

Basic Detail Report



Title Dress

Date about 1898-1900

Primary Maker Unknown

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Medium Machine-stitched silk and cotton, with steel boning and wool hem fringe

Description Woman's two-piece day dress, consisting of a bodice (.a) and skirt (.b), of brown silk, with black and black/white warp-print stripes. The bodice has a

rounded insert in front and a yoke in back of plain brown silk sewn in tucks.

Wrapping around the neck is a high, stiff band collar, also of the tucked brown

silk, which fastens with hooks and eyes at the center back. The top of the collar

is edged with a narrow ruffle of the striped brown silk. The insert is bordered on

the front of the bodice with a band of plain brown silk, edged with narrow ruffles

of the striped fabric. The center front opening is decorated with revers of brown

silk, also edged with narrow ruffles. The bodice lining fastens separately from

the silk fabric, but both close with hooks and eyes at the bodice's center front.

The silk fabric is ruched across the lower center front, with the fullness then

gathered under the border of the neckline insert. The shoulderline is normal.

The sleeves are narrow; they are gathered slightly at the top of the shoulder. The

wrist openings are edged with a narrow self-ruffle. The bodice is lined with

brown twill-woven cotton. All of the seams are boned; the steel boning is

specially manufactured with woven casings. The skirt is darted and gored to

make it fit smoothly across the front and hips; it is closely gathered at center

back. The center back opening fastens with a hook and eye on the waistband.

The skirt is lined with brown glazed cotton, with a stiff interlining around the

bottom. A very short and bushy brown wool fringe is stitched around the bottom

edge.

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Dimensions Bodice (center back of bodice): 17 3/8in. (44.1cm) Skirt (center front length x circumference): 40 x 117in. (101.6 x 297.2cm) Bodice (length x width): 15 1/4 x 12in. (38.7 x 30.5cm) Skirt (center back length): 40 7/8in. (103.8cm) Skirt (waist circumference): 23 1/4in. (59.1cm)