feminist, *a. and n.*

(‘feminist’) Also ‘femininist.’ [ad. F. *féministe*, f. L. *fēmina* woman: see -IST.]

A. *adj.* Of or pertaining to feminism, or to women.  B. *n.* An advocate of feminism.

1894 *Daily News* 12 Oct. 5/5 What our Paris Correspondent describes as a ‘Feminist’ group is being formed in the French Chamber of Deputies. 1895 *Critic* 2 Feb. 90/2 The writer depicts Ford as the deepest ‘femininist’ in the Shakespearian constellation. 1898 *Daily Chron.* 15 Oct. 5/1 The lady Parliamentary reporter is the latest development of the feminist movement in New Zealand. 1904 *Athenaeum* 26 Nov. 730/2 There have been feminists who claimed George Eliot as the rival of Thackeray. 1920 *W. J. Locke House of Baltazar* v. 56 We’re out of this feminist hurly-burly. 1930 *Manch. Guardian* 15 Sept. 7/7 Feminists are rare birds in Russia.

Hence *feministic, femininistic* *adj.*s.

1902 *Beerbohm Around Theatres* (1924) I. 365 Ibsen's feministic propaganda. 1908 *Westm. Gaz.* 11 Sept. 6/3 Some thinkers in Hungary anticipate feminist developments even in Turkey. 1912 *Englishwoman* Mar. 261 This society is only feministic in so far as it strives to give women better opportunities.