

The Crinoline Not Favored Abroad.

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Our Vienna correspondent writes: People seem to be taking the crinoline scare very seriously in Austro-Hungary, and a number of authorities on fashions have been asked for and have given their opinion on the subject. Some of the Viennese ladies have been credited with the ambition to strike out an independent line for themselves in matters pertaining to la mode; but it is interesting to note that the experts to whom I refer one and all denounce the unsightly hoop in the strongest terms.

This feeling of opposition to the servile following of fashions set in other countries, whether they were tasteful or the reverse, was rather amusingly displayed in the remarks made by one authority, who, being under the impression that the crinoline was really being revived in Paris, said that French women would do far better to attire themselves in the plainest possible style than to deck themselves and induce weak-minded women throughout the world to invest themselves in such a monstrosity. She was indeed very hard on the votaries of fashion, who, as she declared, deemed it a bounden duty to ape every piece of folly that emanated from Paris; but she bore in mind the practical side of the question as well, for she inquired indignantly how women could attend to their housekeeping when enveloped in an enormous hoop. Another authority summed up her views in the expressive phrase, "Away with the crinoline!" So the hoop stands no chance of being revived in this part of the world, and those who denounce it so sturdily will one day have the additional satisfaction of discovering that, after all, it has not found any more favor on the banks of the Seine.