Washington Convention, Reports Their Sayings and Doings and Discovers that Dress Reform Ideas Are Popular with the Women Who Want the Ballot.

waws Governing Husband and Wife the Subject of Animated Discourse by the Suffragists, Few of Whem Are Between the Ages of 18 and 25-One Man Spoke and Another Man's Hat Used to Take Up the Collection.

(Special to The World.) nel, and stood within the Church of Our attractice.

I had an instant impression of many women, standing in groups and seated the Woman's Journal of Boston. In the in paws; a great mingling of voices in evening Miss Blackwell put on a red busy conversation and the flutter of silk waist and, though it was worn yellow. I felt frightened and confused. Then I saw very clearly a sweet, smilng face, a face so untroubled, of such happy repose, that I ceased to fear. "Will you tell me, please," I begun, where can I sit so I can hear every-

"Are you . delegate?" she asked. kindly.

swered. "What paper?" she inquired

"The New York World," I said. "Oh!" she ejaculated. Then added:

"Come with me. There are tables for the newspaper people down front, and I will find a place for you. You can hear and see everything there." I followed her down the centre aisle of

the church which inclines like a thestre. Before the elevated platform were two plain tables. Two women and two men reporters sat around one. A woman sat alone at the other. My guide touched the solitary woman on the shoulder.

"Mrs. Colby," she said, as the woman turned, "Here is a representative of The World."

Mrs. Colby smiled a welcome and pulled out a chair for me to take. My guide, who proved to be Mrs. Jeannette other man than her husband, would M. Bradley, of Washington smiled and bring her money."

Feeling quite at ease after this evidence of kindness and consideration, I

was a small table, evidently for the President, a little desk for the Secretary and some dozen chairs, mostly back un-der a projection that formed a loft for ishly by men it might be well to copy an organ. A large flag looking very and a vase of lilies and pinks on the Secretary's desk was the extent of the

Back of me the church was filled with women. Every pew was crowded, and from the slender rods fastened at the ends of the pews hung, like flags of distress, limp and ragged yellow pendants. The names of the different States were printed on them, and the delegates were expected to sit where their State was indicated.

The first thing I learned was that woman suffragists do not differ in one respect from women of lesser ambitions. The hour of the meeting was announced for 10 o'clock, and it was exactly 10.20 when the President, Susan B. Anthony. appeared upon the platform.

She wore a black silk dress and white knitted shawl around her shoulders. Her head was bare, and her gray combed very smoothly down over her ears. Susan Anthony's face is thin, but strong, square jaw.

From a black cloth bag she laid upon the table she took a pair of spectacles, and while rubbing them with her handkerchief she stepped forward to the re-

"Boys, boys," she called, smiling, "I want you to look up here. I got a me this white shawl." She turned around, that they might

But the reporters, men and women

began to beat the table with their penfile and to shout noisily: "Red shawl! Red shawl! Red shawl!" "Red shawl it shall be then." Susan

Anthony said to humor them. A red cashmere shawl hung over th back of her chair, and some one told me inter that the red shawl and Susan Anthony had been inseparable for years, and that it had been spoken of so often that she had finally changed for a white one, that she was wearing for the first time. I noticed she took off the white one, but later she put it on again.

This little business being attended to. by rapping upon her table. "Delegates will please get their seats ones in mourning.

under their respective banners," she Stretch your imagination and picture Mrs. Apton returned to say she had North Dakota. She was a very nice the hackman said I'd get here sooner calling attention to the pin in his scarf where she had forgotten, had left \$1,000 ing. She brought trouble upon herself would be set aside, as there were some if I rode. And I rode:"

badly made. It was short and showed She told how the Suffrage Club had show if you agree with part first was a ministral show; the sectodly, been formed in California and what your husband," said the President, dry. ond part a plantation scene. It was very, "I want to let you know," she said from inspiring to those in front. And I great progress it had made. She said by, but another woman whispered to very comical. In part III, we had the emphatically, "that my purse is gone.

of mind. I take it rather as a weakness, WASHINGTON, Jan. 25.-1 pushed in And in working for a cause I think it the swinging door, noticing as I did that is wise to show the men that its influit was covered with yellow canton flan- ence does not make women any the less

> Alice Stone Blackwell is an able woman mentally. She is the editor of with the same atrocious skirt, she was so improved that I did not recognize

Rev. Anna H. Shaw, of Philadelphia,

Vice-President-at-Large, sat on the right of the stage, watching the proseedings with smiling eyes. She is a little dumpling of a woman, filled with good nature and a quick and pleasing wit. Her clothes fit her and are refined and genteel. She wore a tailor-made suit of dark green cloth and a wee bonnet on her gray head that tied with black velvet ribbons under der double

grams from different States and balanced on her toes and heels all the time she stood. At the conclusion a tall woman advanced to the front of the platform and was introduced by the President as Mrs. Emma Smith De Voe.

"She was one of my right-hand girls up in South Dakota," Susan Anthony added, as she laid her hand fondly on Mrs. De Voe's shoulder. Did She Begrudge It to Her Hus-

band?

only recall one sentence. "The time and labor, if given to any

Susan Anthony smiled at this and made some remark to those around her. Nothing is unimportant at this Wom-an's Suffrage Convention. So I beg to note that had Mrs. De Voe been a man Ohio Chicago Convention. note that had Mrs. De Voe been a man Ohio she would not have spoken with her hat

on. It was a large black hat, with plumes on it; becoming, I acknowledge, but in striving to gain rights held selfsome of their few good points. be instructed to write letters of greeting to all who had sent messages, and that have granted women the right to the motion was so talked over and vote.

of the matter. Women Parliamentarians. This is what I caught and I give it for what it may be worth:

"Madam President, I would like to I request that motion be reduced to to the discretion of the clubs." (Susan poverty. Anthony whispers to woman back of her regardless of the speakers. At last she turns.) "Mrs. Thompson seconded the when this long and dreary discussion of son," corrected a woman. "Oh, that's him and said: 'Are you the father of

letter from Mrs. Houston, Texas.) name I did not hear, reading a paper. band is going to read a paper to us. She was very plump, was dressed in It is the first time, I wish to add, that

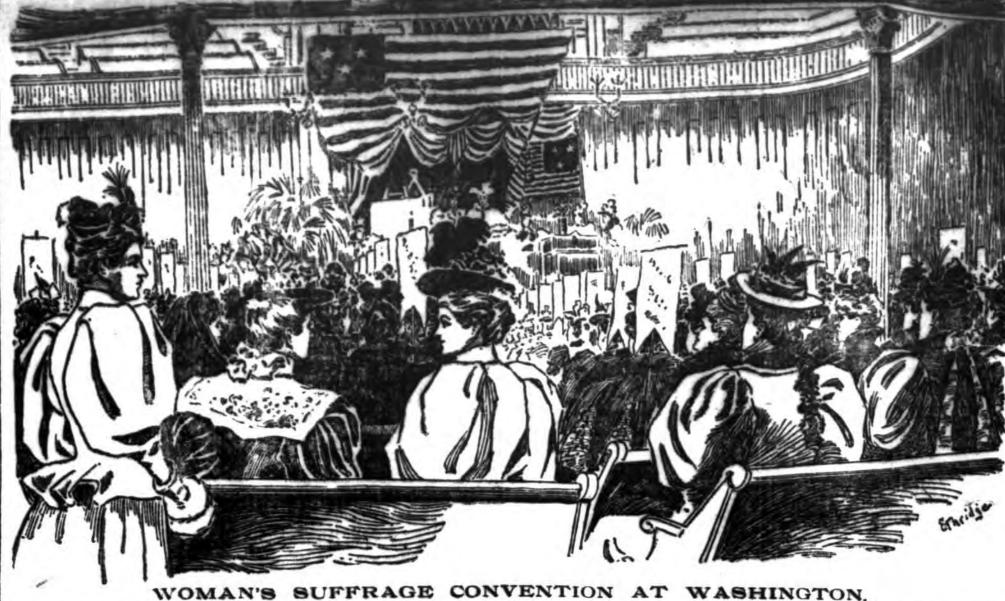
gan in a loud voice. She read of the specimen of the new man."

taxed twice as much as the farms of of women in Utah. men adjoining theirs. We can sympa- I could not see that he was one white

gathered from one thing she said. Michigan a Great Place for Men.

Laura Clay, of Kentucky, daughter of convention. It is not so humdrum. It's their cry had been money.

Cassius M. Clay, was called upon to spicy and unique and, heaven knows, "Tell all rich women about to die to absorbing interest that she was imme-sideration. "Equal Suffrage, Jr."



time and a Quaker woman. A very old

The elderly man got up and said:

have some voice in matters.' It strikes

Club Talk of All Sorts.

76.20 them every time."

is daft on dress reform or some other abomination. She was decidedly wider at the waist than she was below it. We did not need to be told that she was corsetless, and, I fear, petticoatless! Mrs. Hughes, of Arizona. There was one colored delegate, Miss Lumkins, of waist being low-necked and double. Wireinis, I don't think I saw one waist being low-necked and double- Virginia. I don't think I saw one will cause reflection to be made upon breasted, and the short scant skirt hung woman there between the ages of 18 them. A minstrel show is rowdyism

very way but prettily. and 25. With her high-bred and dainty face, Mrs. Stetson could have preached suf- instructions and suggestions on organifrage to all men and won favor if she zation. There were fewer people present than in the morning. There were only dressed becomingly. In the matter of style, man's conven-

tion is the better off.

Suffrage Finances Mrs. Harriet Taylor Upton read the walked carefully down the aisle until he Treasurer's report. She said that the found the name of the State he wished nity didn't suffer." National Association had paid all its to sit under. Rev. Anna Shaw came in lebts and had \$300 to the good. beaming and carrying a large bouquet "That isn't so bad. We're not bank- of pink and white roses. debts and had \$300 to the good.

rupt," observed the President aloud. Mrs. Upton brought a blackboard to "Mme. President," and she replied, Mrs. De Voe read a report, of which I the front of the stage, saying it had little black on it and that it belonged to the church, and from it she read thing to flad out what portion of taxes the following table, showing which five are paid by women. In Philadelphia it States had contributed the most money is 33 per cent. in some wards. When this fact was told to some men they to the association: said, 'Why, if that's so, women should

> 1855. 1896. 1896. New York. \$174.70
> Utah 106.00 Massachusetts 111.00
> Massachusetts 88.10 Pennsylvania 68.20 About this time I discovered the mean-

amended, and so many got up and sat This report brought on a heated disdown again, that I was completely lost cussion of money and how money should and gave up all attempt to keep track be sent to the National Association. The dues are 50 cents a year, and 25 cents of this belongs to the National Association.

When one hears the women talk about it being difficult to collect the dues and make a motion" -- "Madam President, one realizes that it less than a cent a writing." "Madam President, I would given suffrage too soon, or anything like to suggest that the matter be left that will make her less the slave of

Miss Anthony and the New Man. "I remember." said Susan B. Anthony, motion-" the President said. "That money was ended, "that my father was was Mrs. Marble, and not Mrs. Thomp- once on a train and a man approached all right," the President replied, un- Susan B. Anthony? He said the tables moved. "Madam President" -- "I've were turned. Women used to be the got one more, if you'll just wait, Miss daughters of men, and now men were Clay," said the President. (Then reads only daughters' fathers. You all know Mrs.Carrie Chapman Catt, our organiza-This was followed by a woman, whose tion Chairman, Well, Mrs. Catt's husthe husband of any of our women has "Mrs. President and friends," she be- appeared upon our platform. He is a

work of a club and then finished up by This announcement caused great laughter and hearty applause, during which "We women have a sort of fellow-feel- Mr. Catt stepped to the front of the ing for those Cubans. We know what it stage. He is a mild-looking man, with is to have no voice; what it is to be a brown mustache and straight collar. taxed three or four times as much as He wore a cutaway and a four-in-hand men. I know women whose farms are scarf. He read a paper on the suffrage

thize with the Cubans in wanting some better, or, indeed, as good, as the majority of the women speakers. I had The next speaker was from Michigan noted their stiffness of movement, but Mr. Catt was no better. The President listened very attentive-

"In Michigan married women don't own ly, and kept nodding her head in aptheir own clothes. They belong, with proval. Women in the audience got rest-

woman to neglect ner appearance merely because she is intellectually inclined.

It certainly does not show any strength

But oh, how she dresses! I fear she

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daft on dress reform or some other there were women lawyers, doctors and standing. Her face was grim with dis-

and lowers us." The afternoon session was devoted to Dr. Eaton quivered under this bitter

attack, but she endeavored to rally. "Well, that's the question," she said. "It brought us up, instead of lowering two solitary men in the gallery this us." "Madame President!" exclaimed an

> "If you got the money, that's the attention.
> Charlotte Perkins Stetson had just the president, who main thing." the woman in mourning agreed at last when Mrs. Rachel Foster Avery rose to say she thought minstrel

"It hurts our dignity; but my room-

At the Evening Session.

But the evening was great. Excepting few dreary spots, it bubbled with reshness. The meeting was set for 8 o'clock. man, with snewy hair, came late and other woman. "I've known churches to got there ten minutes after, and the church was packed to the doors. There were plenty of men present, and they seemed interested, and the women, old and young, homely and pretty, were all

She was telling about California.

look at the roses to comfort you. Our children out there get clean dirt and

blood that was in the veins of him who cried: 'We'll win the battle or Mollie Stark sleeps a widow to-night!'

I noticed one prevailing and curious better than those who wear the shapeless fashion followed by the women speak-ers. They all had lace handkerchiofs stuck under the edge of their waists. I eally believe women will never be mancipated until they abolish the handkervhief from sight. It suggests tears and weakness, and to be in prom-inent view looks as if it were in constant read a paper in a very wee, unemotional

can't expect us to have much to say.
Don't think I'm the President, I'm not, I
am sorry the President is not here, and I suppose you'll be equally sorry be-fore I get through. We're a conservative State. Delaware is proud of it and boasts of it. Webster says conservatism is opposition to change. That's what's wrong with us. We've one thing to be proud of—Delaware was the first State to sign the Constitution of the United States. Mrs. Springer, of Illinois, claimed she

helr own clothes. They belong, was werything else, to the husband. If you live in Michigan and are going to part with your husband, try tog get your good clothes out of the house first. If you don't, they'll help him to get a new wife."

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to the proceedings.

I had thought the day's proceedings rather stupid, and if it had not been for the unique manner in which it had been

been introduced by the President, who was looking very sweet in a black satin dress. The white silk vest in her bodice matched her snowy hair. Across her knee lay a bunch of pink and white

ence. I wonder if she can realize how much more would be her power if she "There is no place so good to live in," she declared. "You come down in the morning and blow your cold fingers and

instructing people in the way to We voted with tickets that cost hats and cheer if they saw women's

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Mrs. Diggs, of Kansas, whom Miss Anthony called fondly "Little Annie Diggs, 5" spoke to refute the stories that had been printed as to the conduct of Denver women on election day. Her dress was well made and she had a pathetic little voice and her hair was dressed becomingly, so that Mrs. Diggs created a very pleasing impression. She was a good speaker, being distinct and impressive.

"I am an American citizen," she said, "and how can I sit passively without my rights when in my veins is the same blood that was in the veins of him who cried: "We'll win the battle or Mollie Stark cleans a mider to the woman except in regard to her cleans of the woman except in regard to her cleans the same blood that was in the veins of him who cried: "We'll win the battle or Mollie of a woman except in regard to her cleans the same of the woman except in regard to her cleans the same of the woman except in regard to her cleans the same of the woman except in regard to her cleans the same of the woman except in regard to her cleans the same of the woman except in regard to her cleans the same of the woman except in regard to her cleans the same of the woman except in regard to her cleans the same of the woman except in regard to her cleans the same of the woman except in regard to her countries.

"Rather than have Delaware silent, I'll speak," she read. "But we're the association's last-born child, and you

didn't know that she was expected to speak, which she wanted to do from the rear of the church, but vigorous cries of "Platform!" from everywhere brought her front.

She explained how the Illinois women had grand rights the restrict the property. had gained rights through the Republi-cans by going to Springfield and ap-pealing to them. She said she didn't the end in view.
"I don't think," M'ss Anthony said

Cassius M. Clay, was called upon to pray. She rose to her feet and with eyes elessed prayed, but the audience remained search. Then the Recording Secretary, Alice Sitone Blackwell, read the proceedings of the previous day. She had a cold, unsympathetic voice and wore frightful by six years old. It was double-broasted, with two rows of enorm ones are short was a subject to the stage. The she work of the stage and the st was crowded."
Everyhody laughed heartily at this.
Mrs. Kate R. Addison, of Kansas, is a

A Joke on the Minister.

"During the play the youngest child swallowed a quarter, and the father, after trying in vain to dihlodge it, ran for the doctor. The doctor made an examination and looked grave. The father was much alarmed. Better send for the mother, suggested the doctor quietly. Do you think it is so serious? cried the poor father. What church do you belong to? asked the doctor. To the Methodist, replied the distracted father. Then send for your minister at once. For if any one can get your quarter out of the child that man can."

It was very evident that jokes on ministers are relished even if given in thurch. Everybody laughed and seemed to feel that they would give after that. "Give liberally," said Mrs. Hay. "Those who weren't here last night give double. Don't pass the hats too fast, and be sure to get them back with something in them," added Miss Anthony.

It was rather a funny rub on the woman suffragists to know that they had to borrow men's hats to take up the collection.

"It is as necessary for men the

women should vote as it is for women. he said in a deep, pleasant voice. "Isn't it a relief to hear a man" "Isn't it a relief to hear a man' voice," whispered a little woman besid kept up our whispering and I found that she was there to write of the convention for the Woman's Review, published in Ohio. She said she was on her wedding tour and that she practised medicine two years before she married two weeks ago. Her name is Rosalie Bridewell-Goulding, and from her own

better than those who wear the shapeless rags of dress reform.

She wore a black silk with the skirt fully three inches too short, and with row after row of graduating ribbon around the bottom. Her waist was badly made and her bonnet unbecoming.

But she is so great that she can rise above all these unhappy details. However, if they were eliminated, she would be greater. If I belonged to the Suffrage Association I would propose that every club have a dressmaker who would visit New York at least once a year. Such matters sound triffing, but I know, as do all women who will confess it, that becoming and appropriate dress is most important to all women. A pretty dress will often bring back a wayward husband, and a pretty dress wins favor where "beauty unadorned" would go begging.

"Our next speaker is Elizabeth A Yates, of Maine," Miss Anthony contin

A Joke on the Minister.

"There is one good woman is that I know. That is Mr

begging.

Dress is a Great Weapon.

Dress is a great weapon in the hands of a woman if rightly applied. It is a weapon men lack, so women should make the most of it. As their metto seems to be "use means to gain the end," why not use the powerful means of pretty clothes?

Julia Nelson's cheeks grow sweetly red as she speaks and her blue eyes flash and sparkle. She has a quick brain, a ready tongue and a fund of humor. She pitches her voice in a high key, along which she slides in an even monotone without a break. It is a funny voice, a funny way of speaking, and it's fascinating.

Tells Some Stories.

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'Men in trying to protect us," she said forget that the best protection they can give women is the right to protect themselves.

'There was a Justice of Peace elected to office in Maine who could not read or write." she continued later on "If had a friend explain his position. "If you a see a crowd of people collecting and you think there will be trouble you can quell them by saying: "In the name of the State of Maine I command you to disperse and go home," and you can you to disperse and go home," and you can you to disperse and go home," and you can you to disperse and go home," and you can you to disperse and go home," and you can you to disperse and go home," and you can you to disperse and go home," and you can you to you can you to disperse and go home," and you can you to you can you to you to you can you to you to





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