

Basic Detail Report



Title Dress

Date about 1870

Primary Maker Unknown

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Medium Machine-stitched and hand-stitched silk and cotton, with mother of

pearl buttons, unidentified boning (probably baleen), silk-covered cotton cord,

and brass hooks and eyes

Description Woman's dress, possibly for evening wear, made of a boldly striped

creamy yellow and black silk. It has a low, square neckline and coat sleeves. The

bodice closes at center front with six large, shanked mother of pearl buttons,

augmented by a brass hook and eye at the waistline. The bodice is fitted with

two 6 1/2-inch darts on either side of the bodice opening. The coat sleeves are

embellished at the top of the arm with a 4 3/4-inch-wide, pleated puff of self-

fabric, edged with two bands of cream-colored, looped braid of silk. The bodice

is lined with twill-woven, undyed cotton. The darts and side seams are boned.

The major bodice seams are machine-chain-stitched. The front of the skirt is flat;

it is gored on the sides. The skirt is cartridge-pleated along the back. There is an

in-seam pocket on the right side. The lining is glazed, cream-colored cotton. The

hem is additionally lined with five inches of starched, plain-woven cotton.

Cream-colored silk cord finishes the bottom edge of the skirt.

Dimensions Primary Dimensions (back length x width across shoulders): 58 x

16in. (147.3 x 40.6cm) Other (center front length): 46in. (116.8cm) Hem

(circumference): 170in. (431.8cm)