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men's Dress.

Threatened Return of Hoop-Skirts-New Styles in Under-clothes, Shoes and Fine Hosiery.

A Place Where Such Things are Disregarded

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a transparent white dress, so that it was at least partially exhibited. A A fellow told me tother day that he had made an astonishing discovery, which was that a fashionable mutual friend had gone up to her room before the breaat of the chemise, under the dinner to loosen her corset-laces. He thought it strange and awfully tunny show the floral garniture slimly that, in order to make room for a through. In some cases the bosom is that, in order to make room for a square meal, it was necessary for her to enlarge her bodice. I instructed the simpleton that if all snugly-laced belles do not let out they at least feel a fullness afterward. The truth is that unmarried men know very little of what may be called the out-of-sight dressing of woman. They may have the truth of the solution of the so

dressing of women. They see only theouter-robc, as a rule, and don't think much about the garments aud toggery underneath. These articles, short skirts. Shoes of black kid, half toggery underneath. These articles, however, are of great importance in the estimation of the woman of fash-ion, and occupy a considerable share in her calculations and expenditures. It is easy to say that all this bother is thrown away, since no male eye sees it in case of maidens, and only husbands in case of maidens, and only husbands in case of dowagers; but show me a woman who neglects her underclothes and I heels covered with black satin. The will show you one who is careless in will show you one who is careless in every thing else. Extravagance is always to be condemned in those who can't afford it, of course, but every woman of taste owes it to herself not to bestow all her attention on the sur-face, leaving the interior to take care of itself. I propose to devote this letter to trustworthy news about un-dergarments, and that down east edi-

ANYTHING BELOW THE OUTER FABRIC of women's costumes is ridiculous, and peculiar to America. It was not Fancy French kid ties, foxed with and peculiar to America. It was not long ago that the English girl who, m New York society, spoke of her legs just as she would at home, was re-garded as impolite, if not brazen. I am glad to say that usage among the girls of that holiest of holies, the neighborhood of Second avenue and Twentisth streat where the remnant neighborhood of Second avenue and Twentieth street, where the remnant of Knickerbocker nobility has veiled itself from comparatively plebean Fifth avenue, now sanctions the utterance by feminine lips of the word no diminution of approval by tasteful legs. One no longer hears a girl say limbs unless she means both arms and legs. This is sensible, and the reform might well be extended. But let's to the news of undergear. It is evident glad to hear that there is a limited the news of undergear. It is evident giad to near that there is a hundred laughing birds have taken wing; at that the talk about a revival of revival of the laced up boot of former laughing birds have taken wing; at another a riding whip as perfect as if the hoop-skirt is largely an effort years, than which nothing can display chiseled by the hand of Phidias, the by manufacturers to create a de-mand for their wares. Still, there is no denying that the latest fashion plates sent over from Europe show

should be worn only by those who are I should explain, before some captious plump without being fat, and on such critic hurries to say that I falsify, A Budget of News About the Hidden Parts of Wo-man's Dross are worked; and the ruffles at the bot describing. The cover, however, is tom so universal now are of bands of sometimes merely a breech cloth. In the same. Costly handserchiefs are the day swimming schools the girls set into the bosoms of chemises. These are usually of the sheerest French rudimentary legged garments, which lawn, elaborately embroidered in pure white or tinted work, which shows legs in all at once, and then button exquisitely artistic designs. They cost up in the back. But what I set out from \$5 to \$30 each. One at the lat-ter price is of the finest white silk, the usually haden articles of a womnearly covered with an embroidery of an's dress prove her possession of good red and gold sea moss, tiny golden taste. butterflies and delicate wreath of roses. CLARA BELLE. The wearer could not bear to keep it

Wonders of the Beautiful Valley wholly obscured, and so wore it under of Virginia.

A well-known Louisville gentleman who is doing the rounds of the United States as advance man of a circus, sent a letter to a friend, which was rerobe, which must be gauzy enough to show the floral garniture slimly tural wonder in the Shenandoah Valceived yesterday, giving the following ley of Virginia. It is likely that

is Luray, and what goes on at Luray?

There are thousands of people who have never heard of Luray except in connection with Stonewall Jackson's famous flank movement on Banks, nearly twenty years ago, and the presence of Lee's army a few months later. But Luray is now achieving celebrity by reason of the opening of its wonderful cave—a cave which is destined to become one of the famous and most widely known of all the underground phenomena of this world. Hours of winding through miles of corridors, down by the sides of gaping chasms; then up, way up, among the domes of giant halls.

letter to trustworthy news about un-dergarments, and that down east edi-tor who prudishly condemned me when I last wrote on the subject a year ago can stop reading at the end of this sentence if he fears being shocked again. Yet, if he doesn't stop, he will not find the slightest in-delicacy. The idea that a fashion writer should not discuss danger; the crystal. monuments and alabaster columns, high and vast; the crypts, cloisters and cathedral-like apartments of this mystic under-world; the glittering pendants and pearl-like formations on every hand must have filled the eye of the discoverer as it fills the eyes of the visitor nowacays with feelings of wondering awe and speechless admiration. There are statues no bigger than a lady's finger, others like the great giant, Jim Porter. Here and there you will find quiet pools and peaceful lakes, which the winds of heaven have never kissed; cascades which appear to the eye of fancy as if the waves had been leaping over each others shoulders into a pool below and frozen as they fell.

or of the gods. Indeed, it needs





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Worth isn't the great I Am of fash-ion, as many seem to suppose, for there are other designers of equal European fame in Paris and Berlin; step with a delicate vine or purl of em-but he is a man of exquisite taste, and his influence ought to count for somebut he is a man of exquisite taste, and his influence ought to count for some-thing against hoops. In the mean-time, hoops are being actively revived in a modified form. The sale of bus-tiles is undeniably on the increase, and a few hoops are usually added at the bottom just to enough to kick your heels against, get wobbled around to one side, and annoy you generally. But it is the few, not the many, who as yet, are wearing bustles. They are increased in the lise-thread long as yet, are wearing bustles. They are increased in the lise-thread long as yet, are wearing bustles. They are increased in the lise the stockings is to tak, when you have to look twice, so out from a mere hip-piece until they now extend the length of the skirt. As this long bustle is lis-shirts anyhow. There is no way of

FANTASTIC STOCKINGS have held their own during the sum-

made of black satin and embroidered

bracelet slipper is a pretty novely, cut

but a little play of the imagination to people those dusky chambers with plates sent over from Europe show wider and fuller skirts, and I greatly fear that, sooner or later, the horrible fashion will be re-established. The actual grotesqueness of extended ing black and the other colored; but profuse in numbers, are these beauactual grotesqueness of extended crimoline may readily be demonstrated. Look at a picture of a woman of 1855, when hoops were at their worst, and you will say she was a monstrosity. On the other hand, the graceful, chas-On the other hand, the graceful, clas-sical, clinging skirts of the past few years will never seem outlandish, no matter how remote they get from pre-vailing styles. But there is no use resisting the tendency of fashions, and if we must wear hoops, then we must, and that is all about it. I hope, however, for a year or so of respite, though there is a strong pressure to force them onto us next winter. I have been shown by a New York cor-respondent a passage on this point in

A LETTER BY WORTH, the Parss dress-maker. Translated, it is as follows: "I have not designed anything for the coming fall or winter, thus far, that contemplates hoop-skirts. A suffi-ciently bouffant is obtained, in the in-stance of anything I have yet origina-ted, by less metallic expedients. You write to me that some American ladies ted, by less metallic expedients. You write to me that some American ladies wish to wear them. Very well. But I am confident that the good taste of American ladies, as a generality, will make them reluctant to wear hoop-skirts. In none of my designs for the fall serson are hoops in the slight-est necessary." Worth isn't the great I Am of fash-well as black, pearl, cream white.

Way. Anyone who has the will to try THOMAS'

ECLECTRIC OIL will surely find the way to robust healtd, in cases of bronchial affec-tions, sore throat, pains, etc.; and as an internal remedy it is invaluable. codlw.

Is the free bath at the Battery, which I mentioned last week, but which comes up in my mind as I write about variegated and elaborate fashionable underclothing. Nearly a hundred young girls had just been let in when I took my view of the place, and the way they got out of their clothes would have been a surprise to my in-tricately-clothed readers. In numer-ous cases they had no underclothing just as soon as the storm of ridicule rises, the women will put on hoop skirts anyhow. There is no way of making a fashion all the rage so cer-tain as setting all the wits to writing about it. A novelty in <u>our-or-stont DEVICES</u> is called the cuirass corset. It is made of a yielding woven material, and is laced under the arms, while over the hips are set elastic gores of India rubber webbing. It is designed for woman who adopt the scanty drap-ing, clinging skirts and close-fitting bodies now clinging in vogue; but it

