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WOMAN'S DRESS HER AFFAIR.

When were men got to going around in the style of the gowns worn by women, comes news from Paris that a prominent designer has sent out his mannequins wearing gowns with skirts extending to the ankle. But what difference will that make as far as male complaints are heard? There probably will be some other feature about the new dress that will prove offensive to the masculine mind. There has been the case for all time, and probably it always will be so.

The long skirts—really long ones, the hem of which extended to the toes of the feet and farther are remembered by everyone who has reached the neighborhood of middle age. Of their modesty there was not a bit of doubt and yet men complained. They swept the street and why didn't women relieve their feet of such insanitary contraptions? was the complaint. Then came a shorter skirt, ostensibly to be worn on wet days, the "rainy Daisy," but railed as a sensible innovation but soon rousing the scorn of men to the point where they said the women who wore them looked like dowdies.

The style of dress now popular among women recently was commented upon by Rev. J. Whitecomb Brougher of Los Angeles. "There is not one woman in a million," he said, "who would consent to wear costumes modeled by a bunch of peacocks. It is best for all concerned if the preachers look after their sermons and let the women model their own shirtwaists and skirts."

And who will say he is not right? Why are women not just as able to pass judgment on what is modest and sensible as men?

MORE MEN THAN WOMEN.

Contrary to general opinion there are more men than women in America. Furthermore, there has been a majority of the male sex since 1790, according to reports of the census bureau. In the 1920 census there were recorded 52,990,376 males and 51,810,244 females, a ratio of 104 to 100. In the previous census the ratio was 105 to 100. One of the interesting facts is that, although the ratio has been as low as 103 in decades in which there has been no war, there always has been a decrease in males in a census following the termination of a war as compared to the one preceding the war. This, of course, is what might be expected, but is none the less an illuminating fact.

The report explodes a popular belief that there are not enough men to supply each woman with a husband, which has been given as a reason for what is supposed to be a preponderance of "old maids," as it appears that the old bachelors must be in the majority. No longer can the unmarried state of some of us be laid at the door of inadequate supply to meet the demand until the popular conception is reversed and made to state that there are not enough women to go around. Bachelors have long been credited with seeking a plausible ground for explaining their matrimonial status and it seems that the census reports furnish one.

A NEEDED SAFETY CAMPAIGN.

Secretary of War Weeks speaks an opinion that has been forming in the public mind for some time in declaring that there are "too many" mishaps in the government's aerial service and calling for a safety campaign in that branch. Although sacrifices seem inevitable in the cause of progress, one still must think a single life as "too many" if there is any method within reason of preventing such loss.

When Secretary Weeks gives it as his opinion that the recent mishap at the Aberdeen proving grounds, in which seven men lost their lives, was due to faulty mechanism, he refers to one cause of such tragedies that is avoidable. Another cause is the spirit of daring that takes unnecessary risks. While there still are many things to learn in aerial navigation, enough has been learned in the science to render unnecessary many of the risky flying experiments that were regarded as useful at first.

At any rate, the loss of 18 lives in the army air service by four mishaps in the last few weeks is enough to create a country-wide demand for a safety campaign in flying.

RETURN IT TODAY.

By what kind of inscrutable mental process or word jugglery does it come about that there are some objects which no one but a professional thief will take and keep if he can, while there are others which are appropriated by eminently respectable men and women, who would feel hurt if they were told that the method in which they acquired these objects is something very close to stealing.

No one of these very amiable and respectable people would take a dime out of his neighbor's pocket, book, or a \$20 bill, even if he could do so without fear of detection. And still hotel keepers complain continually of a shrinkage of their table silver supply, pocketed often by people who have more than enough of it at home. This irresistible impulse would not drive any of these persons to steal a milk bottle from somebody's parlor, and still before we took to paper cups, it was necessary to fasten by chain the public tin drinking cups.

In the case of books the moral law seems to be suspended altogether. Many persons who could bring numberless affidavits on their honesty and integrity in every other walk of life will borrow books, and though their former owner may pine for the want of them, the books are not returned. Practically every one of us can recall the fact that someone has not yet returned the book he borrowed two years ago. And very likely on going over our own stock of books we should come upon one or two which we have not returned.

In some of the largest libraries in the world over it has been found necessary to subject all outgoing individuals to a search and seizure process to keep down the number of books stolen each year. Apparently this is an international affliction. It is a tribute to the inherent good nature of men and women that this failure to return books has not put an end altogether to the lending of books. As we are wont to say in matters political: "Something ought to be done about it."

Mary Pickford's divorce sticks. As to remarriage—we will have to wait.

Concerning Suits for Water Sports



LEAVING out beach suits not intended for rent service in the water, and considering only those that are designed for swimming or bathing in water sports, we find they are nearly all made in the two types illustrated here.

Good sense governs in the choice of these suits and it happens that sensible suits prove to be the most attractive ones in this class in many others. The swimming suit must be strong and at the same time elastic. It must protect against chills and give absolute freedom of action to the swimmer. It must be light but gives in the matter of every muscle, is reinforced where it needs to be, made of pure wool and knitted in firm stitches by machinery. The manufacturers have so perfected it that it holds its shape permanently. By means of color and decorative features accomplished in the knitting—as the introduction of bands or designs in contrasting colors they have added to the attractions of swimming suits. The young woman poised for a plunge, as pictured, is

dressed as the swimmer should be. She wears a knitted suit, short stockings, black cloth shoes bound with white braid and a rubberized head covering that fits closely and looks like a handkerchief tied about the head.

The career of the bathing suit pictured may be less strenuous than that of the swimming suit, but it is nevertheless a sturdy affair which may be found in several different woven fabrics. Flannel, satine, taffeta silk all present themselves with other wools for fabric as suited to it. It has sufficiently roomy bloomers reaching to the knees and a flaring chemise dress with round neck and no sleeves. White fancy braid finishes the neck and arm's-eye and four rows of it with ornamental motif at the front simulate a girdle. Long stockings and cloth slippers fit this suit for beach wear.

Julia Bottomley
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America is said to spend a billion a year for soft drinks. Sounds foolish, but there is consolation in the fact that the folly results in no headaches or deep purple tresses.

Speaking of modern dance steps, whatever became of the old-fashioned reporter who used to refer to it as the light fantastic?

Personal liberty is being steadily restricted. Connecticut no longer gives immunity to residents of other states who go there to add a second wife to a budding harem.

Pirate theory about the disappearance of ships off the American coast has now been displaced by the storm theory. One thing we never lack is a good husky theory.

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