

Women and Bloomers.

The women of today who assert enough independence to dress, walk and act as conscience and common sense dictates, are called the new women. because, we presume, of that departure from the prim ways, styles and fashions generally recognized by middle aged, old women and men as modest.

In many instances of such departures the issue is between common sense on one side and custom on the other. If women desire to dress comfortable and in a suit adapted to the use intended, and not really immodest, why not let her do it? Why object to the bloomer costume in cases where its superiority over all other costumes for the purpose intended is acknowledged by all?

Women do and will continue to do things which they have a perfect right to do, where the bloomer costume is almost indispensable to comfort, ease, dexterity and full accomplishment of the object.

Women ride bicycles, we object to bicycles on general principles, the main objection is, that the habit, when formed, is likely to lead to excess, and the indulgence carried so far as to cause ill health.

But bicycle riders of this sex are increasing instead of diminishing, and such being the case is it not more sensible to approve a proper costume than a dress which hampers the movements of the rider, thereby a great hindrance to speed, ease, comfort and enjoyment.

Do you hear any objections made to the huge inflated or puffed out sleeves worn by ladies, because its fashionable to make the sleeves resemble a two bushel seamless sack inflated.

Does true modesty require long skirts in riding bicycles, wading snow, slush, mud and water? Would it not be more becoming to the farmers wife or daughter—who have more or less running out in bad weather and to the milk maid—to be dressed in a bloomer costume than to be dragging around through snow, slush and mud long skirts? We hear it said by many "It looks odd." So it does, but that does not make this mode of dressing immodest.

Women wear bathing suits, which we could, with more propriety, declare to be immodest but what sensible man or woman objects to her wearing it. Because the bathing costume is suited for the purpose and therefore no one thinks of making improper remarks when women are seen in bathing suits.

It is not so much the men as it is the women who raise the cry of immodesty because women wear bloomers when riding bicycles. Is it not more convenient than long skirts or the divided skirt? Is it improper or immodest for women to ride bicycles? Thousands of our

very best women, against whom not one breath of taint can be uttered, ride them; then why not allow them to wear the costume best suited to the purpose.

The Corbett Fitzsimmons fight was called off, instead of pulled off.

It begins to look like Mr Harrison would be quarantined by the voters as well as by the scarlet fever.

After the republican Congress has been in session a few months democratic prospects will look much brighter.

Some of the professional reformers now out of a job might offer their services to the Sultan of Turkey, who has promised to "reform" Armenia.

Gov Morton is having his portrait painted, but there is no probability that it will be needed for campaign purposes.

Now that Mr. Reed has consulted his friends on the republican National committee, what does he think of the outlook?

McKinley and Harrison cannot even console with each other over their wanting chances.

Some day Tom Platt may spring "What I know about Presidential Conventions" upon the book market.

There are parts of Senator Sherman's book which should be sent out as democratic campaign documents.

It's a mighty good thing for John Sherman that some of the men he criticises in his book are dead. John knows who to jump on.

Why doesn't Mr. Harrison also publish some reflections? Perhaps he knows of some corrupt deals, too.

John Bud is preparing to swallow A-hanti, but he will not be allowed to even build a shanty on this continent outside the limits of his own territory.

Mrs. Waller says Ambassador Eustis is treating her imprisoned husband with the "utmost consideration and tenderness;" the republican editors say that Mr. Eustis is neglecting or ignoring him. Which is most worthy of belief.

New York's "sparrow cops" don't know a "juke" from an ordinary bicycle rider. That's why one of them run in the Vanderbilt's English "juke" for scorching.

With Teller taffying Sherman and "Little Billie" Chandler taffying the silver men, it is not surprising that some people don't know "where they are at."

If Benj. Harrison fails to capture that nomination he may feel disposed to let the public into a few of his political recollections.

The top round of the ladder of impudence would seem to have been reached when John Sherman accuses others of corrupt political bargaining.

Somehow the Ohio republicans are not as confident of carrying the state as those elsewhere are. Jimmy Campbell is an ideal candidate he doesn't always win, but he always scares the opposition.

Perhaps the English editors who say the Monroe doctrine has nothing to do with the Venezuelan boundary dispute may change their minds before they are much older.

What does Senator Teller mean by wishing John Sherman were ten years younger? What would Teller's silver constituents think of his becoming a Sherman man?

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