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Bicycle And Dress Reform.

In a recent editorial the New York Sun makes the following interesting comment on "The Bicycle and Dress Reform."

The improvement in the bicycle costumes of women this summer is very marked. Perhaps rather it should be said that woman wheelers are overcoming more generally the prejudices they may have had against wearing costumes suitable for the bicycle. The consequence is that the feminine wheelers present a very attractive appearance, and the question arises whether the bicycle may not accordingly bring in the long-discussed and hitherto always rejected dress reform of the women's conventions.

The principal feature of the reformed dress, from the time of Mrs. Bloomers' costume until the last exhibition made at one of the conventions of the reformers, has invariably been the shortening of the petticoat or skirt. Long draperies, according to all the dress reformers, restrain women from the larger development which would be possible if they were permitted to enjoy the freedom of physical movement allowed to men; and unquestionably women are now engaging in many occupations for which their long and clinging draperies are wholly unsuitable. Gowns proper for domestic quietude are not convenient for the workshop. There is not only a waste of material, but also a serious interference with the chances of women in the competition with men in the business of the world. They are handicapped by their dress.

That is the argument which has always been used in the conventions of the dress reformers, and it cannot be denied that there is something in it. No dress satisfies the requirements of artistic taste unless it is adapted to its uses. The gown for ease and luxury is not the costume for work. It is an ineffectual argument, however, which hitherto has produced no conviction in the conservative feminine breast. A few eccentric women have dared to costume themselves in accordance with their reform principles; but usually even they have put on the garb for special occasions only, simply in order to show off the advantages to privileged feminine spectators. They have not had the hardihood to brave ridicule by adopting it as their regular and usual wear. Some earnest woman reformer has appeared on the stage of a woman's convention at Chicago, for instance arrayed in the fashion she advocated: but she has soon retired to substitute for the short petticoat and leggings the gown to which she objected so strongly and perhaps so reasonably. She has not ventured to go abroad with it in her daily walks.

When woman began to ride the bicycle they were at first disposed to retain their old habits of dress, while engaged in the new exercise, but considerations of taste merely compelled them gradually to submit to a change. The ordinary walking costume is wholly unsuited to the bicycle. It is ungraceful and unbeautiful there, and woman became conscious of the necessity for a costume especially adapted to the new use. Besides offending on the score of taste, the customary outdoor feminine dress incommodes their bicycle exercise, and they were obliged to discard it if they wished to become graceful and expert as wheelers. There was no alternative except to fashion a habit for that particular purpose, and one of the first necessities was the shortening of the petticoats or the abbreviation of the drapery, as advised by the dress reformers from the beginning. Hence a special fashion for bicycling costumes has grown up and is now accepted by women riders very generally. It is becoming, too, more especially to young and well-rounded figures! and it is jolly. Pretty girls never look prettier than in these bicycling costumes. It is a delight to encounter them along the country roads, whether they are wheeling or standing, and moreover, they ride a bicycle more gracefully than men. That superior grace, too, is made the more manifest and the more irresistible by the new costumes they are now wearing.

The bicycle having accustomed women to appear in public in such garb, and they having discovered how attractive the new costume may be made, it is not possible that among the many revolutions attributable to that triumphant machine will be the successful introduction of the dress reform of which we have heard so much, and for which hitherto its advocates have waited in vain, since the days of Mrs. Bloomer and her sister iconoclasts? If such shall be the result nobody will have any reason for regret. A pretty bicycle costume on a pretty girl is altogether captivating.

Finances of London the Great.

The annual report of the London County Council was issued recently, and covers a period from March 31, 1895, to March 31 last. During the last seven years the council has spent in round numbers on an average nearly £750,000 a year on "capital account," while raising £500,000 a year for redemption of debt, so that on the average the net debt of the council has increased by about £250,000 a year during the period. The main drainage system, and in later years the fire brigade, made great demands on the capital account, and large sums of money have been devoted to the acquisition and improvement of open spaces, the housing of the working classes, and the improvement of the Woolwich ferry service; while the Blackwall Tunnel has already cost nearly £1,000,000 sterling. The new services thrown on the council by the Local Government Act, 1888, or subsequently undertaken by the council, had involved an outlay of £1,000,000, three-fourths of which had been expended on lunatic asylums. Of the balance £108,000 has been paid away in the purchase of the tramways. The total net debt of London is shown to be £37,856,502. The rateable value of London on March 31 last was £35,833,468. Hence the total debt is equal to rather more than one year's purchase of its rateable value. The open places have been increased from forty to seventy-nine, and the acreage from 2656 to 3686.

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THE MUSINGS OF THE IMP.



Charles Lamb was probably one of the most enjoyable of wits that the soil of England ever produced. He was seldom vindictive in his remarks, but his sayings were so much to the point that even at this time, when we read them, they cause us to laugh. One time he was playing a game of whist. His partner was a very worthy individual, but cleanness was not his strong point, and his hands always looked as if they were complete strangers to soap and water. Said Lamb to his partner, as they were playing a rubber: "If dirt were only trumps, what a handful you would have." On one occasion, Coleridge, who was a local preacher of some renown, but had a queer habit of scolding, remarked to the genial Charles, "Lamb, did you ever hear me preach?" Lamb, as we all know, stuttered, and in his hesitating style said: "I n-n-never h-heard you do anything else."

One, perhaps ultra-frank, newspaper correspondent at Ottawa, tells us that the recent debate on the question of dismissal of civil servants, who have displayed partizan tendencies, was brought on, purposely, for the benefit of Lord Russell, the Chief Justice of England, who was then visiting the governor-general. In fact, according to the reporter, the debate was "arranged" for the occasion. I suppose it was something after the nature of a military sham fight, when there is everything of the battle, but the bullets and the killing. Sir Charles and Sir Richard appear to have let themselves out, as it were, thus showing to his Lordship, what they really could do, if the necessity arose. In fact, the learned Judge was given a sample of Canadian parliamentary oratory. Be it remembered, that it was magnificent. si ce n'est pas guerre. If Li Hung Chang went to Ottawa, I suppose there would be another sham fight.

September, the first of the autumn months, has come upon us, while we slumbered and slept in the glories of the summer weather. We needn't have cut up such a time over the little heat we had in the middle of August. Mercy knows we don't suffer greatly from the thermometer over 80°, and now we are nearing the time for heavy overcoats, load of fuel, and north pole temperature. Perhaps the most unpleasant feature of early autumn, is the declining daylight. We begin to light our lamps at tea time, and many months must pass, before we again enjoy an evening meal, with the light of the sun to show us the way to our mouths. Still, snow has not as yet come. September and October have many beautiful days in store, and the beauty of the forest foliage is for those who admire nature. Anyway it's no use to grumble. Our climate is on the whole, most health preserving, and if we have health we have riches past numbering.

THE IMP.

First Bicyclist: "Did you hear that fellow on the crossing kick when I ran him down?"
 Second Bicyclist: "Yes, silly of him, wasn't it? I remember I used to do the same thing myself before I got a wheel."

Mr. Newera: "I thought your wife was a New Woman?"
 Mr. Much-blest: "Well, she was. But she has sort of given it up."
 Mr. Newera: "What made her give it up?"
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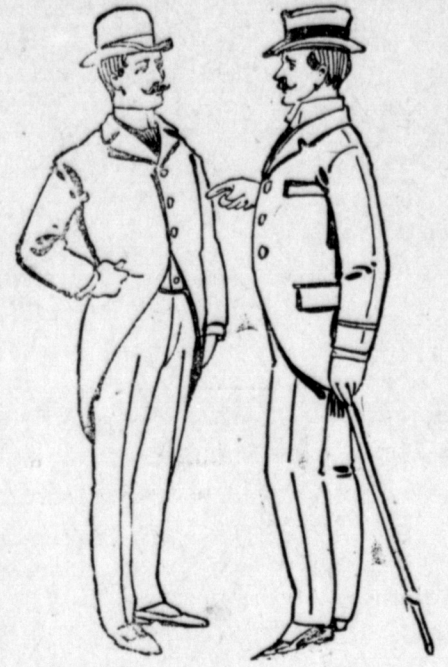
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