Miss Tarbell.

Seem'd a little inconsistent for a woman who has reached such an eminence of unrest as has Miss Tarbell, to turn the battery of her well trained mind against the faults of her sex and to do her utmost to prevent that sex from thinking along broader lines than they do?

It is unreasonable to ask that the children of one weary father should be so radically different tonight because they are of different sex. Mrs. Boyer struck a truth when she said "I'm not denying that women are foolish. God a'

mighty made 'em to match the men"; and the unrest of one sex can not help but reach the other. The men of this country are the most uneasy men to be found anywhere.

Miss Tarbell's articles sound as if she had not come in contact with the average woman nor with the women like Mrs. Cady Stanton, Miss Anthony or Miss Hilliard. Her comments upon club women, suffragists in boots &c do not [illegible] of the classes I have named nor do they fit the poorer classes of women, toiling for their loved ones. It seems strange that one who has studied the wrongs of the tariff as has Miss Tarbell, has

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seen the terrible industrial conditions under which so many women work patiently on to try to keep a semblance of a home for their families, sacrificing such different women as if they constitute the mass of womanhood. Miss Tarbell knows that the women she has pictured are not average women. She does her the grace to admit that the uneasy woman is made by the industrial conditions of the times. Those conditions grow not alone from the selfishness of men but partly from our abundance of machinery, so much of which takes the place of skilled men. Machinery ought to benefit-

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the laboring man, it ought to give him a chance for leisure and study and give to his family the things which make life beautiful, instead of which it crowds him out of his place, and his wife and children must work at to preserve life at much lower wages than can be received before the machinery crowded him out. It is wonderful that the love of home is left at all under our sad industrial conditions.

The women Miss Tarbell pictures are few in number and they are idle women. Such women need the ballot more than any others — need it to set them thinking of

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something beside their own precious(?) selves.

Miss Tarbell has certainly made a man of Russell, with no sympathy for the toiling women who work as hard for home and food.

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