

**WHY WE OPPOSE POCKETS FOR WOMEN.**

1. Because pockets are not a natural right.
2. Because the great majority of women do not want pockets. If they did, they would have them.
3. Because whenever women have had pockets they have not used them.
4. Because women are expected to carry enough things as it is without the additional burden of pockets.
5. Because it would make dissension between husband and wife as to whose pockets were to be filled.
6. Because it would destroy man's chivalry toward woman if he did not have to carry all her things in his pockets.
7. Because men are men and women are women. We must not fly in the face of nature.
8. Because pockets have been used by men to carry tobacco, pipes, whisky flasks, chewing-gum, and compromising letters. We see no reason to suppose that women would use them more wisely.—"New York Tribune."

**THE STEADY SUBSCRIBER.**

"How dear to our hearts is the steady subscriber,  
 Who pays in advance at the birth of each year;  
 Who sends in her money, and does it quite gladly,  
 And casts round the office a halo of cheer.  
 She never says 'Stop it,' 'I cannot afford it,'  
 Nor, 'I'm getting more papers than now I can read';  
 But always says, 'send it,' 'the family likes it,'  
 'In fact we all think it a real household need.'  
 How welcome she'd be if she stepped in the sanctum,  
 How 'twould make our hearts throb,  
 how 'twould make our eyes dance.  
 We outwardly thank her, we inwardly bless her,  
 The steady subscriber who pays in advance."

—"Union Signal."

**THE KEY.**

All that I craved belonged to me,  
 God held the gifts and I the key;  
 He held them waiting my command,  
 And yet I would not understand.  
 In petulance and discontent  
 Full many a wasted year was spent.  
 I cried, "How cruel is the fate  
 That bids me work and weep and wait,  
 For things that make life worth the living,  
 Nor rob the giver in the giving.  
 A little joy, a little wealth,  
 Result from toil, abundant health;  
 A chance to do, a chance to be"—  
 And then I looked and found the key.

Right in my heart I carried it,  
 Divinely fashioned, formed to fit  
 The lock of God's great reservoir  
 Which held the things I hungered for.  
 The key was Love—pure gold acrust  
 With glittering gems of faith and trust.  
 It fits all doors, it turns all locks;  
 It leads the way through walls and rocks;  
 It lifts all bolts, unbars the gate,  
 And shows us where life's treasures wait.  
 Oh, are there heights thy feet would press?  
 Seek LOVE, the key to all success.  
 —Selected.

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**AUCKLAND** District, 2nd & 4th Wednesday, 3 p.m., Central Mission Hall, Albert St.; Executive meets 2.30; Pres., Mrs Pudney, Wallace St., Ponsonby; Cor. Sec., Miss N. Dewar, Pompalier Terr., Ponsonby; Rec. Sec., Miss Evans, G.F.S., Wellesley Street; Treas., Miss Dewar, 4 Pompalier Terr., Ponsonby; WHITE RIBBON Agent, Mrs Gouk, Wallace St., Ponsonby.

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