

Memo - Women and Industry.

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The challenge to women, to prove that they are as fit, or fitter, for active life of the world, business and industrial particularly, is loud in these days, louder than it has been since the War. The doors were flung open so wide to women in the War, they so took away the breath of men by their spirit, courage, intelligence in tackling all sorts of men's jobs and actually doing the work, that there was a burst of confidence in the more militant of the sex.

"We have proven our equality, shown our metal. Henceforth we will stand on a par with men in the industrial and business world."

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The War is seven years over and no small part of the disillusionment of the whole dreadful business, is that now that it is over, things have swung back largely to the old plain. Moreover, while

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women work in the War and it was astonishing what she did, she still is ~~feared~~ *far* in industry and business from a place of equality.

The point which stirs her to bitterness is her inability, in spite of her demonstrations that she has made, to command wages. The cynical do not fail to remark that this insistence on wages shows that she goes into industry for returns alone, that if the thing

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