

NOW THE final touch to the outfit consists in a "divided skirt," the crowning point for comfort and ease of movement. It has all the appearance of an ordinary petticoat, and yet the division prevents any "flopping" round the ankles, while the closing of the garment adds so considerably to the warmth that only one skirt is necessary. I can almost hear the exclamations of indignant protest raised by my invisible readers, as they cast their eyes over this note. "What a horrible suggestion," they will say, "that we should array ourselves in such masculine-sounding attire." My answer to all would be, "Cast away all prejudice, and once wear the offending garment and you will never return to the old-fashioned 'petticoat.'" Blue serge is, perhaps, one of the most suitable materials for these skirts, as it combines warmth and lightness with a capacity to stand real hard wear. And the "divided skirt," like any other feminine appendage, can be made as pretty and dainty as the owner wishes, by ornamentation with frills and flounces and "fur-belows"—whatever the latter term may be taken to stand for!

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MRS. BEDFORD FENWICK, I am told, sails early in September on the Cunard s.s. *Servia* for New York en route to Chicago, there to complete the arrangements for the Exhibition of British women's

work at the World's Fair. She intends, I believe, to visit as many of the leading Hospitals as she can, and will no doubt return with new views and schemes gained from what she will see on "the other side." I am sure the R.B.N.A., one and all, will wish her *bon voyage* and a pleasant visit to our American cousins.

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I HOPE very soon to give some short sketches of the Norwegian Hospitals, which I am going to visit, and especially of those set apart for the treatment of leprosy, which is very much on the increase in Scandinavia, owing, it is said, to their ignorantly superstitious neglect of all sanitary and hygienic laws.

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ALL Nurses will read, with much interest, the suggestions offered by the Lords' Commission on Hospitals. Their recommendation of an Eight Hours' working day for Hospital workers is a step in the right direction, but will not be practicable until some plan is devised whereby the funds of these institutions may be placed in a sufficiently flourishing condition to allow of the enormous increase in the Nursing staffs that such an easy division of labour would necessitate.

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