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It is a far cry from the crinoline of the 60s to the peg-top skir
of these days. Much farther than from the present style to the yclept trousers, Recently there met in New York representative from 34 states, of the National Ladies' Tailoring and Dressmaking Association, and the principal subject of discussion was ladies skirts. These delegates will decide what the woman shall wear, and so far as skirts are concerned, they have already deided. Th skirts are to be as badly hobbled as ever, but they are to be split up in front instead of the side, and some of them at least up the back.

There are already a few of these visible in Salem and they certainly attract much attention, and cause some not very flattering remarks concerning the taste of the wearers and also as to the discretion of the same. The latest are split up the front to about the knee, and have a reversed decollette effect aft. When the dainty wearer trips along, the skirt gathers clingingly and lovingly about impartially showing first one and then the other, or their shape, about as thoroughly as though there were no skirt at all.
This is along the line of evolution, and is rapidly nearing the tronser stage. When the st ${ }^{-t}$ t is split far enough, and that will not be much more or farther than the present style, all that will be required to complete the metamorphosis, and convert the skirt into the genuine male garment is to sew the back and front edg s of the splits together and the trousers are there. The new skirt is built baggy amidships so the wearers can sit, if they are careful, without danger of hearing anything tear. In some of the suits the splits are filled with netting corresponding in color with trimming of the gown. If to attact attention is the object in fashioning feminine wear, then the present style is a phenomenal suc cess. They are about as as graceful as a rag on a kid's sore toe, things they most should hide

Anyway, the male of these days can accumulate a fund of in formation as to the construction of the hull and running gears of the modern woman that was denied to his unfortunate ancestors. There is littie left for guesswork, for the sails and furnishings of the craft feminine, conceal but little, and the design is visible fro spanker boom.
However, the dear creatures like it, and saints forbid that mere man should butt in and object, where angels fear to tread. Any* y it is none of our business, and this is only mentioned as a mat-
ter of news, and information, and not in the way of criticism; for skirts they wear. We lo them all regardless of what kind tinue to admire them even should they invade the realm of trous ers. It must not be overlooked, though, that the new skirt is provided with a hip pocket abaft the beam on the starboard side, pre umably for carrying a gun; and to retain some of the elements femininity, there is another similar pocket on the port side for powder outfit.-Capital Journal.

They still continue to arrest and fine bootleggers in Linn coun$\mathbf{t y}$. The offenders are giving a small fine, which is cheaper than paying a license, and then they go at it again. If Oregon should pu the fine at say $\$ 5000$ or ten years in the pen or both, mighty tew would care to take a hack at it.

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