

ORIGIN OF THE HOBBLE SKIRT.

Made for Dissatisfied Queen Who Had Nothing to Wear.

In the midst of the Apartment mountains where the Dollar Bird sweetly sings there was a high building called the Marble Palace. It was wondrously built of marble and its great bronze doors were guarded day and night by liveried Ethiopians.

A powerful king of Commerce lived on the turret floor of this wonderful palace, where he had 23 rooms and 24 baths. And he was so rich that no one could count his money—no, not even the tax assessors.

Every morning he breakfasted on gold dishes, and a whole grapefruit was nothing at all to him. He even had cream on his cereals, and it was whispered about the palace that there were times when he had two eggs with his toast. He was, in fact, so rich that it bored him and made him tired.

His furniture was solid silver and ivory. His window panes were sheets of crystal. He had gold filigreed baskets in which he kept the potatoes and other family jewels, and whenever he went the conversation died away and every one looked at him and whispered. There was not a person in the land who did not envy him and who would not have given his or her two ears to have been in his silken hose. But in his heart of hearts this powerful king of Commerce was sorely troubled because his wife, the queen, who was very beautiful and very proud, was always saying that she had nothing to wear.

Once upon a time the king said to her: "Let us go to the opera tonight. For I am tired and the music may soothe and charm me." The queen sent him away and called her maids together, saying: "Bring me three new dresses and let me look at them. So they brought them. The first was embroidered too much. 'It will make me look like a tapestry portiere,' she said. The next one had too short a tail. 'It will make me look like a bob-tailed horse,' she said. The next one was cut too high. 'I do not want to hide the tips of my ears,' she said. 'Take them away!'"

And ringing a bell for a page, she sent this message to her husband, the king: "I cannot go because I have nothing to wear." The king was angry when he received this news, and he clapped his hands three times. The next moment a little golden fairy appeared before him. His eyes were gold buttons, and his nose was a gold dollar, and his head was a round nugget as large as an apple. His hair was spun gold and his cloak was of cloth of gold and every time he made the slightest move he tinkled in the pleasantest manner possible.

"What is the matter, O king?" asked the little golden fairy. "And why do you frown?" "I frown," said the king, "because you are a three-fingered and a fairy who cannot make good. You told me when I engaged your services that you could do anything and make everybody happy. But I find that your capabilities are a joke and your enchantment is the sort of thing that makes the donkeys laugh. You a fairy! And here my wife, the queen, has just informed me that she has nothing to wear!"

"Come," Whereupon the golden fairy waved his wand to the three corners of the earth and sang:

"Come dresses of silver
And dresses of gold,
And dresses so rich he sold;
They can never be sold;
And if they grumble
On let her beware,
Or she will have less
Than nothing to wear!"

With these words the fairy vanished and the king sent another message to his wife saying: "Let us go to the opera tonight. For I am tired and the music may charm and soothe me." So the queen called her maids together and said: "Have any new dresses come since I called you last?" And they all cried: "Yes! Such beautiful dresses as never were seen before!" The queen covered her mouth to hide a regal yawn and said: "Bring them in." So they brought them in. But the queen was still dissatisfied. The gold dress, she said, was too heavy. "It would weigh me down." And the silver dress was not pleasing to her satisfaction. "I would like a frump." The next one had too much lace. "It looks vulgar." The fourth had not enough. "It looks skimpy." And so on to the end. Ringing then for a page, she sent this message to the king: "I can not go, because I have nothing to wear!"

At these words the king was exceedingly wrath. For the second time that day he called the golden fairy unto him. "You are a fraud!" he declared. "You are a greater bluff than the Hallsades. You gopher around and call yourself a fairy, but you do nothing but impose upon my credulity. You wave that ridiculous wand of yours like a cop on a fixed post twirling his nightstick to keep himself warm, and what good does it do? None! My wife has still nothing to wear!"

"What!" said the fairy, in a deep, mellow voice. And again he waved his wand, singing:

"Come dresses of diamonds,
And pearl dresses, too,
Dresses of garnets,
And turquoise blue;
And if they grumble
O, let her beware,
Or she will have far less
Than nothing to wear!"

Again the fairy vanished, and the king sent another message to the queen saying: "Again I entreat you. Let us go to the opera tonight, for I am tired and the music may charm and soothe me!"

So for the third time the queen called her maids together and said: "Have any new dresses come in since I called you last?" And they all cried: "Never since the world began have such beautiful dresses been seen as those which have just been delivered to thee!" They brought them in. But she still found fault. "The diamond dress," she said, "is not properly gathered in at the waist." "They showed her the pearl costumes. 'I never liked pearls,' she yawned. And the turquoise dress did not match her complexion. And this one was too full. And this was too old. And so on, until she had seen them all. And when she had seen them all she yawned again and sent this message to the

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king: "I can not go to the opera tonight, I have nothing to wear." Now when this message was received by the king, the golden fairy appeared before him in an awful rage. "What?" cried the fairy. "She says she has nothing to wear? Then listen to me!" And solemnly waving his wand he chanted:

"Her beautiful dresses
Shall vanish at once.
In matters of taste
I decree her a dunce.
She says she has nothing
And so I declare
That she shall have less now
Than nothing to wear."

And that was how the terrible curse of the hobble skirt was laid upon the land.—New York Sun.

VOCABULARY OF A CHILD.

A Three-Year-Old Who Knows 1,800 Words Not Extraordinary.

"I believe that most parents greatly underestimate the number of words that are used by their children. The only way to get a child's speaking vocabulary is to go after it with pencil and paper and religiously to set down the words, one by one, not for a day or for several days, but for several weeks."

"When during the course of a dinner-table conversation, I asked how many words an ordinary every-day, three-year-old boy could use, the first of my friends guessed 150 words. His estimate was greeted with derision by the other, who declared:

"Oh, pshaw! Fifty words would cover the vocabulary of the brightest three-year-old you ever knew."

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The present vocabulary was assembled in the following manner: We first prepared 26 blank sheets, one for each letter, and for 10 days prior to his third birthday recorded words as fast as we heard them used. We next added those words which we knew had been used previously, but which had not appeared during this record. In each instance we framed up the conversation that would involve the use of R of the words in question in order to make sure that the word was still known and could be properly used.

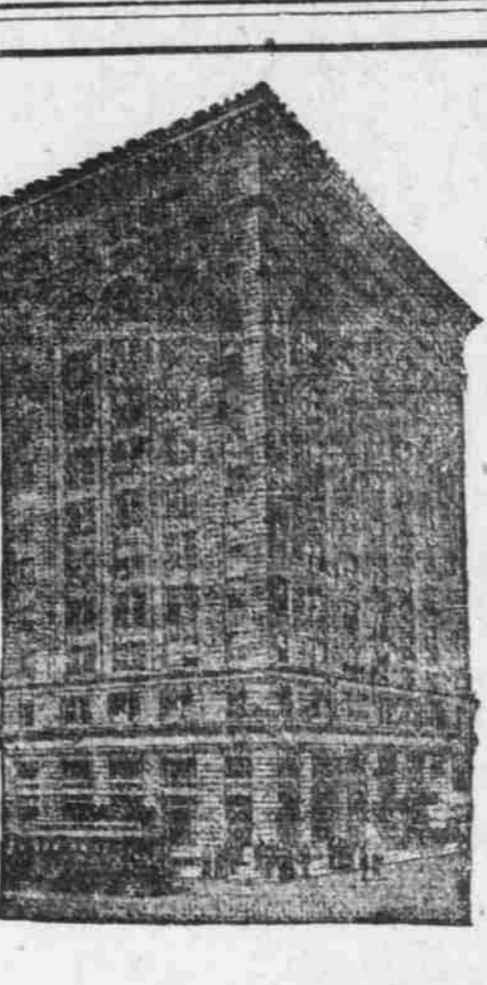
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