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How Would He Get Down if Something Happened?



SHORT SKIRTS A REFORM, CLAIMS THE ORIGINATORS

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NEW YORK, Nov. 23.—The secret is out: Short skirts are a reform movement!

But the original reformers now declare their idea was carried too far.

The twenty-fifth anniversary of the Rainy Day club was celebrated here today, and it was disclosed that the club was organized in the nineties to do away with the long, trailing dresses worn by women on the theory that they were unsanitary. Five or six business women wanted to abolish the fashion of sweeping the streets and dumping the dust on the parlor rugs at home. And so the short-skirt movement was born.

Mrs. A. M. Palmer, president of the club for the last twenty-four years, said the little group of serious thinkers decided to wear skirts four inches above the ground. "Wherever we appeared we were jeered at and hooted," she said. "Men would make sly remarks upon our appearance; women in carriages looked scornfully down on us and drew their own draped, trailing skirts more closely about them. We were looked upon as freaks. When we entered the tenement districts on charitable missions we were stoned by small boys. It was a dangerous and humiliating experience. Soon we had new members and a new club room.

**Modistes Take Up Idea**  
"I can't say just when the modistes started taking up the idea we had launched, but it was about two years after we had begun wearing shorter skirts. Finally society women, who had looked askance from their carriages, came down to the ground and saw first-hand what our movement was doing; a few of them copied our style, and then the modistes got busy.

"We had marshalled statistics proving that the sweeping skirts worn by the women carried germs into the home.

"We were contented with the skirt which just cleared the ground by four inches. That meant comfort and freedom for us. But when the modistes got busy it was different. First came the six-inches-from-the-ground skirt. Then they grew longer again. Some years they were

wide and sometimes narrow. But try as they would they could not get the trailing skirts in style to stay again. Women once freed of an encumbrance like that will never revert to it again of her own free will.

Skirts Get Shorter

"It was only in recent years that the movement got out of hand entirely, and with leaps and bounds the skirts began to go up, up, up, and there's no knowing where they will stop. I think the word "modesty" should be eliminated from the dictionary as useless and meaning nothing to the girl or woman of today. I am positive that short skirts are here to stay. I only hope, in the interests of decency, that we can come to a compromise on the length which will at least partially cover the exposures now in vogue."

And in the meantime the latest fashion edict from Paris is that short skirts will be worn no longer. "That is to say, that, while remaining relatively short, the short skirt will be no longer be worn, or at least—well, anyway—!"

TO USE BIBLE STORIES FOR PHOTO PLAYS

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LOS ANGELES, Nov. 23.—The popularity of the Bible as a literary masterpiece is expected to be greatly increased as a result of the production of Biblical photoplays by a company soon to be formed here.

Frederic Vroom, former Shakespearean player, and for the last eight years a photoplay actor, with more than 300 appearances in presentations of the largest concerns to his credit, is to be director-general of

the new enterprise.

"It is the expectation of the backers of the new project that the popularity of the Bible will become more universal through the depiction in films of some of the many great stories that it contains," said Mr. Vroom. "At first two Biblical subjects will be limited to two reels, but later longer films will be made. There are 175,000 churches of all denominations in the United States, and if only a comparatively small fraction of them exhibit films to their congregations it can be seen what a stupendous moral appeal can be made to the American public.

"It is the intention of the new company to make their subjects strictly undenominational, so that they can be shown in any church without objections from any member. No expense will be spared in making the films as attractive as possible. At the same time great care will be exercised in making the productions conform to the text of

the Bible.

"It will be a strict rule of the company that everyone connected with it in any way must be a Christian of good character. This will apply also to the actors and every member of the producing staff.

"What the film subjects will be expected to appeal primarily to the churches, they will also be available for presentation in such of the higher class theatres as desire to portray them. An investigation has shown that many theatres will exhibit them.

"It is my impression that the Bible films will do much to elevate the motion picture industry as a whole. When producers find that these historical narratives make a winning appeal to a large percentage of the public, they will change the tone of the offerings they are now making."

Mr. Vroom won distinction with his appearances with Edwin Booth and Lawrence Barrett from 1886 to 1891. He became affiliated with

the film industry about ten years ago as a director, but later became an actor. He has appeared with practically all of the leading film stars. At the present time he is engaged at the local Paramount studios.

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Unusual Family Record.

A man astonished a friend a few days ago saying casually that one of his sisters was buried a hundred years ago! As his own age was sixty-five, the case needed an explanation, which he gave. The sister buried in 1819 was the first of a family of 22 children, and she died in early infancy. The man was the youngest member of the family and was born in 1854, 35 years after his sister.—London Chronicle.

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Four poultry meetings for Jackson county to be conducted by H. E. Crosby, of the Oregon Agricultural college, poultry extension specialist, at the demonstration farms, have been announced at the county agent's office. These meetings are as follows:

November 29 at 10 o'clock a. m., Theodore Glass' home at Beagle; 2 o'clock p. m., Thomas Gallagher's home at Rogue River.

November 30, at 10 o'clock a. m., J. W. Birkholz's home at Willow Springs; 2 o'clock p. m., Carl Goetche's home at Ashland.

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