# "PANTIES" EXCITE LITTLE COMMENT NOW, SAYS M'LISS

### Mrs. Charlotte Pierce, Suffrage Pioneer, Tells of Days When Women Wore Bloomers and Suffered Abuse Because of Convictions

EVERY once in a while something happens to show just how the world do move after all!

I was up at Princeton this week-end where the skating wasn't as bad as It might have been and there I saw out on the lake at least a half dozen girls garbed in the new "pantle" costume, which, as everybody knows by this time, consists of a short skirt with sensible cloth trousers underneath to obviate cumbersome petticoats.

Did they excite comment? Not the least bit of it. They were taken quite a matter of course. It reminded me of a conversation I had some time ago with that charming old Philadelphia woman, Mrs. Charlotte Pierce,

As far as is known, Mrs. Pierce is the only living member of the first Suffrage convention which was held in Seneca Palls, New York, in 1843. She can tell a different story about women and panties,

Amelia Bloomer, who was responsible for launching the short-lived but much-reviled fad of the costume named after her, was her friend, and although Mrs. Pierce did not go so far as to adopt the fad, all of these who had the

courage of their misguided convictions were known to her, "It took courage in those days to be a suffragist," Mrs. Pierce told me, "and you can imagine how much more it took to wear bloomers. Those women suffered a martyrdom. They believed in what they did, but the antagonism

was so great that it was positively dangerous for them to go on the street, "Boys and men did not confine their expression of disapproval to hoots and cries, but they threw stones at them, chased them when they appeared on the streets and sometimes it looked as though they might do them bodily harm."

Mrs. Pierce was something of an innovator herself in those days. She didn't hold to the notion that woman's place was the home if she preferred being elsewhere. She wanted to learn the publishing business from the bottom up, and so she set out to learn. The first composing room that she selected threatened to "walk out" when she walked in. The men thought it beneath their dignity to work with a woman.

But the Bloomers, Amelia and her husband, who were editing a woman's rights paper in the Middle West, were glad to get her services and presently she became an expert type-setter. That was before she married and settled down in Philadelphia where, due to the Quaker convictions, suffrage was already a live issue.

"Every Sunday," said Mrs. Pierce "reminiscing" about those good old days, "we would take turns in meeting at each other's house for dinner. Those were the original suffrage meetings in this city, I am sure. Converts were made, Methods for furthering the cause were discussed, and we women who had to cook our own dinners could scarcely be kept in the kitchen so keen were we to take part in the discussions."

#### Dress Reform Campaign Started

Speaking of dress and panties and such like, the clubwomen of New York have started a woman's dress reform. The idea is to drive home to women the extravagance that the ever-changing styles entail.

The average man," says Miss Helen Johnson, who is in back of the movement, "can dress for less money than the average woman, and at the same time have the appearance of being better dressed. The reason is that styles in men's dress change less frequently than in women's, show fewer idiosyncrasies and the manufacturer gives the man better goods for his money than he does the woman and garments that look "in style" until they are worn out." The tailored suit, Miss Johnson believes, was the nearest approach that we

have had to same dressing. It was comfortable, practical and becoming. "At one time," she reminds, "we trailed our skirts through mud because it was the thing to do. And now we wear them short enough for Alpine climbing. Styles for women's garments are so short-lived and the changes are so frequent there is a risk for the manufacturer in making up his materials, so poorer workers are employed, poorer materials used and the price put up to cover the risks."

The thing to do, according to the New York woman, is simply to protest and resolve not to keep pace with the stylemakers-a hard resolution for any woman with money in her pocketbook to make.

#### Embroidery in Again

I am inclined to agree with Miss Johnson anent the desirability of the tailored suit and its becomingness, but if late fashion reports are to be relied upon, there is small chance of our having any strictly tailored models in the

Instead, the slogan seems to be: Get out your embroidery hoops and needle and silk, for embroidery is the word. Not only are frocks and blouses to be embellished, but street costumes will also be "worked." Gold and silver threading will appear on elaborate costumes and the wool embroidery shows signs of coming in too.

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It will take me several days to be in receipt of this information. As soon as I get the address I will send it to you.

amounted to 60,000 last year.

Dear M'Liss-Please give me the suffrage vote in New York and New Jersey as accurately as you can. I am anxious to get this information as quickly

New Jersey voted 133,282 for suffrage and 184,300 against. New York, 541,457 for, omitting Oneida County, where the official count has not yet been announced, and 732,770 against.

Dear M'Liss-With whom do I communicate in regard to securing the hall of the Plastic Club for an affair? LAURA.

Chairman of the House Committee, Miss Ida M. Nelson, 287 Sumac street, Wissahickon, Pa.

Dear M'Liss-What is the name of the woman whose traveling library brings books to all the farms around Hagerstown, Md.? SOUTHERNER. You refer to Miss Mary Lomist Titcomb. The circulation of this library

Dear M'Liss-Can you give me a formula for a harmless home-made silver polish? HOUSEKEEPER.

Here is a simple powder which will not hurt your silver: One ounce of burnt umber, one pound of Paris whiting, two ounces of borax and one and one-half pints of water. Use like the ordinary polish. Dear M'Liss-Please let me know something about the fashionable colors

DORIS. According to the spring fashion number of authoritative magazines, neutral grays, tans, tobacco brown, slate, ashes of rose and blue-grays are going to

Dear M'Liss-Can you tell me who sat upon the throne of France during the time designated by fashion writers as the crinoline era? CURIOUS. The crinoline was the court attire during several periods, but reached

its height of popularity at the time of Napoleon III and his Empress, Eugenie. DEAR M'LISS-I have often tried cleaning clothes with gasoline, but I have

never been successful. Can you tell me how it is done? HOUSEKEEPER. You will get the best results by taking the chill off the gasoline. This must be done by placing the vessel containing the gasoline in a pan of very hot water. Place solled garments in the hot fluid. Be careful not to have any fire or matches about.

### SEEN IN THE SHOPS

THIS little frock is a ongster, and may be had n either linen or serge. There are so many women who prefer to have their little ones wear lightweight clothes all the year round that the shops have both materials on hand. Rose linen, with touches of white, make a pretty combination for a dainty child. The sleeves, vestee and slirt are trimmed with the white linen, although the collar is made of organdle. The skirt has a Walls-of-Troy effect.

Loops of crochet Irlsh and buttons to match are seen on the vest, and crochet balls fall from the sash ends. This model comes in sizes from 4 to 8 years, in rose, blue, tan, brown and navy linen at \$8.50. The serge in many or brown costs \$15. little ones wear lightweight

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#### Fashions and Fads Fashionable women are wearing white from tip to

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Sitting Up in Bed

How soon after confinement should a mother sit up in bed? How soon may she get out of bec.? How soon may she go downstairs? How soon may she go outdoors? How soon may she wheel out

Answer.—She should never sit up in bed. When she sits up she should sit in a hair. Sitting up in bed is hard work.

She may sit up as soon as she wishes, in an uncomplicated case—say, the sec-ond or third day—this is the modern prac-

ond or first say—this is the modern practice. She may go downstairs, as a rule, at the end of two weeks. She may go out for, short ride, or a very few steps walking, after the end of three weeks. She may wheel out the baby after the end of four weeks. Meantime, father should take the kelve for a rule where

end of four weeks. Meantime, father should take the baby for a ride, when the weather is not extremely severe. It is never too soon to take a normal infant

out for an airing, and most babies suffer for want of open air.

Hookworm

Please give a remedy for the hookworm

Answer.—Five or ten a ops of the oil of chenopodium (American wormseed) given in capsules or on sugar on empty stom-

followed in two hours by about a

## BABY BAND EVIL SHOULD BE ERADICATED, SAYS AN EXPERT

By WILLIAM BRADY, M. D. A baby's tummy will stand a great many hard knocks. It is sturdily built for the purpose. Give it a chance. It is capable of keeping nice and warm against heavy odds. Don't coddle it.

the baby?

S the baby's pard efficacious? . Does it really serve the purpose for nich it is intended? Once more we find ourselves at vari-

nce wit, rld, accepted ideas. It is the ancient argument that the baby

and makes his little tummy warm and ielps digest his food; that it strengthens its back, and that babies have worn abminal bands ever since cloth was first oven, and hence should continue the

excuse for a baby binder is to retain the umbilted dressing. Science deposes and says that a band won't keep the baby any warmer than his skirt; that the band is so loose and twisted out of place half the time that it can't offer appreciable support to the back, and, anyway, the back needs no such support. good many anxious fathers have

paced the floor many and many a night with a cantankerous baby, made so by the irritation of a needless band. A good many doses of colle cure, southing syrup and other poisonous dopes have been coured into bables who were endeavor-ing to explain that they wished some lane person would remove that confounded, itchy, twisted, annoying, heat-

At the age of 3 weeks, in most instances, and surely at the age of 1 month, every baby should shed his binder, whether his parents like the idea or not. This advice we give the bables in the interest of the bealth and strength of the coming generation. If parents would only use a little common sense and not be guided by feelish old tribal customs

How I Know

I know my darling loves me.

Because her smile is a vision of bliss;

decause on her red lins trembles a kiss;

Because her thoughts lead and her mind

Because her aweet presence with love fills

Because she makes my poor life worth its

Secause a soul's strivings seem not in

Because with her dear love I live again-

I know my darling loves me

THE CHEERFUL CHERUB

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And I shut my eyes

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-Eugene Field.

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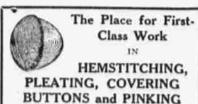
I know I love my darling.

#### should be repeated for two or three days. CIVIL ENGINEERS TO MEET

Because she has sweeter and fairer First Big Affair Since Membership Campaign to Be Held Tonight Because her eyes droop when they meet

The Philadelphia Association of Mem-bers of the Society of Civil Engineers will meet tonight at the Engineers' Club, 1317 Spruce street. It will be the first big affair since the successful wind-up of the Engineers' Club campaign for 1900 new members several weeks ago. Because of all that, and because of this-I know my darling loves me. Because the touch of her dear hand thrills

Two directors in the next cabinet, George S. Webster and George E. Datestman, are members of the society, and it is believed they will attend the meeting. An address on the electrification of the Pennsylvania Railroad from Bread Street Station to Paoli will be delivered by George Gibbs, consulting engineer.



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# Marion Harland's Corner

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Our list of junior members increases daily. There are dozens of nice girls who would be glad to form a pen-and-ink acquaintanceship with you. I register your address in expectation of receiving many applications for it. We hear again and again of pleasant and helpful friendships formed through the agency of the Corner. Let us know when you have as many correspondents as you can handle with ease and profit to yourself. You can exchange thoughts and experiences, tell of your daily lives and surroundings, talk of books and magazines and fancy work, and hopes and plans for the future. O, there is no end to the topics two lively, wide-awake girls can discuss with pleasure and profit.

An Old-time Song

"I write a part of a song that you may be able to get for me from one of your readers. I should like the words and music and will pay postage for it. I'm anxious to get this old time song that I have half forgotten. This is the first verse: "There are little feet that I loved to

meet.
When the world was sweet to me,
And I know they will bound
When the rippling sound When the rippling sound Of my boat comes over the sea." "D. W."

You will doubtless get a copy of the words, if not of the music, when the constituency, which has established a record for bringing to light unlikely things and forgotten treasures, learns of your wish.

Rough Hands From Housework "All during the cold weather I suffer from the tips of my fingers cracking. I do all my housework, so, of course, my hands are in water a good deal. But when I worked as a stenographer I had the same trouble. Kindly advise me, if possible.

MRS. H. C. H."

In the first place be careful to dry your In the first place be careful to dry your hands well when you take them out of the water. A few minutes' action of the cold as: upon the damp aurface will chap the skin. Roll them in a dry, soft towel for a minute after wiping them, to absorb all the moisture and close the pores. Then rup lightly into the skin a little cold cream and wrap the hands again in the soft towel. At night, anoint them well with cold cream, having first washed and wined them thoroughly. Have you well with cold cream, having first washed and wiped them thoroughly. Have you not a pair of loose old gloves you can wear while sweeping and another pair from which you can cut the finger tips and use in washing dishes? Gentle-women of the olden times often washed their fine china and cut glass after meals rather than trust them in the hands of carriers veryants. Yet they were noted carelesa servants. Yet they were noted for the beauty and delicacy of their hands. They kept gloves for the purpose, cutting off the tips of the fingers. The houseworker need not advertise her pro fession by roughened and toll-hardened hands, although most of them take no pains to avoid it.

Bits of Worsted for Knitting "I know a dear old lady who can do lit-tle, as she has grown weak because of lameness. This little that she enjoys is knitting. She brought up a large family, but many of them have passed away and those who remain have need of what little they have, although they cheerfully buy her worsteds when something pressing is not necessary. Around the holidays in the homes where wools are used to make gifts there often remain skeins of yarn, etc., for which there is no use. May I ask for such for my dear old lady? Even with small bits of worsteds she can amuse herself and pass away many lonesome and weary hours.

As you say after worsted stillers are those who remain have need of what lit

As you say, after worsted articles are made up, there often remain half and

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quarter skeins that cannot be made up into anything of use; that is, unless the "bits" can be worked up by such fingers as you say your friend possesses. I hold your address.

Working on a Sofa Pillow

"Will you please send me some silk pieces? I am working on a sofa pillow and have not enough pieces to finish it. I am a poor girl and like this work to pass time.

"Will you please send me some silk pieces?"

You do not say you would like to finish the pillow before New Year's, but I surmise as much, and urge promptness upon the part of readers who would like to help you out with the pretty task, Ribbons, bits of velvet and satin, and old grayate may be wrought into the cover. cravats may be wrought into the cover.

Desk for a Sunday School

"I am in hopes of securing a flat-top deak with one or two drawers, if possible, for our Sunday school. I am willing to pay transportation charges or crating ex-penses which would be ne reasonry.

"PERCY H. R."

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