

## Dress.

Do women dress to please themselves?  
This question is often asked, and truly it is quite pertinent at the present time when dressing is carried to such an alarming extent. We cannot altogether coincide with those who assert that woman's principal design in the adornment of her person is to make herself more lovely in the eyes of the "lordly" part of creation, for certain it is that many are above such weakness, having few natural charms and not deeming it worth the cost to set them off to advantage; while a large majority of those who attempt the task make a most liberal and disastrous

failure. And equally certain  
 is it, that ~~whether~~ whether to please  
 others or to please themselves,  
 they will dress as they please,  
 and therefore the best way to  
 preserve the peace, and to prevent  
 discord, with its thousand  
 attendant woes, is to let them  
 have their own way, - a safe  
 decision, for we cannot prevent  
 it. We may wonder - and may  
~~not may~~ express our surprise at  
 the vast amount of torture  
 they are capable of enduring,  
 in lacing, flouncing, buttoning,  
 water-falling, low-dressing,  
 small bonneting, etc, etc, so  
 that they may appear the more  
 lovely in our eyes; but this is  
 a privilege which they have ever

claimed, and we must permit  
 them to retain it, especially  
 since we cannot help ourselves.  
 The reflection should content  
 us that if they can stand it  
 we can and fortified in this  
 tower of strength, let us calmly  
 watch the ceaseless revolutions,  
 ever hoping for the coming of  
 that "Good Time", long expected,  
 when the phrase "the latest  
 fashion" will have become  
 obsolete. If it is only to please  
 men that women thus array them-  
 selves, we should certainly give  
 them credit for good intentions,  
 although we may lament the  
 failure. And we should also  
 remember and place to  
 their credit the fact that,

being, strictly domestic, they  
 have to a certain extent drawn  
 inspiration in the adornment  
 of their heads for walking or  
 riding abroad, from the  
 culinary arrangements of  
 their households. This we  
 have seen displayed in the  
 "Coal scuttle bonnet," the "Duck  
 Scoop," the "Dough bowl" upside  
 down, and last, but not  
 least, the "promizer," <sup>upon</sup> which  
 an innovation is occasionally  
 made in the form of a wilted  
 cabbage leaf set of with grass  
 -es and spider webs. It is an  
 old saying, although not  
 strictly true in all cases,  
 that "Two heads are better than  
 one;" which accounts for the

Waterfalls: All writers on  
Commerce agree that "Trade  
must be protected," and our  
women, acting upon this  
suggestion, take excellent  
care of the shopkeepers, We  
are often struck dumb with  
amazement at the extent of  
their purchases, and are  
quite unable to imagine  
how and where they contrive  
to carry the dry goods, It is  
a mystery deep and inexplicable,  
and so we leave it.