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brain, I must leave it to others to judge, but following her invitation, I have given this question a "second thought" and offer here a few suggestions, which might bring the desired result, and I will start with a question, namely "Why did British women get the vote? Answer: "Foremost because they tenaciously and untiringly fought for it."

True enough they made, mildly said, a bit of a nuisance of themselves. Their leaders and followers went on hunger strike when locked up, they threw themselves underneath horses, and buses, chained themselves to various gate posts, slapped the faces of politicians and policemen, they went to prison, etc., etc., in short they became a public menace. Result: "They got the vote."

This encourages me to give a word of advice to Swiss women in general. If they really and truly want to be put on the voting register, they must change their tactics, and they must, perhaps in a less violent manner, imitate their British sisters.

Here are a few suggestions, which if carried out, might have the desired result, although it might get me into serious trouble with the authorities at home when on my next visit to Switzerland.

To begin with I suggest that throughout our homeland teams of women should be formed going from Restaurant to Restaurant snatching the playing-cards out of the hands of those men who, for hours are playing Jass, such as "Zuger, Bieter, Schieber, Kreuzjass etc." meeting their indignation with such slogans as "Votes for Women", "Liberty, Equality and Fraternity."

Then again every woman instead of kissing her husband good-night or good-morning should, before closing or opening her bewitching eyes, scream as loudly as possible "Votes for women."

A further useful piece of propaganda might be if the wives insisted on accompanying their husbands for that "Sunday afternoon walk" — which more often than not, is only a pretext to play skittles, or Jass, or watch a football match — and bring it home to them in course of the conversation, that "Votes for Women" is the only solution to bliss and happiness in their conjugal homes—.

If this does not seem to work, I suggest, that during the periodical sessions held in Berne of the Federal Parliament, women with posters "Votes for women", should invade the public galleries of the two Chambers, throwing hand-bills and pamphlets down in the "arena", and generally behave in such

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a manner which would oblige the "Speaker" to suspend the sitting.

They also might imitate "Dutty" and break a few windows at the "Palais Fédéral".

To make it still more clear how eager and determined they are to reach their goal, I suggest that one or two of the agitators should jump into the bear pit in Berne, leaving it to the bears to decide whether their cause is a righteous one. (May I suggest that B.L. is volunteering for this heroic act of devotion to a great cause). I consider this demonstration a very effective one.

Thus men all over the country would be reduced to such a state of nerves, that they would readily and willingly give in, and at the next poll would unanimously agree that Swiss women should be put on the voting register.

Nothing in this world of ours can be obtained without fighting for it, and I wish them good luck in their grand fight for

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