



Toffee Hammer



Lady White's house burnt down by Suffragettes, 20 March 1913.

No one was hurt in the blaze. Like all buildings fired by the WSPU the house would have been reconnoitred to ensure that no humans or pets were killed in these attacks.

LETTER-BOX OUTRAGES.

An attempt to destroy letters—presumably by Suffragettes—was made in Bromley on June 15th. About half past nine, as a pedestrian was passing the pillar-box in High-street, near the Royal Bell Hotel, he noticed a quantity of smoke issuing from the aperture.

The police were informed and the postal officials communicated with. It was, of course, surmised that another of those outrages which have been so frequent in some parts of the country of late had been perpetrated, and this conjecture proved right, for when the box was opened it was discovered that a quantity of liquid of a fiery nature had been placed inside. Several of the letters were damaged, but none fortunately beyond recognition.

An examination was made of the box at the head office, and here again it was found that a similar act had been committed. Some of the letters were slightly damaged, but nothing had happened to prevent any of the packages being sent to their destination.

Bromley has been singularly free from outrages of this description. This is, we believe, the first occasion on which the Suffragettes have interfered with the letter boxes in the main portion of the borough, although they have been busy in the neighbourhood at different times.

The perpetrators, it is said, left behind the following message:—"Asquith, do your duty and give votes to women."



Body belt, c. 1860

- **Look at the pictures, make hypotheses.**
- **Find important information: answer WH- questions**
- **Read sentence after sentence and understand.** Why did the suffragettes undertake these actions? What were the risks?
- **Get ready to report to the class**