THE DOWNTRODDEN SEX

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THREE-QUARTERS of a centu-
year ago a group of de-
termined women, led by Sus-
anna Howard Anthony, began
their campaign to secure this es-
trous right. They organized, yet
they were granted men their rights and nothing more; wo-
men their rights and nothing less.

The woman and her equally determined associates finally won the battle. The Constitution was amended to prevent any denial of rights and privileges to the female sex. And thus was born the movement to secure full rights for women.

In the political arena, women’s voices were heard. They ran for office, and in 1920, over 100 women were elected to the U.S. House of Representatives. Women had also made significant contributions to the suffrage movement.

The law left her entirely free to honor or dishonor such pledges. I indi-
cated that if the shoe had been on the other foot, if he had led his wife, even if he had good and suf-
ficient reason for such action, the law would regard it as a criminal move on his part, and he could be arrested as a common felon.

Concentrate of his other half. This law occasioned by this cat-

tage, as indicated by an interesting letter to The New York Times a few years ago, signed "Elderly Husband." The letter in part fol-

ows: "At present all a young woman has to do is to marry a man with real property into a mar-
bage by protestations of affection, and those are so well understood by women, and later, marriage demands and leaving him, thus tying his hands, so far as her real property is concerned.

"Take my own case, for instance. Two years ago I was the owner of considerable property, heavily mortgaged. One day my wife, whom I had married but a year, remarked to me, 'I want to go to a hotel and sell this property and give me half.' Somewhat surprised I said: 'There is no half coming to you until I die, but I can have it all.' Then my wife remarked: 'You cannot sell half the property.' She then, to-
gether with her mother, proceeded to pick quar-
rels over frivolous matters, and eventually left after haranguing me and berating me for my absurdity. I think that I make a division of my property. She has kept away from me, refusing to see me when I called upon her or attempted to do so; refusing to answer any letters from me, keeping my acquaintances from correspondence with me. The result is that she has been compelled to rely upon her stronghold upon us, and to acquiesce in the demands of the wife, who I thought had af-
fection for me. The law protects her, and will do nothing for me, and only by a circuitous and expensive course can she be circumvented."

In some few of the States the man has a dowry right in the es-
state of his wife; generally he has no claim to any part of her property, while she inherits on his death, will, or will, a definite fraction. A case that recently came to my attention will show the injustice of the law in that respect.

A friend in the District of Columbia by hard work and de-
zel working to accumulate a small fortune. He did so in every living and con-

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