

by a high, close, wooden fence. One is struck with the apparent ease which exists among all the bystanders; each one is engaged in conversation or smoking with all the dignity and composure we would expect to find in a potentate who made everything tremble at his nod.

Mlle. Demorest's Mirror of Fashion is not subscribed to in this locality, nor are the latest importations from Paris paraded before the eyes of the community by tailors and modistes. The bonnet is an invention that can be scarcely said to have been introduced in place of the handkerchief, shawl or fashionable piece of broadcloth which serves as the covering for the head and shoulders when the long black hair, nature's protector, is considered insufficient. Long dresses, crinoline, and patent leather shoes neither retard nor assist the motions of the fair. The dress is the pattern that existed among the middle classes of the old countries long, long ago, rather short than otherwise, with the addition of that part of the female costume common among the Indians, consisting of pantalettes about eighteen inches long, composed of black cloth ornamented with variously colored beads according to the fancy of the wearer, and covering the ankles. The feet are encased in neatly made moccasins with either silk or bead-work fronts, which undoubtedly serve to show off the neatness of the foot better than any other variety of slipper that could be invented.

Now and then some parties may be noticed who wear the more modern innovations, but they are few. and at first sight a stranger is inclined to consider the appearance of the Red River ladies as very tame and forbidding, but in time the sex gains the mastery (as ladies will command attention and respect, no matter how apparently absurd the fashion may be