

Basic Detail Report



Title Girl's Dress

Date about 1878-1880

Primary Maker Jennie Holcomb Yale

Medium Machine-stitched silk and cotton, with silk-covered ferrous metal buttons and wool tape

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Description Adolescent girl's dress of gray and turquoise woven-stripe silk. The

high, round neckline is surrounded by a pleated ruff of bias self-fabric, edged

with turquoise silk. The long sleeves have turn-back cuffs edged with turquoise

silk and decorated with four buttons covered with the turquoise silk.

Buttonholes are suggested by bias strips of matching silk. The armholes are

pipelined. The dress is fitted with four long vertical darts in front and a horizontal

dart on each side at the waist. There is a patch pocket on the lower proper right

side. It is pipelined and lined with turquoise silk and pleated at the top to create a

ruffled effect. Three silk buttons decorate the pocket, along with a bow at the

pointed pocket bottom. The bottom of the dress skirt is edged with a bias self-

fabric pleated ruffle, edged with turquoise silk. Above this is a band of bias self-

fabric and turquoise silk. The dress opens down the center back for about 22

inches and fastens with thirteen silk-covered buttons. The dress is lined with tan

cotton sateen in the bodice area and with glazed brown cotton in the skirt. The

bottom edge of the skirt is bound with blue wool tape.

Dimensions Primary Dimensions (length x width across shoulders): 40 1/2 x 12 1

1/2in. (102.9 x 31.8cm)