

Where Do Our Fashions Come From?

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Fashions from the Museum sound like a paradox. There we expect to find, and do find, the ancient, the historical, and nothing which may be described by the phrase "up-to-date." Yet, a visitor to the Royal Ontario Museum a few months ago recognized her dress in the suit of armour described, as belonging to Cromwell. In fact, museums are a source of design, and often an inspiration to the dress designer. It is not possible to say that there is always a reason for certain styles or fashion, but, it is a well known fact that at the beginning of the war, dressmakers sought the museum's collections of armour for ideas and secured them. It was not then so difficult to answer the question, "Where do the fashions come from?" The origin of many of the styles at that time was easily recognized by the most casual observer. The echoes of the war on women's dress was at that time obvious, too, in the styles which were adapted from the modern uniform.

But it is one of the accomplishments of the advanced and highly efficient artist-designer not to make too obvious the source of the design or the influence which inspired the style. There is no art in copying. An illustration of this artistic suggestiveness is given by Miss Burbank in her recently published book, "Woman as Decorator." She tells of an exhibition of gowns from Paris, the output of a modern genius. Tube-like jet beads, which are in vogue as decoration, were used upon a dark-blue serge in parallel lines sewn closely together, giving the effect of a shirt of mail. "Not at once, but only gradually" did it dawn upon us that most of the gowns bore, in some shade or form, the tricolor of France!

Although the line in costume designing and the silhouette are of first importance, pattern, trimming, suggestions are required by the designer. The illustration showing the coat of mail, the armour of the English officer of the XVII Century, is a splendid example of design and it suggests many possibilities for decoration and line. There is material here for study in the beautiful arrangement of studs, raised lines, buckles, and clasps. The hat carries out the line and studding arrangement to perfection. It is rather

a good hat! Its simplicity and line are appealing. And one might find it very becoming and comfortable in anything but the present material.—cold iron. "His military hats glare full in the face," is a medieval complaint against someone's aggressive nature typified by the shine and polish of the metal hat. Reproduced in modern material there would be no "glare" to this modest little hat. It could not suggest "glare" as much as some creations which can boast of no metallic ancestry. It has line and its decoration harmonizes with that line—a very quiet little hat suitable for—well that depends again on the person.

The Cromwell hat has not the same attraction. There is not the same feeling for design and the revelation of the real artist in the attempt to procure a fitness and harmony in pattern and form. The craftsman who made the suit of XVII century armour was without doubt an artist.

To know something of the art of the past; to be able to recognize and appreciate the beautiful and really necessary to the designer of modern clothes. Designing of costumes, making clothes in a craft with which all of us are more or less concerned. We occasionally hear of women who design their own clothes and whose orders are carried out by their dressmakers. There is certainly a new interest in connection with dress, following even a limited study of its history.

And as to hats, milliners are resurrecting models found in museums. The ancient head-dress on the whole were very good—those found in the armor section of the Royal Ontario Museum at least. Armor is only one of a very small part of the stores of the treasure house of art. Dress designing is a living art. The master designers of dress in Europe and America are taking all that is best and most beautiful from the past and with skill and taste are producing for the future. This is one beneficial and good use of our heritage of the ages. The past few seasons have been revealing studies in Chinese, Japanese and the art of the East. Our modern dress should be more beautiful in line and color than ever before. And so what is worn today may be the best of the old—the very old, possibly five thousand years old—the results of the careful study of the historic costumes.

Odd and Interesting.

At the remarkable age of 113 years, Mrs. Ryan, of Tipperary, has just died. A British Friesian cow belonging to Lieut.-Colonel Morrice, London, has had a bull calf weighing at birth 140 pounds, or twice the normal weight.

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A child has been born in a caravan in Newport (Mon.) Castle which was erected in 1120 by Robert, Earl of Gloucester.

The British War Office reports that since the Armistice 3,898,149 officers and men have been demobilized or discharged from the army.

One hundred and thirty officers and over twelve hundred men from Syria, Palestine and Egypt, landed at Plymouth, Great Britain, from the Cunard liner Porto.

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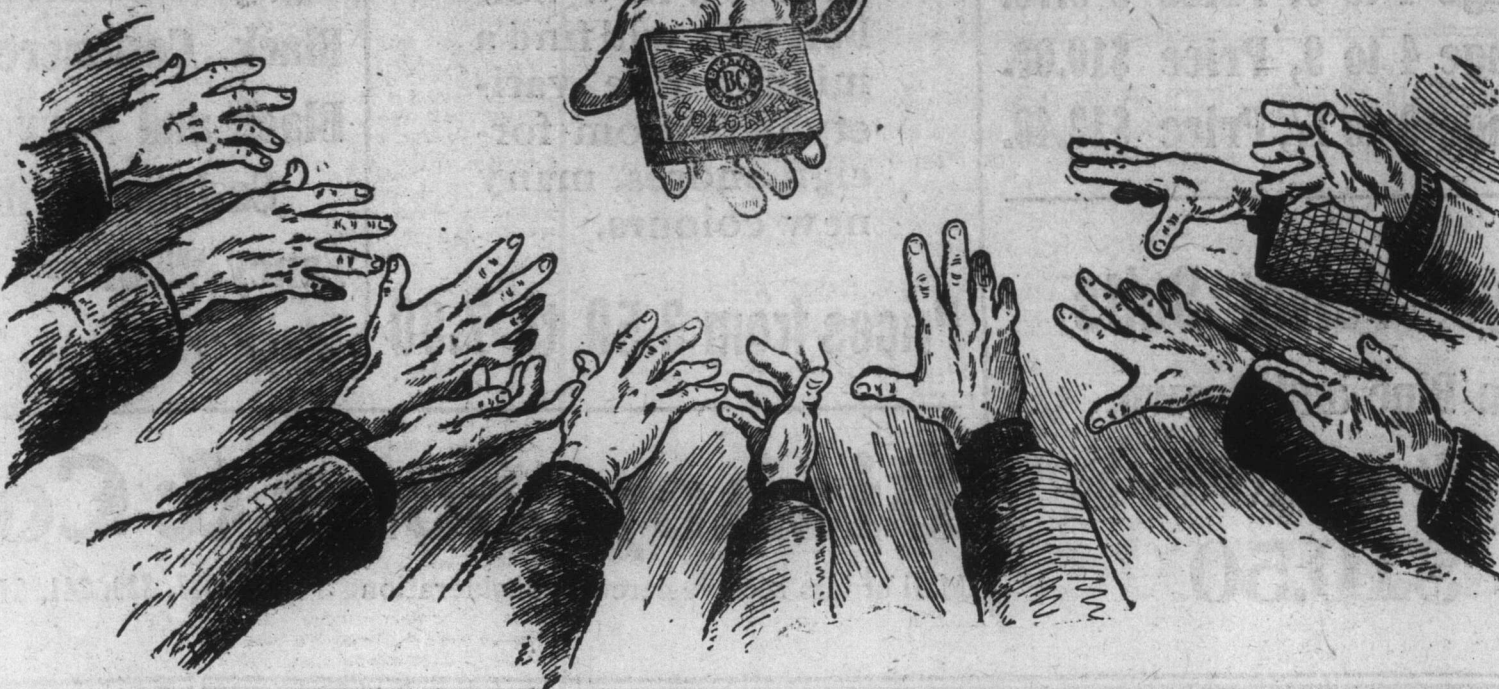
A new British army order announces the decision of the Army Council to re-introduce in the mass of regular officers examinations for promotion from the rank of lieutenant to that of captain, and from the rank of captain to that of major.

At a meeting of the Kingston, Eng., town council it was suggested that if residents give names to their homes instead of numbers, they should be compelled to pay 10s. 6d. a year if the names were English, and one pound 1 shilling a year if they were else.

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