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print gown and apron, cap on head and solid shoes on foot, she might indeed inspire admiration, but I am afraid she would considerably impair her business prospects. In social life the same: there too, whatever grade of social life it may be, she will have to conform more or less to the prevailing mode or expose herself to everlasting question and remark. It is sad to think that such a simple thing as dressing out of the fashion and in the way of common sense should oust her from a situation or from society, but so it is. However, let her have the courage to begin at home, and perhaps the good habit will manage by slow degrees to make a little head-way—and a little heartway—abroad.