

with heels four inches high, and scarcely half an inch in diameter. But all these vanities I have seen pass away; and in almost every respect, but in the infatuation of wearing stiff stays, nature has resumed her sway. It is to be hoped that in this too, good sense and good taste will ere long prevail, and the abomination be removed from the land.

Neither on another subject do I agree with my committee; namely, as to the shortness of the petticoat. In my sentiments on this head I have only the American lady on my side; her drapery is long and graceful; nor is it, as I have been informed by her waiting-maid, on account of any want of pretty legs, that she wears her clothes so long; but she appears to me to be truly sensible of the becoming elegance of that costume, that leaves those charms that chance alone ought to discover to the creative colouring of imagination. Venus herself in Virgil appears thus,

..... *pedes vestis defluxit ad imos*  
*Et vera incessu patuit Dea.....*

Down to her lovely feet, her spreading robe  
 Flow'd graceful, and confess'd the goddess stood.

Both the widow, and the Canadian lass, are incorrigible in this respect; I will admit that their ankles and legs (for the least motion or air shews as high as the calf,) are as handsome and attractive as almost any that are to be seen; but that is the very reason why they are not so handsome nor so attractive as those that are not to be seen. My Englishwoman is between the two extremes, but yet, though she certainly has the most beautiful foot, ankle and leg, without exception, that imagination can conceive, or that is to be met with on a summer's day, still too much is shewn; and I would recommend to her, and all who are fond