

The National Council of women of the U. S. appointed a committee in 1891 to take into consideration an every-day dress for women—"a dress suitable for business hours, for shopping, for marketing, housework, walking and other forms of exercise." In the report returned three costumes were given as suggestions. One was the modified Syrian, with skirt a little shorter than ordinarily worn, and divided; another, Mrs. Miller's short-skirted costume; and the third, the gymnasium suit, divided and fastened a little below the knee, all three giving perfect freedom not only to waist and chest but also to the limbs.

The World's Congress of Women revealed in a striking manner the progress which this question has made. Three meetings were almost entirely devoted to its discussion and were among the most enthusiastic of the Congress. At one the speakers appeared in their dress-reform suits, giving a practical illustration of their ideas.

Another indication of the progress of this question is the attention which it is receiving from the press. The *Arena*, Boston, has been especially active. Within the last two years it has published more than a dozen articles upon the subject. These have appeared side by side with those treating upon important political and social reform questions.

Mrs. Flower, wife of the editor of the *Arena*, has worn the modified Syrian costume as a bicycle suit for some time in Boston and latterly as a street costume.