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It also made the withdrawal of women back into their homes after the war less surprising. Female workers had been less unionised than their male counterparts.

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This dilemma forced Parliament to revise the franchise.

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The increase in female trade union membership from only 357,000 in 1914 to over a million by 1918 represented an increase in the number of unionised women of 160 per cent. Although the authors have similar aims and discuss overlapping topics, such as TNT poisoning among workers, the cultural response to women's work and pro-natalism, they diverge on the question of how women's experience as workers can be accessed and understood.

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Even modern histories of World War I women's work, she argues, have tended to reproduce uncritically the public images of women workers and their attendant assumptions of novelty.

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Her analysis, relying heavily on literary sources, requires a more solid base in historical evidence, if her statements about the fundamental societal and cultural changes occasioned by working women's experiences and writings are to bear scrutiny.

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In labour organisations as in factories, women's traditional links to reproduction were superseded by the demands of war.

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