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Miss Pritchard,
Portland Free Dispensary,
Portland, Oregon.

Dear Miss Pritchard,

So many of the girls do not like the suggested green smocks that we have been told to purchase and wear in the new clinic--I wonder if you can use our side and do anything to bring about a change. I believe your words would have more weight with Mr. Couch than ours would have.

In the first place, who could wear anything, and look nice, that comes in sizes small, medium and large? They will have to be all made over for most of us. I bought one but I know it will be too short by the time it is washed, but it is huge in the other dimension. And for the smaller girls they would be way too long. The color is decidedly unbecoming to some and it seems to me that to see so many wearing that loud shade will be very tiring.

Another thing, the buttons are not removable except in the cuffs and if sent to the laundry or even done at home, some of the buttons will always be missing. The material is so fine that they will not last long if sent to the laundry and that kind of colored material is very hard to get nicely done at home. Of course Meier and Franks will not care how soon they wear out but some of the rest of us do.

The style certainly looks like a maternity dress especially if it does not fit. And \$2.95 is too much to pay for them, considering these drawbacks, and especially if one has to completely remodel them.

I don't like the color, but if green suits the majority, why couldn't we at least buy goods all alike and make them or have them made to fit? Surely a man must have decided upon the arrangement as it is now.

One girl I talked with said she would buy one and wash it out over Sunday but it would not get starched, and another said she would buy only one because she thought they would look so bad that there would be some change soon. We agree that some kind of a uniform is a fine thing--but not this kind. They might do to wear around the house, but I hate to appear in public in one.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. H.M. Timm

P.S. We also think the tie is just too ridiculous.