

THE COLONEL IN FLATBUSH, THIS MEANS COLONEL CRAFT

MISS CRAFT HAS TRAVELED A BIT
THIS SUMMER AND HAS
SEEN MANY STATES.

SHE LIKES WONDERFUL WEST

Over a Cup of Tea, She Tells Interest-
ing Story of Her Trip and Says
She Don't Eat Salmon.

Miss Ida Craft, a prominent suffrage worker, who has lived for many years in the Stuyvesant district of Brooklyn, has lately moved to Flatbush and taken an apartment on Linden avenue, No. 39, and next door to the Flatbush Library, which is on Linden avenue, near Flatbush avenue. Miss Craft lived for twenty-five years in one house, on Stuyvesant avenue near Hancock street, and only the death of her mother, which left her alone in a big house, caused her to leave it. The house has since been sold.

The flat where she is living is bright and sunny and looks homelike and comfortable. Miss Craft keeps house herself, and says she enjoys the work if only to prove to people how well a suffragist can keep house. She had just begun to "put things to rights," and stopped to welcome a visitor.

"You see" she said, "I have just come home for the winter, and just come down from Alaska. You think that was quite a trip? Well, it was, but it's the first vacation I have taken for many years, and I made up my mind to take a good one. No, I didn't go for suffrage work, except that I'm always interested to do what I can for suffrage, and I was interested to see what kind of women and men, the woman's vote turned out, I went all through many of the suffrage states. I didn't make a speech, but I listened, and heard a great deal that was most interesting about the matter.

"We went across the continent and took the northern route, through the Canadian Rockies, we stopped at many towns across. We visited many famous places. Stopped at Lake Louise, and at the Glacier Park. The first town in Alaska was Seattle. All through Alaska we saw Indians and Japanese. The Indian women and the Japanese work in the canning factories, and in the mines. They can almost all the salmon we use in Alaska. Yes, and after I saw it, I felt as if I never wanted to eat canned salmon again as long as I lived.

It was most interesting to go through the suffrage states. Both the Western women and the Western men are delightful. They treat you as if you were a human being, instead of a woman, and the feeling was very pleasant. But when I saw how different those women and men looked, and what a different feeling it gave the women, I felt ashamed that I did not have the same position. It seemed so natural to me that I felt more than ever as if I was maligned, or neglected somehow because I did not feel the same and not have the same rights. It was a wonderful feeling to be associated on terms of equality with such men and women.

A most interesting part of our trip was the part in Mexico, when we saw the homes of the cliff dwellers. Those are the old inhabitants of this country, far older than the Indians. While we were there and going through that part, we had the good fortune to meet a Smithsonian Institute Professor, and he explained the whole thing to us, so that we could really get more out of the trip than if we did not have such good teaching.

We took part of our trip with a Cook party and later we went alone, and I think we saw as much and had just as good a time without the guide as when he was along. We visited many states, Washington, California, Oregon, Colorado, through Denver, and down into New Mexico, beside crossing the middle West States.

"It was a very delightful trip, and some other time I'll tell you more about it. I am getting ready to attend the convention at Atlantic City, to which I am a delegate. Come around when I get back and have tea with me."

Miss Craft will be remembered as the "Little Colonel" who went on the celebrated hike to Albany and afterward to Washington, to carry the message of the suffragists to the authorities. That was in 1911.

The "Nika" also did not accomplish anything, for the authorities did not give the woman suffragettes what they asked for but it brought the attempts of the suffragists before the public, and after all, that was what was aimed at. Miss Craft headed the party, and day by day their tramp to Albany was told in the newspaper. The "Little Colonel" is just as energetic and determined as ever, and when any other chance to help the suffrage cause comes along, there is no doubt she will take it.