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## "WOMAN THIS, AND WOMAN THAT."

(Echo of a Barrack-room Ballad, with acknowledgments to Mr. Rudyard Kipling.)

### I.

We went up to Saint Stephens with petitions year by year ;  
"Get out!" the politicians cried, "we want no women here!"  
M.P.'s behind the railings stood and laughed to see the fun,  
And bold policemen knocked us down, because we would not run.

For it's woman this, and woman that, and "Woman go away!"  
But it's "Share and share alike, ma'am!" when the taxes are to pay;  
When the taxes are to pay, my friends, the taxes are to pay,  
Oh, it's "Please to pay up promptly!" when the taxes are to pay!

### II.

We went before a magistrate, who would not hear us speak ;  
To a drunken brute who beat his wife he only gave a week ;  
But we were sent to Holloway a calendar month or more,  
Because we dared, against his will, to knock at Asquith's door.

For it's woman this, and woman that, and "Woman, wait outside!"  
But it's "Listen to the Ladies!" when it suits your Party's side ;  
When it suits your Party's side, my friends, when M.P.'s on the stump  
Are shaking in their shoes at how the cat is going to jump!

### III.

When women go to work for them the Government engage  
To give them lots of contract jobs at a low starvation wage ;  
But when it's men that they employ they always add a note—  
"Fair wages must be paid"—because the men have got the vote.

For it's woman this, and woman that, and "Woman, learn your place!"  
But it's "Help us, of your charity!" when trouble looms apace ;  
When trouble comes apace, my friends, when trouble comes apace,  
Then it's "Oh, for woman's charity!" to help and save the race!