

THE MODERN WOMAN

Once in a while you will hear some one condemning the modern woman or modern girl. How often have you heard the expression: "When I was young, girls and women were more modest; they attended to their homes and saw to the raising of their families. There was not so much gadding about as now. If I got a new dress once in a year for best, I was satisfied, but now there must be a dress for every occasion and for every season in the year. And they must attend this club meeting or this card party or that dance until a body's brain is in a whirl and the home forgotten."

But my dear, the home is not forgotten, the modern woman or modern girl simply refuses to stay in the back-ground; she knows how to manage a home, and she can attend the clubs, parties or anything else she has a penchant for and still be the sweet, lovable mother and wife.

In commenting upon the modern woman's clothes when were clothes made more sensible and comfortable than now. In ye olden times, the small waist, immense hoop skirt and tight sleeves with the tiny high heel shoes and slippers, were certainly not conducive to good health. The woman who went riding, wore long velvet riding skirts that would get in the way when walking out to the horse block and often the wind would flop it about and scare the horse, or it would catch in the pommel of the saddle and make all kinds of trouble for the wearer. Sometimes they even rode in hoop skirts—I've often heard my grandmother tell of it. Now they ride the sensible way—in coat and trousers, or the divided skirt.

A spectacle like Baltimore presents this week, of hundreds of women from the North, East South and West, meeting together in one big convention, all with thoughts of bettering the race and planning for the good of the coming generation of children, was unheard of in olden times. If proposed such a thing would be looked upon with suspicion; ten to one the person proposing such a thing would have been considered looney.

Look at the women who attended the convention. Do you think out of all that crowd of women you could have picked out one who would or did wear a train or long skirt, collecting all the germs of the streets, halls and churches. No indeed, you could not have found one. They had on sensible shoes, and suits or coats and dresses with short skirts—some of the dresses short enough to show their legs—sst—should I whisper the word? Nay, not a bit of it. I would have had to say "limbs" twenty years ago; but now the modern woman and girl call things by their names and none of their modesty is lost by it either.

The modern woman or girl is just as sweet, just as modest, just as wholesome and just as good as the old-fashioned woman. The world today is full of girls who are as good as gold and fine as silk. They are bigger hearted, broader minded and more just and generous than the old-fashioned woman.

Sometimes you hear a man remark that the women of today do not know how to act. Now own up Mr. Man, would you want the girl you have invited to accompany you to a dance to be dressed as the old-fashioned woman in the picture in your mother's bedroom is dressed? Of course you would not. You might say she does not dress sensible, but you know you don't mean it. You know she looks just right when she comes running down the steps to greet you. She is ready for the morning or afternoon, tramp, to play tennis, golf, croquet or for boating, swimming, fishing and yachting—a good healthy woman.

When you looked at the women who practically owned the city this week were you not proud of them? Of course you were. They were the business women thru and thru and looked their part—short tailored suits white stockings, dangling earrings, thin net waists—you liked her and trusted her. You know you do Mr. Man or she wouldn't have been—that's all.

SAVING BROOM STRAWS

When you buy a new broom, pull out a handful of straws, sterilize in boiling water, dry out and put away. A handier and more sanitary manner of obtaining them than to take one out of the kitchen broom when desiring to test a cake.