**The Only Woman to Receive the Congressional Medal of Honor Supports Woman Suffrage**

**Mary E. Walker**  
(*Broadside*): Crowning Constitutional Argument  
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**CROWNING CONSTITUTIONAL ARGUMENT**

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Had it not have been the intention should be a full Republic, instead of a limited one, women explained women away from the Union.

Folio broadside. 10½" x 15". Printed in two columns. Very minor wear at a blank edge, else fine. Mary Edwards Walker was one of the most remarkable women of the 19th century. A graduate of Syracuse Medical College in 1855, she served as a surgeon for the Union Army and was the first and only women to receive the Congressional Medal of Honor. During the War she frequently crossed battle lines to treat civilians. The Confederates arrested her in 1864 as a spy and sent her to Castle Thunder in 1864; she was exchanged for a Confederate surgeon in August 1864. After the War she became a leading advocate of suffrage for women. This broadside argues that the Constitution as written prohibited the denial of the vote to women; all that was necessary was for Congress to end existing restrictions on that right. As persons entitled to all the privileges and immunities of citizenship, women may not constitutionally be barred from the franchise. “The Constitution commenced, ‘We, the people!’ and all through that instrument, there is not one ‘we the men’.” And “The fact is, we have the right of suffrage.”

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"I am astounded at your coming to me with such an argument!" exclaimed the woman, "because it is true, and no matter how you try to hide the Constitution of the United States and its provisions, you will be unable to do so. Even the most experienced lawyers have been unable to do so. It is time that you acknowledged this fact and ceased doing so." Senator Smith.

"I am surprised at your discovery of the true meaning of the Constitution of the United States, regarding women's suffrage!" — Chief Justice Chase.

"It is all true, but we are not going to acknowledge it. We are all in accord that you have made the best speech on Woman Suffrage, but the other women would vote as we do not agree with you."

We refer to our "Report of Senate and House Committees"

"Yes, yes, you have got the argument that no lawyer can dispute; but we are not going to make any move for you, if the women in New York will, and other large places would pull you any way one." — "Report of Senate and House Committees"

"All the packed audiences in Lincoln Hall are shouting for Dr. Mary, and she is giving out her Constitutional Argument, and our Amendment to the Constitution will do no good. If she is not surprised! She sent two thousand women to voting in this, in Athens, and she will get all the women to go to this!"

"You shall know it," she said. She will be there. Get a policeman to keep her from getting out of the assembly and if she is not there, she will be here!"

"Women Workers for the Rights of Women!"

The delegate from Dr. Mary Walker, after the close of the last session, and she set forth that "Argument of hers, as she calls it." "She has just come from the districts below, and has a right to speak, and the women will listen to her. 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