

FROCKS FOR TO-MORROW.

By "THE LADY DRESSMAKER."

I CANNOT better begin my chronicle of the late autumn season than by a little chat about warm underclothing. Nothing shows better the change in our ideas of comfort and convenience than a perusal of the advertisements in any ladies' newspaper. In one which lies before me at present I find no fewer than four

dealing with knicker-bockers; or, as some firms prefer to call them, divided skirts. The latter a very obvious misnomer, as the original and only divided skirt was really what its name implied; and was long and straight, with the smallest amount of shape possible, and as much of width as could be managed,

in order to ensure its being mistaken for a petticoat undivided, if worn as a dress. The knicker-bocker, on the other hand, has always had the same characteristics, and has always been fastened by a band under the knee, exactly as when it first came into use for mankind about thirty (or perhaps more) years ago.



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