# THE DISPATCH.



The second reading of the woman suffrage bill in the Batis's Commons is a formal approval of its principle. As it was referred to the Committee of the Whale, it will not be reached during the present session. The congestion that wil necessitite a scheme of local self-government will enable the opponents of

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of government by the corsent of the governed. The women who have had the courage to make themselves ridiculous, courage greater than is needed to face an enemy in battle, have done most to promote this endorsation by Parliment. The great majuity take or accept an idea because it is in the air, and the women who have faced imprisonment.

is no excuse for delying the sound principl Our Stock of Carriages and Road

the change to prevent it wilh a good grace The bill would accord women the same rights In Parliamentary elections that they now erjoy in municipal elections. The chief provision is the enfranchment of all house-holders. This will include about ninety per cent. of the contemplated new electorate. Every woman who inhabits or occupies a house or any part of a house, however low its value, is included, provided she has complete control over it. This would give the franchise to the struggling working woman who i seeking equal pay for equal work, and also for more advanced legislation in regard to working conditions in shops and old-age pensions. Another and far less numerous class included in the bill is the occupiers of premises valued at £10 per year or over. This would confer the franchise on the small shopkeepers and the stenographers who have offices of their own. It would also allow a number of women to exercise the franchise as joint owners, provided their house or place of business was worth £10 for each occupant.

The bill differs from the present municipal franchise act of England and Wales by following the Scotch and Irish precedent in not making marriage a cause of disfranchisement.

A difference between married and single women is provided indirectly in a clause preventing the registration of a man and wife for the same premises. This will not prevent the wives of sailors, fishermen, travellers and other occasional absentees from being registered as the tenants and exercising the household franchise otherwise vested in their husbands. Carefully compiled statitics in London show that 186,982 women occupiers to whom the franchise would be extended by the bill nearly half were housewives, mostly of the working class, and more than half were women engaged in work other than domestic. Of these there were 30,334 charwomen, Mices-keepers and laundresses, 24,-361 dressmakers and milliners, 6,525 skirt and blouse makers and seamstresses, 5,525 waitresses and matrons, and a number of smaller groups down to 144 literary workers and 140 civil servants. The list shows that the women enfranchised by the bill would be an accurate class reflection of the men already exercising the franchise.

The change is inevitable, and is merely a part, and perhaps an exaggerated part, of the general change taking place in the relative status of men and women. It would be didn't ye git here an hour ago?" demandunwise to hope for or to fear sweeping results. If the women of Yoronto were enfranchised the city would probably continue to elect a Board of Control afraid to select a Medical Health Officer on account of his religious convictions. Britsin will have much he same kind of Parilament after the women

which is comparatively easier than facing ridicule, have filled the air with the idea that a large majority in the Commons have taken. -Toronto Daily Globe.

### **Essential Apparatus**

In the little town of Lebanon the vill age fathers decided that the dignity and protection of the town demanded a fire engine and a fire-company. The apparatus was secured, and the company organize ed under the able leadership of Amo-Herkimer. For two years the company drilled faithfully, running with the machine to imaginary fires to the enthusias tic plaudits of their fellow citizens; but fate seemed against showing what it could do with a red fire.

Cyrus Parsons came out of his barn on morning to see a line of smoke curling through the shingles round the kitchen chimney. In a moment a ladder was placed in position and Cyrus went half way up with a pail of water to stifle the smoldering fire. Suddenly he stopped. What a chance for the fire department! Their first chance! Was he, their loyal supporter, to rob them of it? Never!

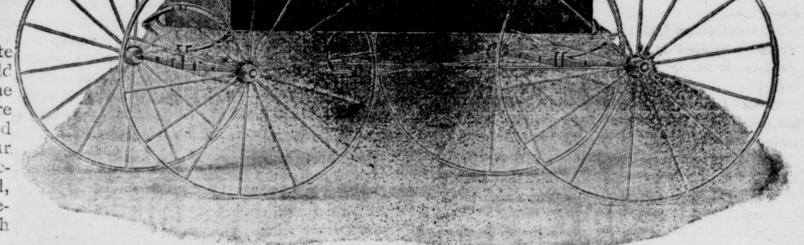
He dropped the pail, and in a few minutes had the assurance over the telephone of immediate succor from Amos himself. For a while he watched the little blaze increase without apprehension, expecting every minute to hear the lusty shouts of the fearless fire-fighters. As the flames increased, however, he called the men from the fields to check the growing dangerat length, until the fire-engine came.

were gazing ruefully on the ruins of the house and the scorched and blackened Amos with his engine and force swept into the yard. With sympathizing eyes he contemplated the ruins, from which the Globe. gaunt chimneys rose accusingly.

heck, Cy," he finally ejaculated, "I'm ed the stricken Cyrus of his friend, the fire-chief. "Well, Cy, we was all ready an apologetic tone, "but I hed such a pesky time findin' my badge, it kep' us." -The Youth's Companion.

# Wagons

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#### THEY ARE VERY FINE BALMAI ROS INT JES

#### Prevent Bathing Accidents.

Already the list of drowning fatalities for the present season is a long one. Usually the victim of the bathing or the swimming accident is the novice. He takes chances that the experienced bather or swimmer would not take, and pays the price of his indiscretion.

The following "do-nots" are for the wimmer who is not sure of himself: Do not bathe in deep water in the middle of the day.

Never enter the water when the body s perspiring freely.

If you want to swim far out never go alone.

Do not bathe shortly after eating a hearty meal.

When diving strike the water either feet first or squarely with the top of the head. It prevents deafness. Always An hour later, as Cyrus and his men keep the eyes open whether under water or on the surface.

Leave the water on the slightest feelbarn, with encouraging cheer the gallant ing of fatigue or if the muscles begin to twitch.

Always bathe in company .- Toronto

Inhabiitants of the Abyss .- The remighty sorry for ye!" "Why in time cent inauguration of the Museum of Oceanography at Monaco recalls attention to the remarkable discoveries made in the last few years concerning life in to start near an hour ago," said Amos, in the depths of the sea. No long time ago it was believed that lack of light must prohibit the existence of aquatic life below depths of about I,000 feet, but no

#### Little Hope of Saving the Leaning Tower.

Pisa, Italy, July 13-The royal en gineers appointed to investigate the condition of the famous leaning tower of Pisa reported yesterday that the inclination from the perpendicular has recently increased eight inches, owing to the weakness of the foundation. The engineers declare the historic old tower is on the verge of a collapse and that it is ex tremely doubtful if it can be repaired.

The rigning of the bells in the tower has been ordered stopped, because the vibrations thus caused threatened to throw down the structure.

The Campanile, or leaning tower, was erected in 1174-I350. It was in this structure that Galilco worked out the theory of the pendulum .- The St John Globe.

we know that such life abounds at al depths, its forms being specialized to meet the surrounding conditions. Among the most striking characteristics of deep sea animals is the phosphorescence which many of them possess, enabling them to produce as much light as is needful for them. A very curious example is furnished by the Photostomias Guerni, a fish whose sides are provided with rows of luminous points, giving to it a resem blance to a long, dark ocean "liner," with its port-holes illuminated at night.

When lace mertains are ready to be washed, baste a narrow strip of muslin along each outer edge and let it remain until the washing and drying process is completed and you will find your surtains are straight and do EO: 88g.

#### The War Agalnsti Hail

Notwithstanding scientific demonstrations of its inutil ty, the practise of bombarding thunder-clouds with "hail cannon" continues in many of the vine-growing regions of France and northern Italy. The theory underlying this practise is that the discarges disru; t the clouds and prevent the formation of hail. Much money has been spent on the needful apparatus, and many vine growers have an enthusiastic confidence in it. A new effort to convince the advocates of the system hat they are wasting their time and money has just been reported to the Paris Academy of sciences. It is based upon a comparison of records of losses in the Department of the Rhone for 20 years before and for 10 years since the cannon were introduced, and it shows that the losses have slightly increased instead of diminishing since the war on hall was begun.

## **Upper Kintore**

Too late for last issue

The weather has been quite damp-Enough to keep the farmers in a worry about their seeding.

Mrs. Perry Armstrong aud son Donald of Perth are spending some weeks with her parents Mr. and Mrs. Wm, Christie.

Alex. Phillips Jr. from Perhan. Me., visited at his home for a few days,

Mr and Mrs Wm, Milne and Racturn Porter spent Sunday with friends in the Colony.

Geo. Barclay is building a cellar for N J Mc Phail of Perth.

Mr Thomas Cummings was calling on old acquaintances recently. We also received the annual call from the genial tax ollector, Mr. Columbus Craig.