

ny fish, *foie-gras* pasties, ingenious salads and picturesque sausages. Or you could sit at Naples on a jetty protruding out

on to the bay, and devour curious plates of *vangole*, and moist it all with a translucent Capri.—*Shahid Suhrawardy, condensed from New Review, Calcutta.*

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Ruling the World

UNTIL men realize that they will have to improve mentally and physically at as fast a rate as women are improving, the possibility of the supremacy of women will persist.

The facts do not point so much towards an increase in the mentality of women as to a decrease in the mentality of men.

Count in chance and fate, which in a world shuddering before the winds of war are no mean forces, and you have a weird pile-up of circumstances, giving women tremendous grants of power—pushing her towards superiority over men.

War, which may be the determining factor for the future, was one of the first forces that helped turn women's efforts towards freedom into a power-potent force.

Because of brutal economic forces women are downing men in industry. Secretarial, clerical, and confidential jobs in modern business go largely to women. The great sex-interest motive, added to women's natural ability, and their lower wage level, now excludes men from a field that was once theirs. The effect is more devastating in the industrial world, where lower wages have put women in place of men in all but the heavier work.

Meantime, women even need not have children unless they wish. This is their powerful women in an onslaught on home bondage, which, until recently, enslaved them. Their public power is growing.

Could women really rule the world? Even now they are powers behind thrones; and "understudies" to dictators.

Suppose war did blast its way through the world again. There are two results open to women. They could be left as a majority or a minority. As a majority they would be instantly ready to take the reins when they were dropped—and probably, by common wisdom among women, bring about the peace they desire.

As a minority, they would be precious beyond all things. Man's gaudy worship of this day would be changed to some goddess-cult.—*Woman, Australia.*