

## Revival of Early Fashions Will Bring Back Romantic Era, Modiste Believes

Woman Wearing Dress of Century Ago Assumes Characteristics of Period, Says Designer.

By MARGERY REX.  
New York Dec. 3.—Will our new romantic styles in clothes bring back an era of romance?

Will the revival of hoopskirts, lace scarfs, tiny fans and garlanded cuffs cause to live again the delicate creatures who fainted as easily and as gracefully as they flirted? And do their garments really affect the characters of women?

Sudden changes in demeanor are seen in the drab little girl who suddenly gets a new dress. She is transformed. So is the middle-aged hitherto uncared for woman whose husband may unexpectedly gain wealth. Her new raiment makes a new woman out of her oftentimes.

Miss Ethel Trapshagen, expert on dress design, confirms the legend that clothes make the man or woman. At her studio on Popular street, Brooklyn, she displayed a number of drawings of styles of the past and told me some of her own theories on dress.

**Miss Trapshagen's Conclusions.**  
"Undoubtedly wearing clothes harking back to times of romance will make women take on the characteristics of those periods," Miss Trapshagen says.

"Of course, you know one of my beliefs is that we go through one incarnation after another, and that when we long for the trappings of some one era we are going back to those days through which we passed and which we loved.

"In a certain mood a woman puts on a garment to express that feeling. Again, when she puts on the dress of a bygone century she assumes thereby the qualities or vagaries of the time.

"In the different stages of development in our lives we are subject to different moods in which we revert to former experiences. If a woman puts on a Moyaen age costume she is apt to feel as the women of those middle ages did.

"The fact of woman taking to the bouffant skirts and a rosebud garlanded coiffure shows a positive leaning back to the days of romance. In the 30s and in the 60s there was



Jenny Lind in Old-time costume

A modern girl.

a romantic spirit, but there was also hypocrisy. Those crinoline girls looked very sweet and demure, but they were not always so ingenuous as we think them.

**Spooning and Swooning Customs.**  
"Even when these styles are brought out now there is always a little flippancy added to them."

But where, oh where, in our highly condensed conditions of life is there room for the dear creatures to wear their hoops and succumb to the "vapours" at the slightest provocation? At least girls who swoon easily might be preferable to those ultramoderns some of our readers score so savagely, those who swoon too easily and those whose only "vapours" are the thin streams of

cloud that arise from the amber cigarette insulators.

"In Victoria's reign," Miss Trapshagen continued, "she was so repressed that everybody became bottled up. The styles immediately showed this. The squeezed-in waists the ridiculous stuffed leg-of-mutton sleeves tell of the influence of this strict ruler.

"But in America we have a conglomeration of races. Each brings a different environment and a past. The countries from which they come each have had a different history of fashion affected in so many ways in the past. No one silhouette of style predominates today.

"Clothes influence women greatly. The gingham dress imparts youth

and freshness. It speaks of childhood and bread and butter days. Brocade makes us feel regal; velvet, dignified and a little softened.

"She who dons taffeta becomes crisp and jaunty like the fabric. Blue serge is business like and suitable and lends self-confidence. "The rolled-down stockings and all too short skirts we have had for some time give a woman vulgarity. Or, rather, they bring out her innate vulgarity, for the fact that she wears them shows the quality to be in her.

"Colors have a greater power over ourselves than we imagine. Each has a separate meaning. Yellow speaks to those who can understand it, but blue cannot say what yellow says. Neither can red nor violet. Blue is cold and formal, but very satisfactory. Green is cool and restful, while yellow is cheerful and brilliant and creates harmony about it. Red is warm and aggressive, orange rather hot, but still very decorative; violet is mystic, mournful and darkening.

**Light Colors Give Youth.**  
"Light colors give youth, gayety and femininity to women, while the dark shades offer dignity and repose. Neutralized colors have great charm and subtlety.

What man wouldn't want to protect a dainty thing in shell pink or baby blue, and who cares what happens to a navy blue serge girl?

Little satin toes peeping from beneath a lacy skirt are more tantalizing than plain sight of two little knees that knock. Preserving old letters in lemon verbenas may become a more popular indoor sport than preserving one's own sweet self in apricot brandy.

But the romantic girl had lily white hands and wore flowers at her throat. This last feat is one mystery we would like explained. The practice of lilies-of-the-valley or violets way up near one's larynx is inexplicable.

### Dr. Bianchi May Head New Latin-American Republic

Dr. Julio Bianchi is being mentioned as the most favorable candidate for the presidential chair of the new Central American Federation of States—the union of Guatemala, Salvadore and Honduras. Dr. Bianchi recently was elected as the Guatemalan representative to the federal council of the new republic.

The Guatemalan statesman has been prominent in international relations between the United States and the Latin-American countries and is a familiar figure about Washington, where he served as Guatemalan minister.

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