

# In Woman's World.

A leading local modiste expressed herself as very much amused at the equal suffrage controversy regarding the shortening of dress-skirts. "Why," said she, "don't the suffragists know that fashion has taken that matter entirely out of their hands? Long dresses have gone out, figuratively and literally. If you see a dress sweeping the pavement, you may depend upon it that it is one left over from last season. Cutting off demi-trains is an industry in itself, and requires more art than any one not learned in that line would believe. Dresses are, as I remarked, clearing the ground now, and if they are worn shorter it will be because women think that's the style and not because any reformer advises the change. There is not one woman in ten who is willing to wear her dresses so that her boots show above her instep."

"Modesty? Oh, no! Very few women are vain of their feet in street costume. Then, a shoe to look dapper should be comparatively new, but everyone knows the blessed comfort of well worn ones. There is no article of apparel which a woman discards with as much reluctance as easy old shoes. I have a friend who will undergo all manner of torture so that she may look trim, but when it comes to dressing her feet her courage and strength give way. She says that the sight of a new pair of shoes gives her the headache. And her case is not so very exceptional."

cate surface of the skin. The causes that bring about this condition in the circulating system are called mental stimuli. They consist of joy, anger, shame and many other emotions.

Sudden horror, remorse or fear, on the contrary, influences the nerves which control the blood vessels, and the face becomes white. Blushing and pallor result from the sudden action of the mind on the nervous system. So if the mind be forewarned and prepared for emotions, both habits can at least be partially overcome. But when the nervous system is highly strung it would be a lifelong, if not futile, task to endeavor to effect a perfect cure. It is the sensitive nervous girl who blushes easily, while the girl stolid by nature, or who, by education, has her nerves under control, seldom blushes.

## CRUELITIES OF FASHION.

### Abominable Slaughter of Birds to Gratify a Selfish and Unfeeling Craze.

As it is said that aigrettes are to be fashionable this year, it may be worth noticing the following paragraph: "The aigrette is a tuft of graceful, thin feathers taken from a kind of heron called egret; and not only are these poor birds killed expressly to furnish ornaments for ladies' bonnets and hair, but they are killed at the time when they ought especially to be protected—namely, during the breeding season. They build their nests close together, and the feather hunters look for these breeding places.

The best time to attack them is when the young birds are fully feathered but not yet able to fly, for at that time the solicitude of