

Clothes worn in 1883  
by ladies

Wollara  
April 24<sup>th</sup>

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Dearest Mother,

I had hoped for a letter to answer this morning but I suppose now we shall have to wait till afternoon & then I will be out, as Margie has at last concluded to have those roots of teeth out - & I must go to see her through the operation as a piece of charity I much dislike.

I have seen Miss Wells - & she considers herself engaged from Aug. 15<sup>th</sup> till end of month. Ellen I have also seen & she seems quite minded to come back though violently not liking the explanation with Mrs. Shepard & making a great difficulty as to her holiday - I told her the 1<sup>st</sup> of July or the 15<sup>th</sup> we'd suit her, but to come back in a week or so & let me know definitely what she wish, & then we'd arrange - you see both she & James want a month's holiday - & we each like it in the middle of the summer I quite think that the best plan for herself w'd be to have James absent as much of the unsettled time as she c'd - as J. is very unaccommodating to new circumstances - but I think we will manage it all right - & get



a hairemaid I fancy from the  
time papa comes back - giving her  
to understand part of her duty  
was to restore the robes to order &  
degrees & help clean the 1<sup>st</sup> flat -  
I am having my house cleaning  
done now - rather early certainly  
but - Annie leaving next week &  
Ellen who will replace her being  
a broken reed as regards strength  
I feel I cannot help myself  
if it will be a mercy to have it  
over - later, I will have the  
kitchen flat, & the blanket  
washing done - but such was  
sh<sup>d</sup> not be a great to distinguished  
travellers I am well aware  
I always forget such things  
the moment they are over  
myself - - In addition to my  
long list I as you will expect  
perhaps have a chance in Edinburgh  
or Liverpool of picking up the  
remains of spring fashions, I  
w<sup>d</sup> not be averse to some kind  
of Cape Dolman, or light black  
surat - wh. is so useful in between  
seasons - but I sh<sup>d</sup> not want  
a costly one - I c<sup>d</sup> do without  
it very well - If you think un-  
brella's really better & cheaper than  
both rain & B - s are inferior, but  
I rather have an idea that Eng-  
lish "brella's" are a superstition &  
one may as well buy when  
wanted here  
my green dress looks very



pretty, I only fear it - every female cavity - but  
I have a horror - to watch I have bought a pair  
I only wish I had Suez's right fingers to make it  
up for me - the no thinner about - making  
back of the West's muscle - me to the melting,  
I shall be happy to accept every mail, but have  
long before I went - his case, & the paper, as  
of the fine cloth - a few lately of the most pattern  
of lighter fancy makes - the light also not have than  
they make - the product of the makers.

For two days we have now had real spring  
but - rain of mild air - but seems better ahead  
for being and - so much - we have had to have  
in plain a great deal this spring for the had  
in his hands I was I was - with his hat - go  
her teeth braked her - so much - I I even thought  
the next - have slight - caracho - she said no more  
rights - only two more of the 1's teeth remain to do  
when I hope she will be good again.

This conference has engaged a I would  
this time a success who has had his following  
cost - the has a most excellent character - but  
a little, will be the best, with I do hope



will do, your favor saying has been expressed  
heart-fully by all the disconcertants, of his uncer-  
certained attendants. I shall leave this in  
my care & get letters I have a pleasure to add  
to send. The children include letters, you see was  
have them every time if I get attendants to their  
sisters on the subject.

Yours truly  
Anna