

Tailor-Made Men.

The fact is, there are very few men who are formed regularly. What a professional would call a "regular proportion" is a measurement of 36 inches to the waist.

"Talk about padding," said an old cutter, "the men are really padded as much as the women. Put your hand on the shoulder of the first man you meet; you will find probably that instead of a bony shoulder blade you will feel a soft cushion.

"How about the legs?" "The cutter who cannot conceal the imperfections of a man's legs is unworthy of his profession. If a man is bandy-legged, the cutter will make him wide and roomy pantaloons, in which his crooked limbs may wander without detection.

"Do you think that men are as particular about their dress as women?" "When they care at all they are more fastidious. The trouble with men is that they do not always know what they want.

"Do you find that men are much influenced by their wives as to the cut and material of their clothes?" "Influenced? Why, sir, it amounts to slavery in many cases. I have had men make me contract to please their wives in the cut of a coat.

The military tailors are the greatest adepts in building up unpromising forms to become models of soldierly appearance. They will take a lean, scrawny, consumptive clerk, and turn him out in a uniform that makes him quite a formidable, as well as a prepossessing person.

"What does it cost to dress a man in the height of fashion?" was asked of a Fifth avenue tailor. "About \$700 a year," was the reply. "But if a man is to indulge in \$300 fur coats and a variety of fine silk neckties and an assortment of fancy pantaloons, his bills will run up much higher.

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A young lady of fifteen summers, who has been allowed full indulgence in her taste for good novels, made a precocious estimate of the comparative depth of insight into the character of Dickens and George Eliot, while the family were discussing the all-prevailing theme.

That is the best part of beauty which a picture cannot express.

Charles Lamb.

REMINISCENCES BY GRENVILLE MURRAY. I was a very small boy indeed when I knew Elia. He tried to make himself pleasant, but with the best intentions, only half succeeded.

But I knew some of Elia's intimates, and could well understand from them in later years what sort of man he was, that grave, shy person in perpetual black. He would laughingly apologize, by the way, for this same suit of unvarying duskiness. "I'm like the raven—I've no other." And, poor fellow, he had not too much money to spend on clothes.

His sister dearly loved him, and she had good reason. All the world knows how he sacrificed his life to her, giving up all prospect of marriage and living in single straightness in order that his sister might always have a home.

Persons deeply imbued with catholic modes of thought have blamed Miss Lamb for living so freely in the world and partaking of its pleasures after so appalling a tragedy as the murder of her mother. Assuredly our fathers and mothers of the middle ages would have decided there could be but one conclusion to the incident for a Christian—the veil.

It is a melancholy fact, but the dreariest period of Charles's existence was while his father lived. He slaved all day at his desk, and by way of recreation, had to play chess with his sire in the evening. The old gentleman, moreover, was extremely dull and short-tempered. One day Charles had played six or eight games with his father and proposed to leave off. "If you won't play," quoth this delightful person, "don't see why you should stay in at all."

The happiest years of his life were the last nine. In 1825 he was pensioned off. In that charming paper (but all that he wrote was delightful) entitled "The Superannuated Man," Elia tells us of the intense pleasure his newly-acquired liberty gave him.

The most "human" side of Lamb's character—to make use of our cant modern epithets—was affectionateness. His love for Coleridge was something touching to behold. Few men can have loved that brilliant selfish genius so well; not his own kindred. "Lamb," writes an acquaintance, "never fairly recovered from the death of Coleridge. He thought of little else—his sister was but another portion of himself—until his own great spirit joined his friend."

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