

SUFFRAGIST PROTESTS

Being Called "Lady In Black" Displeases Miss Maddox.

WILL STAND FOR "ELDERLY"

Lawyer Also Denies She Referred To All Legislators As "Mossbacks."

Miss Etta H. Maddox, the first woman to be authorized to practice law in the State, feels aggrieved at the story that appeared in THE SUN yesterday relating the adventures of Delegate Brown, of Allegany, with a suffragist who is referred to as "an elderly lady, dressed all in black."

Miss Maddox said yesterday that she was the suffragist who had the interview with Delegate Brown, and she objected seriously to being designated as "the Woman in Black." She was perfectly willing to pass up the "elderly" part of the designation; that did not offend her. Her friends, she said, knew her age, and as for the others it was none of their business. But she thought that the "Woman in Black" part of it was decidedly objectionable. She had a name; it was fairly well known, she thought, and she preferred to have it used when any reference was made to her.

Not "Lot Of Mossbacks."

She also objected to the statement that she had referred to the legislators as a "lot of mossbacks." She did nothing of the sort, she said. She had asked Delegate Brown if he preferred to be regarded as a mossback or an intelligent man, and left the decision of that matter entirely to him, but she certainly did not, she said, characterize other members of the Legislature as "mossbacks." She did not believe they were—at least not many of them.

Moreover, she denied that most of the Delegates run when they see a suffragist approaching and that others adopt an attitude of jocularly or indifference. Also, she said she was not a member of any "flying squadron." She was down at Annapolis permanently for the session, she said, as she had been at each session for the last 12 years, and she expected to attend every session in the future until the women are given what they believe to be their due in the matter of suffrage. She had interviewed about 30 members of the Legislature on Thursday and, with the exception of Delegate Brown, each of them treated her with courtesy and acted as anyone would expect gentlemen to act, she said. As for Delegate Bryant keeping his hat on while talking to her, she said he did nothing of the sort. She stated that in justice to Delegate Bryant.

She knows him well and has never known him to be discourteous or rude to a woman or to act in a manner that was in the least ungentlemanly.

Calls It Serious Business.

"We who believe that women are entitled to the right of suffrage," said Miss Maddox, "and who are trying to convince the members of the Legislature that they ought to give it to us are in Annapolis on a serious business. We are serious and earnest women, working for a cause we believe to be right and just. We do not like being made objects of ridicule. Many men do not agree with us and we find no fault with them for that, if their objection to woman suffrage is based on thought and honest consideration of the subject. But we do object to any legislator refusing to consider the subject, which is being seriously considered by most of the civilized nations of the world.

"Those men at Annapolis represent us as they represent others in their counties and districts, and we feel that we have a right to expect them to think of and to consider honestly the measures we submit to them. That is all we ask. We try to convince them that we are asking only those things that are right and to which we are entitled, but we find no fault with them if, after honestly thinking over the matter, they cannot accept our point of view. Men like Delegate Brown, who seems to have closed his mind entirely upon the subject, who will not even think about it, we do not hope to convince and we let them alone. Had I known the manner of man he was I should not have wasted his time or mine in discussing the matter with him. But, at least, I expected from him what I and others who are working with me have received from the other members of the Legislature—courtesy and a respectful hearing for an important matter, presented in a perfectly courteous and respectful manner."