

Module 02: Should Women Vote? The Politics of Suffrage

Evidence 23: "War Incidents" From *Punch*, June 25, 1913



Introduction

The cartoon below comments on public anxiety about the disruptive actions of the suffragettes.

Questions to Consider

- Why does the police officer suspect that the woman is about to pull a hammer out of her purse?
- Why does he tell her to move along?
- Why is she described as a perfectly innocent young lady?
- What is the cartoon saying about popular responses to the suffrage campaign?

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Caption:

War Incidents (Oxford Street zone.)

Over-zealous P.C. (suspicious of concealed hammer): "Now then, none of that. Move on, there!" Perfectly Innocent Young Lady: "Then perhaps you will kindly blow my nose for me."

Source:

"War Incidents," *Punch*, 144 (25 Jun 1913):499.