

THE HISTORY AND MYSTERY OF CORSETS.

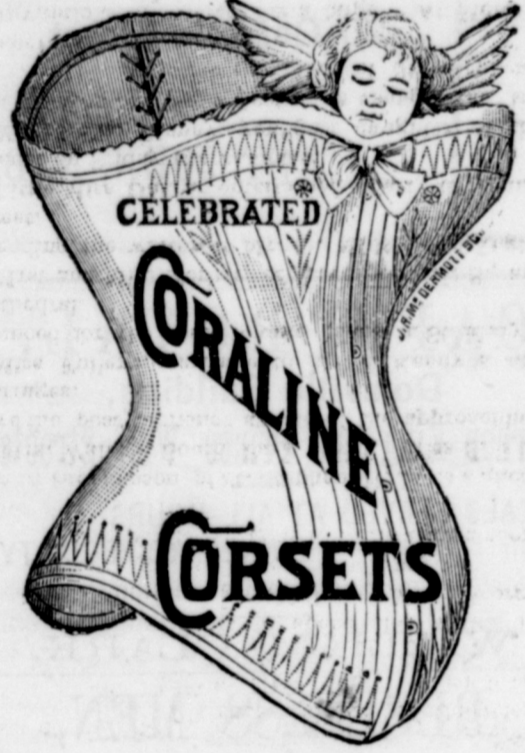
The origin of the corset is lost in remote antiquity. The figure of the early Egyptian women shows clearly an artificial shape of the waist produced by some style of corset. Coming down to later times we find the corset was used in France and England as early as the twelfth century.

The habit of tight-lacing at this time was not confined to the ladies, as we find frequent allusions to this practice among men, some of these as far back as the thirteenth century.

It is reserved to our own time to demonstrate that corsets and tight-lacing do not necessarily go hand in hand. Distortion and feebleness are not by any means.

The perfect corset is one which possesses just that degree of rigidity which will prevent it from wrinkling, but will at the same time allow freedom in the bending and twisting of the body.

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SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

HALIFAX.

Nov. 12.—Rev. Clarence and Mrs. McCully left on Tuesday for a trip to New York, to visit Miss Macready.

Miss Biddle Slayter is to spend the winter in Chicago with her grandfather. Mr. George Franklin accompanied her on her journey.

Mr. K. F. Uniacke has gone to Ottawa for a short visit.

Miss Stephenson, of St. Stephen, N. B., is a guest of Mrs. Wallace, South Park street. Miss S. is to have the post of honor at one of the approaching marriages.

Miss Fuller's marriage to Mr. E. Kenny is announced for the 10th, to take place in St. Mary's Cathedral.

Mrs. and Miss Forbes, of Liverpool, N. S., are spending the winter at Mr. D. M. Brown's, Inglis street.

Little Miss Duncan entertained a party of young friends on Friday afternoon last.

Miss Helen Binney, youngest daughter of the late Bishop of Nova Scotia, is engaged to the Rev. H. N. Lancaster, chaplain of St. Stephen's chapel.

Invitations are issued for a large "At Home" at Mrs. Fuller's, for Wednesday, November 13th.

Mrs. W. Humphrey is spending a fortnight in Boston.

Dean Gilpin has arrived home after a pleasant sojourn of some months in England.

Mr. C. E. Dodwell, of Montreal, has arrived from England in the *Peruvian*, and is a guest of his sister, Mrs. D. M. Brown.

Miss Beatrice Wainwright, and Miss Constance Wainwright, daughters of Lt. Col. G. Wainwright, are spending the winter in Calgary. Col. and Mrs. Wainwright are giving up house keeping and intend boarding in town this winter.

Mr. Bonadill is out again after a severe illness, but is still far from strong.

Rev. Ambrose Heygate, of St. John's, Nfld., is engaged to Miss Mary Archibald, youngest daughter of Sir Adams Archibald.

Dr. Slayter has been ill with erysipelas and in consequence was quite unable to sing at Miss Shoff's benefit concert.

Miss Shoff's concert was a grand success financially and otherwise. A crowded house greeted the performers. Miss Laine's songs were the gems of the evening.

Miss L. was attended in pale pink crape with pearl ornaments and wreaths of similar. Miss Shoff's costume was of eau de nil silk and tulle, and was certainly most becoming. Miss Shoff will leave shortly to pursue her studies in Boston.

An engagement is reported between a prominent M. P. of the Western Counties and a lady of this city. The report, however, has not as yet been confirmed.

The At Home given by Mrs. and the Misses Keith, at their house on Hollis street, last Wednesday, was of the most enjoyable nature. The General and Staff were present and altogether over two hundred invitations were accepted. The tea was of the most recherche description.

The theatre still attracts large houses. Miss Arthur takes the principal part in each performance. She is a slight, delicate looking girl, full of life and fun. Two gentlemen, members of the company are travelling merely for amusement. They pay their own expenses and earn nothing, except it may be experience.

The social at the Church of England Institute was a most successful one. Most of the city clergy were present, the Rev. A. Heygate, of St. John's, Nfld.,

being the only stranger. However, I am sure he received a warm welcome to Halifax, and very hearty applause to the song he so kindly sang. Mr. Forbes, Mrs. Rigby and Miss Wainwright also sang acceptably. There must have been at least 300 people present. Mrs. Arthur Wiswell with Miss Emily Wier presided at the supper table, which was abundantly supplied with delicious cake of various kinds.

Hon. A. G. Jones and Mrs. Jones have taken rooms at the Queen hotel, for the winter.

Miss Hattie Beamish and Mr. Charles Hile are to be married at St. Paul's church early in December. Miss Maud Abbott is to be bridesmaid.

The football match between the Dalhousie students and the Wanderers took place on the Wanderers' grounds on Thanksgiving day. A great many spectators attended notwithstanding the frigid state of the weather. A number of young ladies from the Ladies' college were present and seemed very enthusiastic where the Dalhousie boys were concerned. The match resulted in a draw.

Mr. George Vanbuskirk and Miss Elliott, of Dartmouth, have entered into an agreement, to be ratified at some future time.

Mr. M. E. Meredith, late of the Merchants' Bank of Halifax agency at Montreal, has been removed to the St. Pierre agency of the same bank.

Hon. D. Parker, with his wife and family, will spend the winter at the Halifax hotel. CRUMBS.

CHATHAM.

[Progress is for sale in Chatham at Edward Johnson's bookstore.]

Nov. 13.—Postmaster Adams not feeling well, has obtained leave of absence for two weeks, Mr. Thos. Johnston, of Newcastle, is in charge of the office.

Miss Duffy is out again, after being confined to the house with typhoid fever, for the last six weeks.

Mrs. Nealis, of Fredericton, has been visiting her Miramichi friends, and returned home Tuesday morning.

I am sorry to hear of the illness of Hon. A. Davidson of Newcastle. Much sympathy is felt for him and his family.

Mr. W. T. Connors is on the sick list.

Mr. Wm. Anderson, of the Custom House in connection with the house with scurvy.

Mrs. Geo. Parkin left for England on Monday to join Mr. Parkin, who is en route from Australia.

Mr. A. Lawlor returned from Bathurst where he has been attending courts.

Hon. R. Hutchinson is in town.

Miss Fisher is in town, and is the guest of Mrs. Geo. Fisher.

A fashionable wedding is expected to take place in a few weeks.

Miss Hattie Knight, of Musquash, is visiting Mrs. Russell at the Stone House.

Dr. Desmond, of Newcastle, was in town yesterday.

Miss Edith Sheriff left for St. John, where she will remain a few weeks.

Mr. J. D. McKay, of Fredericton, was in town this week.

Mrs. Dr. Benson and Miss Nellie Benson have returned from St. John. Mrs. Benson is improved in health.

A. E. Bond, the finest looking traveller on the road, is in town.

Mr. Samuel Thompson, of Newcastle, was in town yesterday. X. Y. Z.

TRURO, N. S.

[Progress is for sale in Truro at Mr. G. O. Fulton's.]

Nov. 12.—The dance given by some of the leading spirits at "Clifton," last Wednesday night, proved a very enjoyable affair, a large programme of some twenty-one dances being carried to a successful issue.

Mr. John R. Coleman, of Cummings' Sons staff, paid a flying visit to his home in King's Co., last week.

Mrs. Eldridge Smith spent Thanksgiving among home friends in River Philip.

Messrs. E. Nilson and A. Black, went over to Amherst for Thanksgiving.

The first congregation social of the season in connection with the Baptist church, was held Monday evening at the residence of Mr. Wm. Cummings. Mr. and Mrs. Cummings were as hospitable as usual, and the large number present spent a very pleasant evening. Over thirty dollars were the proceeds of the evening.

Messrs. C. W. Blanchard and A. W. Campbell, are the energetic movers in the organization of a waltz club, and series of quadrille assemblies, the first of which will be held at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. H. Harding, Park Street, Friday evening.

Mr. Geo. B. Layton, of New Glasgow, is visiting friends here.

Mr. Hedley Kent, who went to Bellevue Hospital, New York, to resume his medical studies, has returned and will take up his work at Dalhousie, Halifax.

The Athletic club, conjointly, with the lawn tennis club, propose enlivening the holiday season with some dramatic and musical entertainments, Messrs. A. Patterson and Geo. Faulkner, are the efficient gentlemen who have charge of the musical part. PEG.

ANNAPOLIS ROYAL.

[Progress is for sale at Annapolis Royal at Fred S. Symonds & Co.]

The entertainment given on Thanksgiving evening by members of the Amateur Athletic Association assisted by ladies and gentlemen of the town, was a decided success. Mrs. Munroe deserves credit for her efficient management of the affair, and also praise for her acting as Mrs. Bradford in "Out in the Streets." Mr. Fred Harris as "Pete" the colored servant was the first to appear on the stage. His "get up" was good, and acting fine. Mr. William McLaughlin, as Colonel Wayne, seemed perfectly at home in "Out in the Streets," and acted his part exceedingly well, also Mrs. Potter, as Mrs. Col. Wayne. Miss Tillie Harris, their daughter, acted prettily. Mr. Guy Dakin, as Solomon Davis was the villain, and filled the character in his usual good style. Mr. George Munroe, as Mat Davis, suited his part to perfection. Mr. Herbert Runciman, and Mr. Thomson in the minor parts did well. The characters in "That Postal Card," Mrs. Munroe, Mrs. Harris, and Mr. Barnaby, were just too funny for anything, and kept the audience in peals of laughter. Between the acts the Hillsdale Cornet Band furnished music.

Mrs. Jamieson went to Halifax on Thanksgiving day and returned on Monday, Miss Lizzie Pickles filling her place in the telegraph office.

Miss Jane Whitman, of Round Hill, was the guest of Miss Lizzie Pickles for a few days last week.

Mrs. Augustus Robinson returned on Saturday. She has been absent a month, visiting friends in Bangor and St. John.

I noticed Mr. T. E. Davison, of Halifax, in town yesterday.

Mr. Kennedy, Mr. Scarborough, and Mr. Mitchell went for a day's shooting on Thursday, it being a holiday. Result, one partridge.

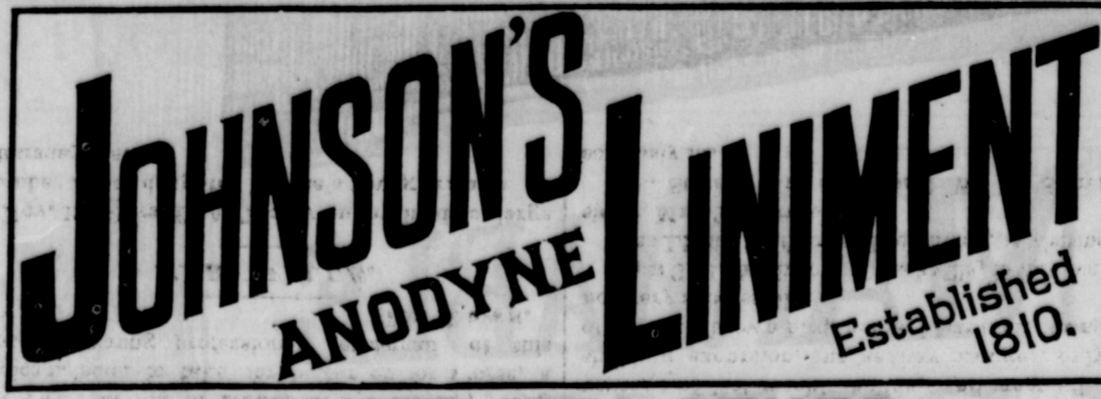
Miss Walcott's many friends are pleased to see her back again at Mr. Anand's after year's absence. JONES.

BATHURST.

[Progress is for sale in Bathurst at A. C. Smith & Co's store.]

Nov. 13.—Mr. W. A. Mott, barrister of Campbellton, visited A. J. H. Stewart, this week.

Mr. John Quilty having been ordered by his physician to take a few weeks rest, left on Monday, for his home at Barnaby River. His brother, Mr. Jack Quilty, replaces him in the I. C. R. station office during his absence.



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Miss Lizzie Mullins has been ill for some days past. Her bright face is much missed and her friends hope to see her occupying her accustomed place in the post office very soon. Mr. K. F. Burns, M. P., returned on Monday, from Busen's, after an absence of several weeks. Rev. F. Duffy, of Beresford, was the guest of Father O'Brien on Monday and Tuesday. Mrs. Haine, of Boston, and her little daughter are visiting relatives here. Among the strangers in town to-day, I noticed Mr. McLean, representing Messrs. Dearborn & Co., of St. John, and Mr. Harry J. Gammon, the representative of L. T. Joudry, jeweller, Moncton. Harry is a favorite with many people here. Mr. Thomas Alier, of Shippagan, spent Sunday and Monday in town. I am pleased to see Mr. Will Draper back from Berens. On dit that one of Newcastle's charming young ladies is soon to take for better or for worse, a popular young professional gentleman of this place. TOM BROWN. MARYSVILLE. Nov. 12.—Mrs. E. A. Tapley entertained a large number of her daughter Flossie's young friends on Thursday last.

The usual service in St. Andrews church last Sunday morning was conducted by the elders; the pastor, Rev. Wm. Hamilton, being confined to the house by a severe cold. Mr. B. Cleveland, of Moncton, is in town, the guest of Dr. Doherty of the Cedars. PICKLES. MUSQUASH. Nov. 13.—Mr. Charles A. Clarke, of St. John, spent Thanksgiving day in Musquash and visited the coal mine, Mr. C. F. Clinch's property. Mr. George Short, of Milltown, St. Stephen, is staying at the Musquash hotel. Judge Watters, accompanied by his son, master Bob, was in Musquash last Monday. Rev. Joseph Borgmamer, A. S. R., officiated last Sunday, at St. Elizabeth's church in the absence of the Rev. T. Laverly. Mr. J. Crowley, of Millford, was here last Sunday. Ivanhoe lodge, I. O. G. T., realized about \$25 from the proceeds of the pie social and concert held last week. I noticed Mr. Sheldon, of St. John, in Musquash yesterday. VEGA. Games of all kinds at McArthur's Book-store, 80 King St.

ST. JUDE'S CHURCH, Carleton.

THE LADIES' AID ASSOCIATION hold a SALE and HIGH TEA on THURSDAY, 21st, in the School-Room. Doors open at 5 p. m. Tea from 6 p. m. TICKETS (including Tea), 40 cents. Single admission, 10 cents.

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DOWLING BROS. BIRTHS.

DONALD—At the Marlborough house, San Francisco, Nov. 2, to the wife of John Hugh Donald, a son.

MARRIED. SMITH-HICKS—At the residence of the bride's father, Hampton, on the 13th inst., by the Rev. George F. Maynard, rector, Robert H. Smith, of Worcester, Mass., to Sadie J., youngest daughter of Henry Hicks.