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The quotes below are not actually true, but they get at the gist of things. Deal with it!

SHOCKING NEWS! LADY WEARS PANTS!



ALBANY, NEW YORK—Susan B. Anthony, a lady from Rochester, NY, who is always stirring up trouble, wore puffy pants while walking around Albany today. She said her friend Amelia Bloomer invented them and that they were much more comfortable than long dresses that are crazy heavy and have a bunch of petticoats underneath them. Also, the pants are easier to keep clean since they don't drag across the dirt road because this is the age before asphalt.

"Grrr! Susan B. Anthony is such a pain," said local sexist man. "She is always going around saying slavery is bad and that women should have the right to vote in elections! And now she wants women to be able to wear pants, too? If women wear pants and vote, who will cook me my dinner?"

Asked to respond, Susan B. Anthony said, "The men in Albany have been very rude to me, but it is my right as an American to wear pants if I want! Equal rights for women! End slavery! Be kind to polar bears! Susan B. out!"

EDITOR INTERVIEWS PUFFY-PANTSWEARING LADY

EDITOR: Susan B. Anthony, why does everyone think you are a pain for wearing pants? It seems like a very logical thing to do considering that dresses of these 1850s days are the opposite of comfortable and also stupid.

SUSAN B. ANTHONY: I agree. I personally believe that if a man ever had to wear a stupid corset or wash dresses and petticoats, he would shut the heck up and let me wear what I want. It takes like a week just to do one load of laundry! It's a whole thing, and it's one example of how women are totally treated unfairly! If they aren't being weighed down by their stupid dresses of oppression, they are being weighed down by soaking wet petticoats. It's ridiculous and I oppose it!

EDITOR: Wow! That makes complete sense. Do you have any other strong opinions you want to share with my readers?

SUSAN B. ANTHONY: Many! But I will just say this. Women should be allowed to vote! This whole country was built on the idea of freedom and equality. So, what the heck? How free or equal can you be if you can't even have a say in your own government?

"Hey! Common garden variety man! You don't get to speak for me. I can speak for myself. Hand me my ballot or admit that you never really believed in the ideals this nation was built upon!"

EDITOR: Wow! You have a way with words. You are probably the best hero a person could do a report on. Thank you for talking to me today.

BOB'S HOUSE OF WASHTUBS



Big washtubs! Small washtubs! We've got 'em all! Poor boiling water in these bad boys and watch as your long dresses soak up so much water that they are heavier than you! Then burn your hands as you squeeze the water out and start all over again! It's called fashion ladies! And it's worth it!

PUN OF THE DAY

QUESTION:

What did Susan B. Anthony say when people asked why she'd stopped wearing dresses?

ANSWER:

"They don't suit me."

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