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This year marks the centennial of the 19th Amendment to the United States Constitution affirming women’s right to vote. The story of Virginia’s suffragists and their contributions to the fight for woman suffrage is little known. The Library of Virginia’s exhibition We Demand: Women’s Suffrage in Virginia reveals how women created two statewide organizations to win the right to vote. Virginia suffragists were a remarkable group of talented and dedicated women who have largely been forgotten. They were artists and writers, business and professional women, and educators and reformers who marched in parades, rallied at the state capitol, spoke to crowds on street corners, staffed booths at state and county fairs, lobbied legislators and congressmen, picketed the White House, and even went to jail. At the centenary of woman suffrage, these remarkable women are at last recognized for their important achievements and contributions. Visit We Demand through Dec. 5, 2020.

The Equal Suffrage League of Virginia was organized in 1909 in Richmond. Its primary purpose was to publicize and lobby for women’s issues in the state, with the goal to win the political vote. Enjoy coloring selections from the Equal Suffrage League records, as well as additional political ephemera from our Visual Studies Collection.

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For more information on We Demand, visit edu.lva.virginia.gov/wedemand
There was an old dame in a huff;
‘Women don’t want the vote’, she cried;— ‘Stuff!’
When they said—‘But we do’, she answered—‘Pooh pooh!
I don’t—and let that be enough!’—
Woman. Why can’t I have an umbrella too?
Voter. You can’t. You ought to stop at home.
Woman. Stop at home indeed! I have my Living to earn.

Printed and published by the Artists’ Suffrage League,
250 King’s Road, Chelsea.

VOTES FOR WOMEN
"The "New Woman" and Her Bicycle—There Will Be Several Varieties of Her." Puck Magazine, Back cover, June 19, 1895, v. 37 no. 954. Special Collections, Library of Virginia.
VOTES FOR WOMEN

1920
WOMAN
SUFFRAGE
EFFECTIVE
VOTES FOR WOMEN

THE SPIRIT OF 1776 TO-DAY
"NO TAXATION WITHOUT REPRESENTATION."

LENGTHEN THE ARM OF THE LAW
ACROSS THE UNITED STATES.
THE AWAKENING.
She's awakened, She is answering
To the call of all mankind,
Then annul the laws that bind her,
And the customs that restrict her,
Deny her not the greater service,
For the child, the home, the state.

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Not for herself! Though sweet the air of freedom,
Not for herself! Though dear the newborn power,
But for the child who needs a nobler mother,
For the whole people needing one another,
Comes Woman to her hour.

Design by Corneille Clarke, words by Charlotte Perkins Gilman.
And you think you can keep women silent politically?

IT CAN'T BE DID!

The Rights of the People — Women are People

Suffrage Victory Map

Women have been given the right to vote for the next president in 39 states of the union. The number of women over voting age in these states is 15,000,000.

Full Suffrage

Primary Suffrage

Presidential Suffrage

Presidential & Municipal Suffrage

No Suffrage

Stars indicate states which have ratified the Woman Suffrage Amendment since its passage by Congress, June 4, 1919.