

Governor Flower is confronted with a real poser now. Two women who cultivate farms in the rural districts of New York State lately addressed a petition to the Governor asking for his permission to wear trousers instead of skirts, in order to facilitate their farm work. The law forbids the wearing of men's clothing by women on the public thoroughfares, but it would be a sad twisting of the statutes that sought to forbid a woman from the orderly wearing of any decent costume that seemed best to her. If she is willing to do a man's work, she ought to be permitted to wear a man's costume if she wishes to. That is the theory that obtains in some of the western States, where the written permission of the Governor entitles a woman to wear with impunity a man's dress outside of cities of 10,000 inhabitants or over.

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