

CORN SONG.
Reap high the farmer's wistful beard
Reap high the golden corn
The dew is on the leaves
From not our lands have

MODERN DRESS.
There are certain questions of modern reform
which are, from time to time, brought before the
public, discussed with more or less ability, and
having afforded ample scope for ingenious sugges-

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of those limbs which they enclose. The morning
coat, though not, perhaps, as picturesque as it
was a hundred years ago, is indefinitely better
than that which was in vogue in the early part
of this century.

Still there is a great room for improvement. We
want a style of dress which shall be at once
picturesque and comfortable. It must be fitted for
the ordinary vocations of life. It must be of a
material which will not rot or soil in a shower.
It must be of a design which shall be a fall or a
short man may wear without making him look
too conspicuous. The knickerbocker suit, for
instance, fulfills all these conditions admirably,
and we believe has been adopted for ordinary
wear in many countries, except in the States.
Some slight alterations in point of material, etc.,
it might be used very well in trousers through Lon-
don and would soon learn towns, and those
who had to walk in to appreciate the change.
Above our evening dress needs radical re-
form. How it happens that black cloth has come
to be associated with occasions of public and pri-
vate mourning is a riddle which we must
never leave passing by. But it is certain
that in the existing state of society, Englishmen
wear the same dress at a party and at a funeral.
We might go further and remind our readers
that many a host who entertains his friends at
dinner has a butler behind his chair who is
dressed precisely like himself. To add to this
confusion, the clergyman, who rises to say grace
might, so far as his appearance goes, be mistaken
for a butler. This is not as it should be, and we
were glad to hear some time ago that the Prince
of Wales contemplated the suggestion of a com-
plete change in evening dresses. It is only
through the agency of such an example that we
could ever hope to escape from the conventional
ugliness of a modern tailcoat, and looking at the
subject from a common-sense, as well as an ar-
tistic point of view, we really think that His
Royal Highness might turn his attention to this
matter with great benefit to the public.

With regard to ladies' dress in England, at
the present time, a little alteration would make it
in form at all events—a very pretty and pic-
turesque costume. In the early part of this cen-
tury, "waists" were far too high. About fifteen
years ago they were much too low. Now we are
just where they should be. Skirts are full
and of ample length; bodices and sleeves are
deftly shaped and decorated. The arrangement
of the hair (always supposing it to be real) is,
perhaps, on the whole, as good as it ever has
been in this country. But two abuses remain to
be rectified, viz: the elaborate bonnet and the
extraneous crinoline. No doubt, in course of
time, they will be rectified. Meanwhile we are
content to wait. The ways of the world are
continually changing. There is a fashion in
music, in poetry, in painting, in medicine, in
politics—in religion. We need not, therefore,
be surprised to find one in dress.

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