish with the ballot which has already been given them?"

However, the characteristics of a true woman are patience and forbearance; and we reply serenely that we expect to assist greatly in making conditions better for American homes.

We are often told that home is a woman's place and nothing could be more true. Home, for the majority of women, is headquarters for the transaction of the most important business in the world, the care and protection of the children.

But the four walls of home do not shut in all our children need; and, alas, they do not shut out all our children do not need. The outside world presses upon the home at a thousand points.

In order that they may do the best possible for their homes, women must have the power to help control the affairs of the town, the county and the state in which they live.

A woman lecturer was once told that she had better go home and mind her business; her reply was that she did stay at home and mind her business, which was principally the care of two sons, and that she minded it well, too, till, her business—her two sons—went out into the world to attend to business of their own.

Then it was, this woman felt called upon to go out into her small corner of the world, to do all in her power to make it a better, a safer place for the sons and daughters of other mothers, mothers who were still occupied with the nursery stage of a woman's duties.

There are countless numbers of wom-
en who have a score or more of years left of life in which they may work for the Common Good after they have done faithfully their part in preparing their children for the world: a score or more of years when they can assist in preparing the world for the children.

Day Castello, a pretty, young English woman, has spoken often for suffrage in this country. She says when she is speaking at home, in England, some man often calls out and asks her why she does not go home and mind the baby.

She replies that when the baby is a foot long we can mind him without asking help of any one.

But when he is three feet long, more or less, and begins to go to school, the problem grows more complicated; and we must be in partnership with several other people, in order to secure desired results.

And when he is six feet, more or less, the government begins to mind him; and the mother needs to have the power to help decide how the government is going to transact so important an undertaking.

In the state of Washington, a few months ago, a father said as good a thing as any mother could say; but as women took part in recalling that mayor of Seattle, it is reasonable to suppose he was influenced by his wife.

This gentleman had expressed himself in favor of recalling Mayor Gill: A fellow townsman interrogated him in this manner:

"What reason have you for recalling Mayor Gill?"

"What reason have I, man? I have seven good and sufficient reasons for recalling Mayor Gill, my four sons and my three daughters."

It is often said that politics is too dirty a pool for women; if this is true, we should be allowed to assist in purifying it.

For no mother wants her son, as soon as he arrives at the age of 21, to engage in that which is so disreputable he cannot have his mother participate with him.

Our books tell us a different story as to politics. They say: "Politics is the science of government; and the work of politics is that which is calculated to bring about a greater measure of peace, and safety and prosperity for the people."

If in our practice we have wandered so far from our theory, then we better begin to wander back again.

The fact is, all that legitimately belongs to the work of government, is as sacred and holy as the work of the church or the home. The direct influence of women is needed in each of these institutions.

The other monotonous question is: "Have women not enough to do already?" Any person who is capable of rendering service in a community has enough to do.

When we want things done we do not go to the people who are casting about to find a way to rid themselves of time.

As for time, that precious possession, women have more of it then men have to devote to considerations of the public welfare.

Casting a ballot means having one's opinion counted. It will require some little time for a woman to so prepare herself, that she shall have intelligent opinions, opinions worth counting. However, not an hour more of time will be required to do this, than to prepare oneself to use one's indirect influence in an intelligent manner.

There are women who are really very busy trying to overcome certain evils by means of indirect influence.

But such methods remind one of the story of the new maid and her mistress.

The lady of the house heard confusion in the kitchen; on entering she found her maid nearly exhausted in the attempt to mop up the water which was pouring upon the floor from an open faucet.

"Why on earth don't you close the faucet?" she exclaimed.

The "heated" reply came, "I'm too busy attending to this flood to monkey with the fasset."

In this second decade of the 20th Century, many women are seeking to effect legislation without the ballot;
which is nearly as disastrous, as Bridget’s labor with the results of the faucet turned the wrong way.

There is a motion before the House (the present voters of Wisconsin), in the most kindly spirit we should like to ask them this question:

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Parents, what is your duty?

By DAVID BOGUE.

This question is one that must be solved and must be answered by every individual Mother and Father. No one can answer for the other. What is your answer? You have made answer just so surely as you have a child. The child and what it is, is the answer you have made.

I am writing this little article from what I see as a public official and not from my own theories. I have no cure-all to offer, no panacea to propose, only a few facts to present. From these statements and conclusions take what you think worth your while and apply at once to your home, but don’t discard the coat until you are sure it wasn’t cut to fit you.

Out of sixteen minor girl delinquents only one had learned from Mother the teachings which should be told only at home. The public did not have the false modesty that mother had. Every one of the sixteen went to the public library, the public band concert, the public ball, unattended by any older member of the family and most of them early learned to tell dear, easy Mother that Nellie was over night with Jennie and Jennie the same night with Nellie. None of their mothers knew where they spent their evenings except in a vague way. Over half of them were loved and petted, a few from different homes, were whipped and abused. In every case Home, was a place to eat and sleep, not to abide.

Out of thirty-eight delinquent boys, six caught in minor scrapes seemed to have homes, the others “bunked” and “fed” and perhaps had to “buckle in” and “dig” when “dad” was watching. A few members of “de kid gang” and all were night hawks.

Will you postpone the enfranchisement of the women citizens as long as possible, or will you in 1912 give to them what you, yourselves, so much prize, the power and dignity of the American ballot?

Drunks, disorderly, thieves, licenciates and prostitutes are numbered in those I have mentioned above and they answer how some parents have considered their solemn duty. One mother who did not know where her twelve-year-old son spent his nights and was terribly shocked when she found out, was forced to admit, she tied up a valuable puppy every night to keep it out of mischief, and away from mongrel pups, but let her boy go without question, while she attended card parties. Oh! parents the public school, the library, the entertainment, the church and Sunday School, the newspaper, may all be good at times, the public officials may try to protect your boys and girls, the teachers may try to guide them, their pastor and Sunday School teacher to train their religious nature, but you must save them. Your love must bind them to you, and your control must make them respect you, respect themselves and last respect the public.

Socialistic, even communistic control of property may become a successful reality, but the individual Home, is the only institution that can raise men and women.

Laugh at the old time religion if you will, sneer at the family altar if you dare, but I have yet to see in my office as a delinquent a boy or girl from a home where family worship is maintained. I care not what the religion, nor what the creed, the home that has religious worship and lives up to its best light is not sending many boys and girls to the penitentiary.

You say your children don’t care for church or religion. They won’t go to church, they won’t keep the Sab-