

# MAN AND THE WHEEL.

The Bike Is Exercising a Great Influence as to Dress.

There is one thing that the wheel is doing that has not as yet been suspected or taken special notice of. It is coming about as gradually, while yet surely. It is having a distinct and marked influence upon the dress of men, and before a year more has gone by this influence will be plainly seen. Already it is visible in many ways. The stiff, starched, precisely dressed man of the past few years is no more, except in exceptional instances. His place is taken by the man who, having while a wheel learned what comfort is, proposes to have that comfort at every moment of his life. Lounging suits, loosely made and not to be creased or pulled out of shape by hard wear, have begun to come into use to a very large extent. In place of the more formal clothes that fashion used to demand. Not only may a man dress about as he pleases on his bicycle, he may dress in practically the same way when off it, and no one will say a word, nor will he attract any particular attention.

In Newport, where the fashions are adhered to, perhaps more rigidly than anywhere else, and where in a certain way the standards are set for men's clothes as much as they are for women's, it is no longer obligatory for a man to appear in the late afternoon in a tailed coat and top hat. Two years ago, even a year ago, that was necessary in order to preserve the conventions, but this season the bicycle suit, or something that is very much like it, save that trousers are worn instead of knickerbockers, is quite proper, even at afternoon teas, and at almost anything, in fact, save a formal dinner or a ball.

The wheel has done all this, for with late bicycle riding in the afternoon and on the edge of the evening there is no time, nor is there inclination, to dress any further. In consequence loose clothes are at a greater premium than ever, and they are worn more hours each day.

But it is not in the world of fashion alone nor in the swirl of society that these changes in men's costumes have been made. The lounging suit, two years ago, was the luxury of the rich and the rich only. Nobody, unless he was of the leisure class, ever thought of owning one. Now they are sold by the thousand, capital limitations of what the swells are wearing, for very few dollars, and they have proved most popular style of clothes that has been worn in America.

And ready-made clothing manufacturers make them up in four pieces—coat, at or vest, knickerbockers and trousers. Like the knickerbockers, the trousers are loosely fitted and are cut large as after the English fashion, which is the loose trousers as the fashion for the summer and next Fall and Winter. The coats are shorter—for coats

must be short for riding a wheel—and the suit as a whole is vastly more comfortable than any of the styles that flourished before bicycles became the vogue.

At least twice as many pairs of knickerbockers have been sold this year than last, and the spectacle of a man in this abbreviated costume no longer attracts attention on even the most crowded of the city streets. It has not yet come to be the fashion for any one to wear knickerbockers purely for comfort, yet without the slightest pretext of bicycle riding that day, but that is well within the bounds of possibility, and it is a fact, readily to be verified, that there are a number of men in New York who come downtown quite frequently in this garb and work all day in it, knowing that it will be supposed that they have their wheels somewhere near by and have ridden downtown on them.

A curious additional fact regarding knickerbockers and their popularity is that a number of Western manufacturers are known to be carefully considering the advisability of making up large stocks of knickerbockers this Summer for the Fall trade, calculating that the demand is going to be more pronounced than ever. However that may be, it is certain that it would surprise no one nowadays to see even the most respected bank president appear on the "Street" or even on one of the exchange floors in knickerbockers and golf stockings. It would certainly be decidedly unusual, but the way has been sufficiently paved.

One great effect of bicycle costumes has been to open the way to more color in men's clothing. The gorgeously patterned golf stockings are an evidence of this, and they arouse no comment anywhere. All classes of men, from the highest in the land down to mechanics, have fallen in with these new fashions, and have adopted them gladly. In hose they more than ever the tendency is toward brightness and variegated designs, while in the new neckties of the season styles have fairly run riot in the "cray quilt" oddities and fashions that take in all colors of the rainbow and look as if they had no design at all.

Even in the matter of cloths, the gates having once been opened, there are getting to be wider and wider departures from the old time traditional materials. It will not be long at this rate before men are dressed almost as gaily as women. The new patterns for the Fall, which are to be seen as a special privilege in the shops of some tailors, show very large checked goods, with olives and browns the predominant colors. Checks so conspicuous and gorgeous have not been seen for many years here, and when they were brought over before they failed to become popular, and the people that wore them were sneeringly alluded to as Anglomaniacs. There is good evidence, however, that these are going to be the popular fabrics of this Fall and Winter, and that they will be such is due to the influence of the wheel and its demands.

More and more starch is having to take a back seat. The popular shirt of these Summer months has come to be the soft thin flannel ones made without collars, and properly button-holed so that a linen collar may be fastened on and changed as frequently as desired. When the wheel first came in vogue it was the practice of riders to make their trips in "any old thing," particularly as regarded shirts. Now they have found that the shirts built like these flannel ones, especially for riding, are by far the most comfortable, and they have learned that, comfortable for riding, they are quite as comfortable at any other time.

# MACY'S,

SIXTH AVENUE AND 14TH STREET.

Fall Styles, Full Lines, Fresh Goods, with Many Special Values at Marvellously Low Prices.

Beginning Tuesday Morning. We Close on Labor Day.

We will soon announce the opening of our NEW ANNEX at 53, 55 and 57 WEST 14TH STREET and 54 and 56 WEST 15TH STREET, OPPOSITE MAIN STORE, NEW QUARTERS for FURNITURE, MEN'S and BOYS' CLOTHING, MEN'S and BOYS' SHOES, &c.; HARNESS and HORSE GOODS, BICYCLES and SPORTING GOODS. This immense addition of room enables us to enlarge all our departments.

Among the new features for the accommodation of our customers is a desk for the receipt of "Want" and other advertisements for the newspapers.

## Silks.

GREAT COMBINATION SALE of a SELECTION of DESIRABLE WEAVES in RICH BLACK SILKS offered at a uniform price, viz.:

- CASHMERE FINISHED GROS GRAIN, SATIN DUCHESSE, PEAU DE SOIE, RICH BROCADED SATIN, BROCADED GROS GRAIN. Values average \$1.40. At 99 cts
- Beautiful collection of AUTUMN NOVELTIES in FANCY TAFETAS, suitable for waists, skirts and full costumes. .69
- Similar assortment of the very high grades that we have sold at \$1.40. .88
- ALL SILK FINE BLACK BROCADED SATIN, worth 80c. .59
- 50 pieces Changeable Taffetas, 20 combinations of color. .49

## Housefurnishings.

- The most complete stock in the city. We sell only first qualities, but our prices are lower than those at which inferior goods are frequently sold elsewhere.
- PIREPROOF IRON SAFE, combination lock, 100 pounds weight, 16x18x10 inches. 6.49
  - GRAY STEEL ENAMELLED WARE, equal to "Granite" or "Agate," at half the price. At 49 cts
  - Tea Kettle, 7 inch. .49
  - Rice or Milk Boiler, 2 quart. .39
  - Dish Pan, 14 quart. .39
  - Tea or Coffee Pots, 3 quart. .24
  - Hand Wash Basin. .12
  - FINE PARLOR DUSTERS, black feathers, 6 inch, 08; 7 inch, 11; 8 inch. .16
  - Fine white feathers, 10 inch. .37
  - OSTRICH DUSTERS, 12 inch, 24; 14 inch. .36
  - FLOOR BROOMS, all bristle. .46
  - DUST BRUSHES, all bristle. .15
  - STOVE POLISHING MITTEN AND DAUBER, lamb's wool. .09
  - WHISK BROOMS, 2 sewed. .06
  - IMPROVED CARPET SWEEPER, 4 wheel. 1.24
  - "RED STAR" SCOURING SOAP. .04
  - LAUNDRY SET, consisting of 2 Cedar Tubs, first quality. . . . .
  - 1 Family Clothes Wringer. . . . .
  - 1 set Mrs. Potts's Irons, nickel plated. . . . .
  - 1 5 foot Skirt Board. . . . .
  - 1 Bosom Board. . . . . 4.56
  - 1 Zinc Covered Washboard. . . . .
  - 1 Willow Clothes Basket. . . . .
  - 100 Clothespins. . . . .
  - 1 Heavy XX Tin Wash Boiler, copper bottom. . . . .

## Muslin Underwear.

THREE SPECIAL NUMBERS of underwear from our own factory. In materials, make and cut these goods are above and beyond description as compared with those sold elsewhere at approximate prices:

- DRAWERS, with hem and two clusters of 4 tucks. At 24 cts
- DRAWERS, with hem and six clusters of 6 tucks. At 24 cts
- DRAWERS, with tucks and embroidered ruffle. At 24 cts
- DRAWERS, with cluster tucks and embroidered ruffle. At 24 cts
- MOTHER HUBBARD GOWNS, cluster tucks, two open insertions and cambrie ruffle. Also cut V, with four insertions and cambrie ruffle. At 36 cts
- WALKING SKIRTS, tucked, cambrie ruffle, umbrella shape. At 36 cts
- DRAWERS, six fine tucks and wide embroidered ruffle. Also with varied tucks and open embroidered ruffle. At 36 cts
- UMBRELLA DRAWERS, with wide embroidered ruffle. At 49 cts
- CHEMISES, round neck, tucks, open insertion and edge. At 49 cts
- NIGHT GOWNS, full yoke, with open embroidery. Also Mother Hubbards, with yoke of embroidery. At 49 cts
- DRAWERS, insertion and embroidered ruffle. At 49 cts
- CAMBRIC DRAWERS, Val. lace insertion and ruffle. At 49 cts
- CAMBRIC CHEMISE, Val. lace and embroidered ruffle. At 49 cts
- WALKING SKIRTS, cambrie ruffle, open embroidered edge. Also new importation of FINE FRENCH LINGERIE at proportionately low prices.

## Novelty Dress Goods.

ROUGH CHEVIOTS-CAMEL'S HAIR ZEBELINES and CANVAS WEAVES in plain and fancy effects are very much in demand. We have in full supply many new designs, beautifully tinted with the most dainty shades of "Follage Green" and the darker Autumnal shades. Also new importation of FINE FRENCH LINGERIE at proportionately low prices. Prices range from 70c. to 2.99 per yard.

## Special Sale of Gloves

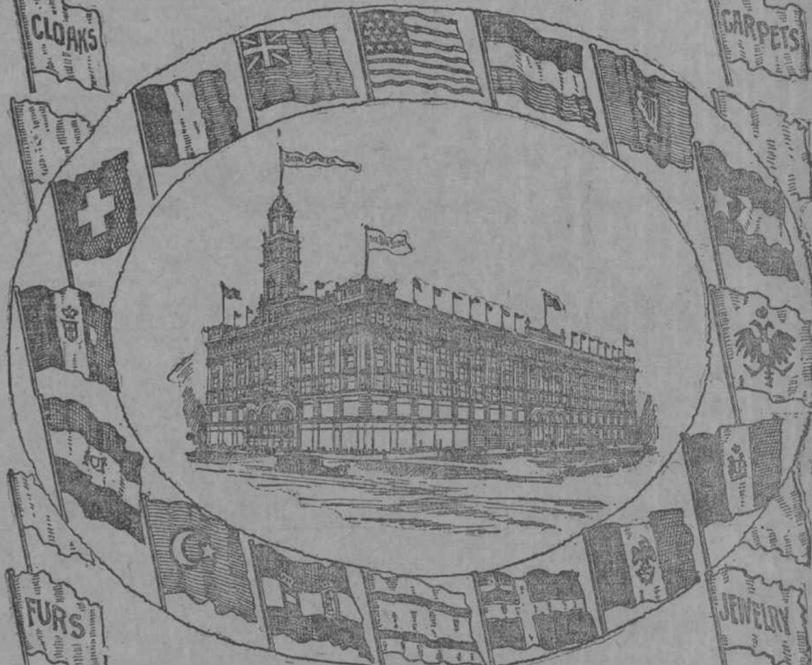
1,800 pairs LADIES' 7 HOOK FOSTER LACING GLOVES (Glace), in black, brown, tan, mode, pearl, slate and navy. .64

## Decorated China.

10 CASES, MANUFACTURERS' SAMPLES. Odd shapes and decoration, all ODDS and ENDS and BROKEN DOZENS, from our own factories at CARLSBAD and LIMOGES. Marked at prices to close quickly.



**THE WHOLE WORLD IS INVITED TO THE OPENING OF THE BIG STORE NEXT SATURDAY - FROM 7:30 to 10 p.m.**



**After Many Months**

of arduous labor, of careful planning and of patient waiting, our store is now so nearly completed that we can set the date of the formal opening.

**On September 12th, at 7:30 P. M.,** the doors will for the first time be opened to the public and you and all your friends are cordially invited to see The Big Store which has caused so much talk—the store which is expected to do business on.

**Broader and More Liberal Principles** than any other store in New York.

No goods will be sold on Saturday, as the store is opened for inspection only.

September 14th, the Monday following the opening, will be the first sales day.

**During the Coming Week** we shall from day to day announce in the papers the various features of interest which we have to show you, and introduce ourselves and our methods by stating a few of the inducements that we shall offer to the masses, who will appreciate our motto of

**Better Goods for Less Money Than Any Other House in America.**



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# Reorganization!

## BAUMANN BROTHERS

(LATE OF EAST 14TH STREET)

With pleasure announce that the firm has been reorganized,

and hope to again enjoy the very cordial relations with the host of customers whose liberal patronage in the past enabled us to conduct the largest Furniture concern in the world. Owing to the termination of our lease and inability to secure suitable location we were reluctantly forced to retire. We resume Wednesday, September 9th, under most favorable auspices. Our new location—directly in the heart of the retail centre—is easy of access. The improvements are extensive, and many new lines have been added. In fact, we now offer every home requisite. During our retirement we never lost sight of the market, but familiarized ourselves with its every movement, and quietly purchased all the select goods that were offered at low figures. Therefore, next Wednesday will be a red-letter day in our history, and every department will be noted for bargains. Our new establishment, new stock, new ideas, new methods, combined with a vast amount of new energy, will enable us to cater to the wants of everybody to the greater satisfaction of all concerned.

# Baumann Brothers,

SIXTH AVENUE, East Side, Between 16th and 17th Sts.

OPEN SATURDAY EVENINGS.

PORTIERS
WOODENWARE.
TINWARE.
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