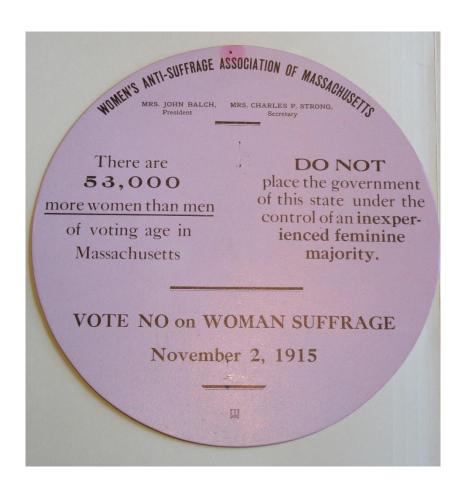
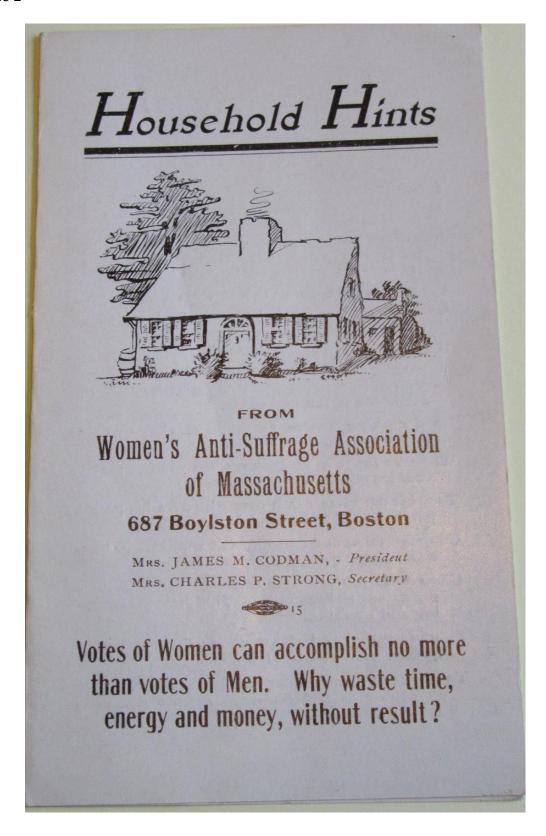
Women Against Women? The Anti-Suffrage Movement in Massachusetts during the Progressive Era

While during other periods of U.S. history Massachusetts was often a forerunner of positive change, the suffrage movement saw a different side of the Bay State. The Anti-Suffrage movement was quite strong in the Commonwealth. "Antis" as they were called used a variety of methods and arguments to rally support for their cause. The sources below are just a few examples of such methods. Take time to look through each and identify the creator, the intended audience, and any other interesting details you may see. (All materials from Miscellaneous collection of anti-suffrage material assembled by an officer of the Massachusetts Association Opposed to Further Extension of Suffrage to Women (MA Historical Society Call Number JK1883.M28 X-Lg))

Source 1





Housewives!

You do not need a ballot to clean out your sink spout. A handful of potash and some boiling water is quicker and cheaper.

If new tinware be rubbed all over with fresh lard, then thoroughly heated before using, it will never rust.

Rub vaseline into your patent leather shoes. It will preserve and polish them. N. B. Patent leathers are not suitable for hikes!

Use oatmeal on a damp cloth to clean white paint.

Control of the temper makes a happier home than control of elections.

When boiling fish or fowls, add juice of half a lemon to the water to prevent discoloration.

Celery can be freshened by being left over night in a solution of salt and water.

Good cooking lessens alcoholic craving quicker than a vote on local option.

Why vote for pure food laws, when you can partitude.

Why vote for pure food laws, when you can purity your ice box with saleratus water?
To shine cut glass, rub it over with a freshly peeled potato and then wash.

Common sense and common salt applications stop hemorrhage quicker than ballots.

Clean your mirrors with water to which a little glycerine has been added. This prevents steaming and smoking.

Sulpho napthol and elbow grease drive out bugs quicker than political hot air.

To drive out mice, scatter small pieces of camphor in cupboards and drawers. Pedlers and suffs are harder to scare.

To remove shine from serge, sponge with hot water and vinegar and press in usual manner.

Clean houses and good homes, which cannot be provided by legislation, keep children healthier and happier than any number of laws.

Butter on a fresh burn takes out the sting. But what removes the sting of political defeat?

Clean dirty wall paper with fresh bread.

If an Anti swallows bi-chloride, give her whites of eggs, but if it's a suff, give her a vote.

When washing colored hosiery, a little salt in the water will prevent colors from running.

Spot Removers

The following methods for removing spots and stains will be found efficacious. There is, however, no method known by which mud-stained reputations may be cleansed after bitter political campaigns.

Grass stains may be removed from linen with alcohol.

Fruit stains may be removed in the same way, but hot alcohol works quicker.

To remove axle grease, soften first with lard. Kerosene removes vaseline marks.

Sour milk removes ink spots

Discolorations and stains on bath enamel may be removed by turpentine.

Leather stains on light colored hosiery may be removed by borax.

SOME REASONS WHY WOMEN OPPOSE VOTES FOR WOMEN

BECAUSE the suffrage is not a question of right or of justice for the individual, but of what is best for the state and for all within the state.

BECAUSE the demand for the ballot is made by only a small minority of women and the majority of women do not want it.

BECAUSE the great advance of women in the last century—moral, intellectual and economic—

has been made without the ballot, which goes to prove that the ballot is not needed for their further advancement along the same lines.

BECAUSE women, standing outside of politics, and therefore free to appeal to any party, are able to achieve reforms of greater benefit to the state than they could possibly achieve by working along partisan political lines.

BECAUSE woman suffrage has always added greatly to the percentage of stay-at-home voters—the greatest possible menace to government—and increased the cost of government without any counterbalancing good.

BECAUSE the net result of woman suffrage in every instance is a loss instead of a gain to the state.

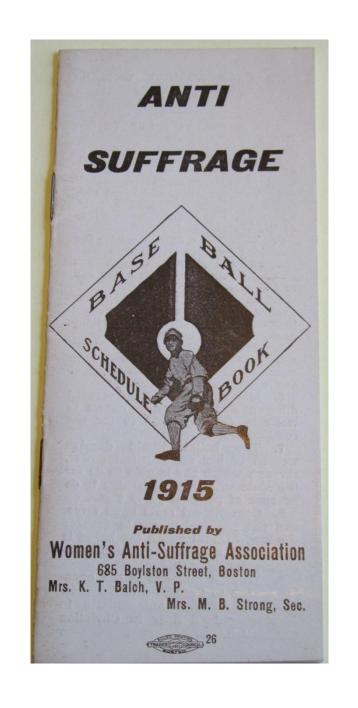
BECAUSE the basis of government is physical force. It isn't law, but law enforcement, that protects society, and the physical power to enforce the law is neither possible nor desirable for women.

VOTE "NO" ON WOMAN SUFFRAGE IN NOVEMBER.

WOMEN'S ANTI-SUFFRAGE ASSOCIATION OF MASSACHUSETTS
685 Boylston Street, Boston

Mrs, James M. Codman, President Mrs, John Balch, Vice-President

Source 4



THE CASE AGAINST WOMAN SUFFRAGE

Woman suffrage should be defeated by the people of Massachusetts for the following reasons:

1. The suffrage is not a question of right for the individual, but of what is best for the state.

2. The net result of woman suffrage wherever it has been tried has been a loss to women and a loss to the state.

3. Women cannot have the franchise without going into politics, and the political woman is a menace to society, to the home and to the state.

4. At least 80 per cent. of our women do not want the ballot, and to force it upon them would be undemocratic and unjust.

5. The man-made laws of Massachusetts are more favorable to women and children than those of any woman suffrage state.

6. Men and women were created different and designed by nature to work in different spheres for the common good.

common good.

7. The ballot would deprive woman of her non-partisan power, through which she is able to do for

woman of her non-partisan power, through which she is able to do for the state what man is unable to do because of political party ties.

8. Government rests upon force,

and the physical power to enforce the law, without which the ballot is useless, is neither possible nor desirable for women.

9. Woman Suffrage is the opening wedge to Socialism and Feminism, propagandas antagonistic to everything held dear in Christian civilization.

UNPREJUDICED TESTIMONY

The New York World, a suffrage newspaper, admits that women will not purify politics and that the immediate effect of giving them the ballot will be to disorganize government and add to its confusion. In a recent editorial, The World said:

"For women to demand the suffrage on the ground that they are nobler and holier than men is to argue against their cause......

Women will not purify politics. They never have done so in states in which they have the vote and they never will.

"As a sex women average no better than men. They are no more honest. They are no more disinterested. They are no more patriotic. Their public ideals are no higher. As a class they are less wise in general affairs than men, because their experience is less.

"If we may judge the future by the past, the immediate effect of woman suffrage will be to disorganize government and add to its confusion. This is what has always happened when the franchise was extended."

Do you want to bring disorganization and confusion into the government of Massachusetts at the behest of a small minority of women? If **NOT**

Vote NO on Woman Suffrage Nov. 2.

WOMAN SUFFRAGE ESSENTIAL TO SOCIALISM.

That the extension of the franchise to women is essential to the success of Socialism is admitted by every Socialist leader. The New York "Call," a Socialist organ, says:

"The fight for woman suffrage"
"is bound to be an exceptionally"
"hard one, but it is a fight that"
"must be won, and on none does"
"the responsibility for success fall"
"more heavily than upon the So."
"cialists. And the time for Social-"
"ists to begin this great campaign"
"to which they are morally bound"
"is now. SOCIALISTS, REMEM-"
"BER THAT THE MOBILIZING"
"FOR THE WOMAN SUFFRAGE"
"FIGHT TAKES PLACE TODAY!"

The National Woman Suffrage Association is distributing Socialist literature and employing Socialist speakers, and Socialism is growing with startling rapidity in every state and country in which women have the ballot.

If this alarming connection between Socialism and the woman suffrage movement were generally realized, thousands of good women who are now suffragists would desert the cause at once.

Do you wish to advance the cause of Socialism in Massachusetts? If NOT

Vote NO on Woman Suffrage Nov. 2.

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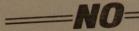
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Source 5



Here's to the woman of days gone by,
May we meet her like above!
The woman for whom a man would die,
The woman who rules by love,
Who doesn't parade, who doesn't harangue,
In whose home it is sweet to dwell,
Who believes in raising children, and not in raising
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Hammer and tongs, hammer and tongs,
When a Suffragette marries she'll right no more
wrongs;
She'll sit by the fireside, where she belongs,
And instead of parading she'll sing cradle songs.
For the married career she secretly longs,
And, if given a chance, will drop hammer and tongs.

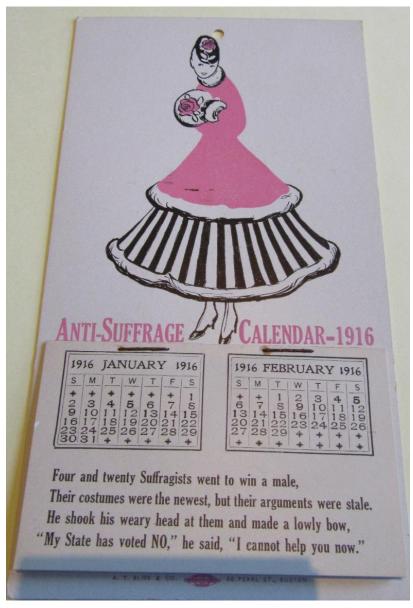
A MASSACHUSETTS MELODY.

Oh! let us sing a chanty
To the inconsistent anti,
Who votes for school committees
And does other hateful duties!
The inconsistent Suffragette
Who fails to vote is stranger yet!
In all scarce 3 per cent, they say,
Get to the polls on voting day.

REFRAIN.
Inconsistency's a virtue
That is absolutely sure to
Improve the situation

When it's ruling o'er the nation.

Source 6



Sing a song of Suffrage, no more Scotch or Rye,
When the pollsare opened "Suffs" say they'll vote "dry."
Look at California, Denver don't forget,
Women have the vote in both and they've voted "wet."

A. T. BLISS & CO. 60 PEARL ST., BOSTON

Here am I, little Suffrage Jane, If I don't get the ballot I'll smash things again. A. T. BLISS & CO. 60 PEARL ST., BOSTON

OF MASSACHUSETTS

One Million of the 1,074,000 Women of voting age in this State do not want to fight men in Politics.

They have Faith in their Husbands, Fathers and Sons and are not suffering at their hands.

They know they can serve the State better as Non-Partisan Women than they could as Partisan Politicians.

They know the Laws of Massachusetts are fairer to Women and Children than those of any Suffrage State.

They see in "VOTES FOR WOMEN" merely the Political phase of Feminism, which is a menace to the Home and to Christian Society.

Some burdens which go with the ballot Women are physically unable to bear; others they cannot bear without sacrificing more important duties.

Woman Suffrage Means Women on Juries.

No Mother Can Serve on a Jury for Weeks at a Time Without Neglecting Her Home and Her Children.

No man wants to see the Women of his family forced to discuss all kinds of testimony with all kinds of men, often through the long hours of the night, behind the locked doors of the juryroom.

Woman Suffrage increases taxes. It has failed everywhere to improve government. It is a costly and dangerous experiment.

Woman Suffrage is a Woman's Question and Should Be Decided By Women.

The Suffragists, representing ten per cent. of their sex, are bitterly opposed to allowing Women to vote on the question whether they want to enter politics.

They demand that Men shall impose the vote on all Women without the consent of ninety per cent.

IS THAT DEMOCRATIC? IS IT JUST?

We Ask You to Vote "NO" on Woman Suffrage on November 2 in Justice to the 1,000,000 Massachusetts Women who want to preserve the Home and leave politics to Men.

WOMEN'S ANTI-SUFFRAGE ASSOCIATION OF MASSACHUSETTS, 685 Boylston St., Boston Mrs. John Balch, President. Mrs. Charles P. Strong, Secretary.