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The correspondent of an American paper gives an extraordinary account of the prevailing female fashions at Saratoge, from which we extract the following:

"The most interesting as well as amusing sights or study, are the toilettes and peculiar carriage or motion of the leading belies. If the grandmothers could be requirected and stood in line with the daughters and mothers, what an interesting spectacle they would present. The old adage that "history but repeats itself" would be verified. By reference to old pictures and histories it will be found that a fashion or form of toilet, ultra or extravagant, substantially reappears at least every 50 years. The very extreme of the present Paris toilette prevails at Saratoga to-day, or rather an imitation which might be called a burlesque or extravaganza of an antique style. Not a bell or swell hoop is to be found where once an army of them was in motion. The chignon is worn on the top of the head, with two switches inserted in the hair about 30 degrees below the key of the arch on each side of the centre, which forms pendants like the horns of a goat, or, to be more precise, like those of a chamois. The dress has a medium waist adapted to a hoop somewhat of the shape of a barrel, large at the centre and small at each end, with a backward swell to assist in forming a train. A large bustle, or pannier, is worn at the top of the hoop, upon which is gathered up five or six yards of material in a bundle. This is called the "blanchisseuse," or washerwoman's style, but really resembles the humps of a camel's back. Across the lower hips, below this "pannier." a band extends. It will thus be seen that we have the most extraordinary toilette known in the realms of fashion for the last 200 years."

THE RETURN OF THE OLD COLORS OF THE 78th HIGHLANDERS TO SCOTLAND.—The old colors of the 78th Highlanders (Ross shire Buffs) were taken from Canada to England by Major-General Russel, C. B., and on July 9th, they were at the depot in Aberdeen under charge of Captain Forbes. On July 21st they were conveyed to Inverness by an escort consisting of Captain Forbes, Captain Savory, and Lieutenant Kirwen; Color-Sergeant Boden; Sergeant Kilgour; Lance-Sergeant Mackenzie; Corporal Marshall; and Privates Davidson and James Mitchell. Here the escort was welcomed at the depot by about 80 Volunteers under command of Major Lyon Mackenzie, and a large crowd of people and were escorted to the Town Hall. Up stairs the colors were received by the Magistrates and deposited in safe keeping. At 8‡ P. M. a banquet was given in the Caledonian hetel in honour of the officers forming the escort. On the following day July, 22d, the colors were returned to their proper custodiers, who were escorted to the station by the Inverness Volunteers. Upon the arrival of the train at Dingwall station, in the evening, there was a large muster of the Ross shire Volunteers, under the command of Major Macleod of Cadboll. The Provost, Magistrates, and Town Council of Dingwall also met the escort at the station, and headed the procession to the Burgh Court house. On their arrival at the Courthouse they formed three sides of a square four deep, and the escort of the 78th men, amidst general cheering, stepped with the colors to the Frovost and Town-Clerk. The Provost made a speech complimenting the Regiment on itsachievements, and assuring the men that the old colours would be preserved with veneration by the people of Dingwall.

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