

cincture to impede the natural play of the lungs. Nature will resent the wrong by consumptions. In general she abhors all mutilation of what she has given us; all distortion; all fashionable assaults for bettering her work. She dislikes all dresses which press upon her functions and impede their operation. Whatever gives the freest play to the limbs and lungs, without violating the strictest rules of decency is the dress which a good taste strongly recommends. Above all; let us observe the decency of dress. No petticoats drawn up so as to reveal what they should conceal; no bosom artfully let down; no peak of the corset thrust upon the eye, as I have felt pain to observe in some sweet girls, can recommend the wearer to a sensible man. Our girls have a sufficient variety of colours and shapes to please even caprice itself without violating either nature or decency."

There are not many wasp-like dandies in Montreal; but one I have noticed, who makes himself truly ridiculous with his tightly corsetted waist, and artificially projecting hips and shoulders. If he did not often wear a black cravat he would not be so laughably conspicuous.

A meeting of the proprietors of the Montreal Library is about taking place (*see advertisement below.*) I trust they will come to a resolution to condemn to utter oblivion the execrable imposition that has been foisted upon the public, at the price of two shillings, under the false pretence of its being a Catalogue of the Library; and that they will take measures for preparing and publishing one that may be of some service.

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*A general meeting of the proprietors of the Montreal Library will be held on Monday next the 3d December at 3 P. M. for electing officers for the ensuing year.*