Flappers Protest Dictation From Paris

Every Reader of THE FLAPPER Invited to Vote on Retention or Rejection of Styles That Have Made Flappers Famous

Will Paris succeed in imposing long skirts on the flappers of America?

Not if most of them have their way!

When Paris started the short skirt fad and America eagerly aped it the dressmakers figured that it would probably run its course and then die a sudden death. But no!

For American flappers may be fickle, but they know a good thing when they see it. And they intend to hang on to it!

Moreover, Flo Ziegfeld, who ought to know, says that the reason short skirts will stay is that American girls have prettier legs than the Parisiennes, and that the movement back to long skirts was started by the elderly sassiety set whose "understanding" is extremely narrow.

So it looks at this writing as though Paris started something it can't stop. Reports from the French races indicate that the blase French dames were terribly shocked at the American who had the nerve to go France one (inch) better in the matter of freedom from encumbrances about the ankles and knees.

The American attitude could not be better expressed, we think, than by the following remarks by a Chicago flapper, whose letter was published in the Herald and Examiner:

Attention, Flappers!

Sir—Now that long skirts are coming in fashion, the problem is up to the flappers to decide whether they will wear them or not.

We are called flappers because people think we are senseless, but let us flappers show the world that we are not as senseless as they are.

In the first place, short skirts are considered by doctors as sanitary because they prevent the germ carrying that a long skirt inspires.

Secondly, let us show the world that flappers are real Americans and will not let Paris dictate the fashions for them any longer. Isn't America big enough and fine enough to dictate its own fashions?

Let us keep up the rules that flapperism is composed of—bobbed hair, short skirts and low-heeled shoes, giving the body plenty of room to expand itself and that free and easy swing that only a short skirt can afford.

What do you say, flappers?—S. A., Chicago.

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