

Department Store Chiefs Express Gamut of Views on Knickers.

H. Brunawick of L. Frelmuth & Co.:

"Knickerbockers are practical for women as far as outdoor wear is concerned. That is, for sports such as biking, golfing and snow shoeing, but for general business wear I doubt if women will accept the knickerbocker.

"I doubt if women as a rule will take to that style of garment. It is not the question of utility. They are practical enough. But women would rather wear the accepted clothes rather than anything of that character."

Not Unwomanly.

W. B. Brinkman, manager of George A. Gray company:

"Knickerbockers are not unwomanly—but they are not effeminate. They are sensible, comfortable and practical, and not in the least immodest. If the fad takes inside of two months they would be no longer a curiosity, and would not get a second look on the street.

"We shall be prepared to furnish suits or materials and patterns for making them, but we do not anticipate they will become generally popular as they lack the charm and fascination of skirts, frills and laces which women, even the younger set, will be loathe to forego."

Will Stick to Skirts.

E. A. Silberstein, secretary and treasurer of Silberstein & Bondy company:

"I don't think that women will ever wear knickerbockers to work. It will not appeal to them. Not that the employers will object, but the employes themselves will not care to wear them.

"Every woman likes the soft, feminine touch in her clothes, to enhance her beauty, and whether she is a worker or a society woman, she will never discard the skirt for knickers."

"Knickerbockers were designed for sport wear and will be worn for that purpose—but not in the office and store."

Knickers? Well, Hardly.

Lyle A. Oreck, Oreck's department store:

"I am sure they never will be worn on the street," he said. "They will be used for sport wear, auto parties, golfing, but not extensively. We have a small stock of suits coming from Paris for spring sale. Only the outdoor girl will buy them. The price of the suits is low enough to be within the reach of the average women, but nevertheless they will not take."