

## WOMEN'S DRESS FOR BIOVOLING.

THE growing popularity of the bicycle has worked almost a complete revolution in the style of dress adopted by women for wheeling. Within the memory of those who have given even the smallest attention to the development of the cycling suit, the average female rider stared aghast at the mere suggestion of donning what is now practically the universally favored short skirt. Of course, in some of the smaller cities, where the number of female cyclists has not yet grown to large proportions, the long skirt still finds staunch admirers. In the principal cities of the country, however, such as New York, Chicago, Boston, Philadelphia and St. Louis, the preference for the long skirt is so rare that a woman wearing it is a decided novelty.

The advantages of the diamond frame wheel—the pattern generally designated a “man’s” wheel—are such that an increasing number of women are adopting it. Nowadays it is no uncommon thing to see a female rider spinning along a city thoroughfare, mounted upon a wheel the use of which two years ago was almost unanimously considered quite impossible for one of the gentler sex.

The fact that a practical form of divided skirt, eminently suitable for use with diamond-frame wheels, has been introduced, has no doubt been a great factor in the popularization of “men’s” wheels for women. Women who positively refused to don the ungraceful bloomers, the use of which was formerly imperative in order for them to ride a diamond frame, now willingly accept the divided skirt. An improvement in the divided skirt style of cycling dress has made it possible to drape the skirt so gracefully when the wearer is off the wheel that to all appearances she is clad in an ordinary walking skirt, which in no way suggests its adaptability for wheeling. When on the wheel the skirt falls in such a manner as not to interfere to any degree with the motion of the limbs involved in pedalling.—Clerand’s.

## LONG HOURS IN ENGLISH STORES.

Long hours are not peculiar to London, for they are prevalent in the provinces as well, and a Leeds assistant puts the case for himself and his fellow-sufferers in terms which are as moderate as they are convincing. He leaves home for business at 8 o’clock in the morning, he reaches home again at 8.30 in the evening. “If I have a wash,” he says, “it is 9 before I can sit down and look at the paper or a book, and generally I am so weary with being on my

feet all day that I fall asleep.” On Saturday the hours are longer, and he reaches home at “10.30 or 10.45 o’clock—done up. Now,” he adds, “I am a church-going man, but is there any wonder that I should say, when I am dragging my weary legs to bed, ‘doth God know?’” There is nothing so exceptional about this experience that we need ask who is the writer’s employer. There are houses where the hours are shorter, and where the opportunities for rest and relaxation are greater, but the letter describes the common lot of the shop assistant, and it is a hard one.

## PRACTICAL STORE FIXTURE.

A. N. Russell & Sons, the well-known manufacturers of practical store fixtures, have recently placed on the market one more useful and desirable article, known as the “Parsons Revolving Counter Fixture.” The superior feature of this rack is that every piece of merchandise is in sight, and that any piece of goods may be removed without disturbing the others. Each wire shelf is adjustable to the size of the bolt it contains, so that perfect symmetry is preserved. While this fixture is of the revolving kind, the construction is such that tipping over or lifting up is impossible. This device facilitates good stock keeping, and is an ornament to any store. See illustrated advertisement elsewhere in this issue.

## SLEEPING BAGS FOR KLONDIKE TRAVELERS.

The members of the Government expedition to the Yukon, consisting of Hon. C. Sifton, Major Walsh and their staffs, have been supplied with the Alaska eiderdown sleeping bags by Mr. James W. Woods, of Ottawa, agent for the Alaska Feather & Down Co., of Montreal, who are the manufacturers. This sleeping bag combines the two great essentials of lightness and warmth, being five pounds lighter than any other sleeping bag, and having two interlinings of genuine eiderdown and an inside lining of soft fine wool. The company claim that this is the only form of covering adapted to the Arctic climate, and to traveling on the pack trail.

## A FRIENDLY ENCOURAGEMENT.

F. Perkins & Co., Charlottetown, P.E.I., write: “Enclosed please find \$2 for THE DRY GOODS REVIEW, one of the best papers of the kind published in Canada.”

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