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Bernard Shaw on Morality.

Testimony before a Parliamentary committee.

At the present time a great many extremely immoral plays—I use the word "immoral" in the correct English sense, I had almost said the sense in which it is not used from one end of the Bible to the other—are now passed and performed because the censor—I do not know how to put this point politely—was not sufficient to an expert in moral questions to know always when a play was immoral or the reverse.

Mr. H. Law—By immoral you mean "non-customary"?

Yes you will understand there are people who may be conscientiously immoral—for instance, if I may say so, Lord Gorell's views on the subject of divorce are immoral and shocking to the Archbishop of Canterbury, but they are conscientiously immoral, and he is doing a very high public service in bringing them forward. As an immoral writer, I claim to be a conscientiously immoral writer, and I lay great stress on this use of the word because I would remind the committee that from one end of the Bible to the other, as I have said, the words moral and immoral are not used.

You think that any outrage on religion or attack upon religion or ridicule of sacred personages should be allowed on the stage? I think it should. I think the public would look after that. I think the danger of crippling thought, of obstructing the formation of the public mind by suppressing such representations, is far greater than the danger from the representations.

BACK TO HOOP SKIRTS.

There's a rumor that the diabolical fashion, the hoopskirts, are to come in again, and supplant the present styles that have been made sport of more or less, chiefly more, by the newspaper writers. There have been a great many fool things worn by the women, but the foulest of all was the expansive hoopskirt. A good sized woman encased in hoops of a suitable size, would sweep everything off the sidewalk; two or three women in a street would stop the wheels of commerce and send the drivers around a block. It would be a difficult matter to get into a street car and not more

than one at a time could occupy a seat; and the straphangers—think of what would happen. We enter a protest against the style. Give us something that we can reach, something that it will not be necessary to use a speaking tube if you desire to communicate with the fair damsel. Ex.

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(Washington Herald.)
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