

to between the knee and the ankle, and with a Tam-o'-Shanter cap on the head, would not be bad; neither would a vivandiere's dress, or a Turkish costume, with pyjamas, and a top skirt down to the knees, be unsuitable. A jersey is a comfortable garment, but I don't know how to finish it off below. Will Lady Harborton turn her attention to this matter? She will never have a better chance of introducing her divided skirt than as a lawn tennis dress.

At this moment I am aroused from my reveries by the butler, who himself does me the honor to valet me, bringing in my bath and my dress clothes. I ask him to wait a moment whilst I roll up all the clothes I have been playing in—a set of flannels, lawn tennis shoes, socks, cap, and my belt strapped round—and desire him to kindly take them down to the weighing machine in the hall, and weigh them. In a few minutes he returned with the weight written down on a piece of paper. I at once scribbled a note to my last opponent:

DEAR MISS C.: I have beaten you most unfairly. The clothes I was wearing in only weigh five pounds and a quarter. What do yours weigh? Will you kindly let your maid weigh them—everything you had on—and let me know? Yours, W. W.

The butler begins to think I am not quite sane, but he goes with the letter, and, when I come down to dinner, I am informed that it has been most conscientiously done, and that it weighs ten pounds and three-quarters. I saw the bundle; it was a big one, but of course I was not allowed to investigate its sacred contents. The dress was a tweed, tailor's made costume.

It follows that my thirteen stone of flesh, bone, and muscle has only to carry five pounds and a quarter, while her nine stone is hampered with ten pounds and three-quarters.

If to-morrow she were to play the best man in this house, dressed as I have suggested, and if he were handicapped by having a midway rug strapped round his waist, tied in at his knees, and pinned up coquettishly behind, I should be prepared to lay any wager that she would win.

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