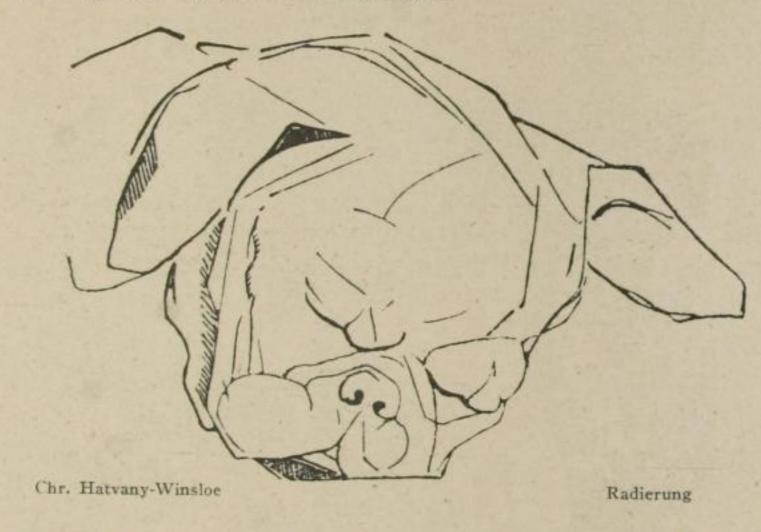
Tür fliegt zu: Krach. Beide zucken zusammen. Mops bohrt den Kopf tiefer ins Weiche, Mensch drückt die Nase schief ins Kissen. Mops schnarcht. Mensch öffnet den Mund und röchelt zufrieden. Mops bellt im Traum, ohne Schnauze zu öffnen, leise aus dem Bauch, schmerzhaft winselnd. Mensch stöhnt im Schlaf, träumt vom Tiger in der Wüste.



## ALWAYS HANG WOMEN\*)

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It is not so very long ago since it was alleged in Parliament that pregnant women were carefully nursed in prison until the time when, after having given birth to a child . . . they could be handed over to the hangman. We now live in a more sentimental age, and, although this is still permissible by law, it simply is not done. It will be obvious even to the most innocent reader that, not to hang pregnant women is one way of encouraging sexual misconduct as a means to escape the gallows. It is truly ridiculous that a woman who has committed murder may escape the death penalty by amusing herself with the first man she meets. There is on record the case of a pregnant woman who procured an abortion, and after that event was arrested on a murder charge. She was found guilty and duly hanged; had she not procured the abortion, she would be alive to-day. All this must be changed. If a woman is found guilty of murder she must be hanged, pregnant or not pregnant—and there's an end to it. As I have hinted before, we must away with sentiment.





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