

Slaves of Fashion.

Kansas City Journal

Men say in their boastfulness that they are not "slaves of fashion" and that they "wear what they want to," and all that sort of thing; but just the same these very lords of creation are, strictly speaking, more slaves than their plumed sisters. A man will not confess it, but he is so much the victim of the arbitrary decrees of fashion that he merely takes what the tailor gives him, with seldom a cheep of protest. He walks in to his tailor and explains awkwardly that his wife has ordered him to get a new suit. He is not willing even to take the responsibility of imitating proceedings. He is shown a number of fabrics suited to his person and his pocket, and when he sees something he thinks he might like he orders it with embarrassed expedition.

Now a woman would have spent hours at that work. She would have visited at least a dozen different tailors; would have compared values and varieties; would have studied styles in the streets and in the shops, and would have consumed a day or two in deciding how the garments should be made. But when she had finished she would have impressed her individuality upon her dress—a thing that the man never thinks of doing. She is not the slave of fashion—she's fashion's partner and running mate. Man is the only real slave in the premises.

The Burden of the Soldier.

Washington Herald.

It is well that the military experts should devote themselves to the very practical problem which so vitally affects the mobility of the army as does the amount of paraphernalia which the individual soldier must carry in the field in time of war. The practice marches, which have been so much in vogue in the military establishments, and which have caused so many protests, have been under conditions which correspond with those destined to be encountered by the soldier in campaign. This gives the enlisted man an opportunity to train himself for the burden he must carry in the way of rations, ammunition, shelter, and

weapons. It has been found that this load, especially in the case of the infantrymen, who must bear it unaided, may be lessened. It will be a nice question, of course, to determine to what extent a reduction may be effected and what articles in the personal equipment may be omitted. Subordinate military authorities have furnished the War Department with copious suggestions and candid recommendations, and it will be the duty of a special board, it is now announced at the War Department, to adjust the difference of expert view, and from the mass of authoritative testimony solve the problem along lines which shall be advantageous to the foot soldier without reducing his efficiency as a small fighting unit.

One of the great temptations of military authority has always been to add to the burden of the soldier in the field, ever with the end in view that the soldier may be equipped with everything he needs for his personal comfort and sustenance when away from the garrison, without omitting any article which shall contribute to his value as a fighter. It is realized that there must be a reduction upon this factor, as was graphically shown during the war with Spain, when our troops in Cuba endured the alternating climate which which chilled them to the bone with drenching rains and parboiled them in the tropical sunshine. There and then the soldiers cast away their blankets and other articles which were of use to them in the way of shelter and protection. The route of the military advance upon Santiago was marked by this rejected military equipment. Under other conditions, more serious in the way of an enemy, this extravagance of the individual necessities would have been a cordial invitation to defeat.

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