

HARNESS FOR THE WOMEN

The Horsey Style of Dress Follows Fast After Ultra Mannish Modes.

Homely Women Affect the Costume Classique, Which is Not Pleasing.

Venus Wore an Apology for a Corset-Hoop-Skirts in the Stores-The Crinoline Revived.

[Special Correspondence of THE INDEPENDENT.]

New York, May 6.—Extremes meet on the promenade, at the race course and every place where the feminine element asserts itself.



Fancy a gown of fancy checked cheviot, with a suggestion of old-rose hue, and there! the skirt is a fac-simile of that worn by an Amazon, and on one side, overlapping the pleats, are two rows of tiny straps of russet leather held by steel buckles, the counterpart of those on a bridle, around the throat is a light leather band, which remains one strongly of the tortoise chamber of the Spanish gortote, and the waist is tightly fitted with a broad leather belt, similar to that which holds the saddle of a favorite filly.

In contrast to this Corset-like man-and-horse arrangement, there is quite a different class affected by the romantic woman of eel-like proportions who ape the idiosyncrasies of the eccentric Bernhardt, or who runs to Greek gowns of the modified Reocanier fashion in order to conceal her angularity and lack of becoming unboned-point.

Unfortunately, the homeliest class of women are apt to adopt the costume classique, and they go about in limp gowns, which they seem to wrap around them very much in the style of second-rate stage Aspasias. Of necessity the bustle and ruffles are discarded by these would-be aesthetes, and the result is general sloppiness of aspect, which is not pleasing to the average man.

Classic robes and flowing lines become admirably certain women, but in general they are not flattering to the average.

Certain would-be reformers are wont to rail at the corset, but after all the census of Venus was a kind of primitive corset of leather or stout linen which held the bust firmly in place. Woman of the aesthetic school would do well to bear this in mind, and remember that some day it necessarily worn with even the loose and classical robe.

Ladies of not too redundant proportions wind several lengths of soft abaca cloth just beneath the bust, for of course the modern corset is an impossibility with the short-waisted gowns popularized by Mrs. Langtry in her impersonation of Pauline.

The corset of the present day is quite as ornate as the corset, and is often made of magnificent brocade damask, lustrous satin or the finest tulle. An extremely elegant corset made for a recent swell bride was of peau de soie brocaded in golden fleur de lis and with narrow dutch lace on the edge. The diminutive cushion, signified with the name of bustle, nestled the faintly corset, and with this came one of the new hoop-skirts of white rage silk with three pinked flounces.

Hoop-skirts are really to be seen at some of the fashionable stores, and the pliable rods extending all around. There is, however, one redeeming feature, and that is the fact of their being extremely narrow. We be to the woman who attempts to jump over a sand puddle, impeded with these skirts, for she would undoubtedly be brought up with a sudden check neither graceful nor comfortable.



Fashion certainly has no limitations, and like the temper of a spoiled beauty is subject to many whimsical notions. Just as the bustle and the dress steels are being suppressed, the crinoline arises in all its majesty, and a threatened inflation of party-coats fills the souls of the aesthetic with a nameless terror.

however, in the fact that woman need no longer bow to the imperious demands of a despotic dressmaker or milliner, as she can become a law herself and wear what suits her fancy.

In hair dressing, as in all else, many different fashions prevail. The hair is usually more becoming dressed high than for full dress occasions it affords more opportunity for ornament. A charming coiffure is shown in the illustrations, where the waving masses are combed up from the nape of the neck, pinned on the top of the head with here and there a ringlet or a puff, and caught on one side with a scintillating crescent of brilliants; there is a soft pompadour in front, and over the forehead fall some fluffy curls.

The other coiffure is simple and suitable for a young girl, the hair falling low on the neck with some loose curls over the brow. The bodice in the cut is of black hennane, the loose portion cut bias and striped with ribbon; there is a ruffled collar of black lace over the plastron of cream French crepe; the sleeves are puffed and tight from the elbow.

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