

PASSING HOUR

The proposed new bathing garb for women might be called the camouflage suit for it is desired to have it cut for both high and low visibility with amidship invisibility.

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No deck passages are to be sold from the other Islands to Honolulu while the draft movement is on, for a period of twenty days. Our own experience with deck sleeping has been such we should not object to this.

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Hawai is beginning to realize, if it never did before, that it has a true friend ready to advocate any worthy cause in Franklin K. Lane. One thing he insists upon, however, and that is that we strive to solve our own problems?

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Three pounds of sugar a month is the new individual ration on the mainland while here in Hawaii we have so much sugar we have difficulty to store it. Lack of shipping is the cause and the best way to get ships for service here is to help lick the Huns.

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SHALL SUITS BE SCRAPPED?

Editor Advertiser—The question of inches to be added to bathing suits and their possible influence on the rumored reputation of Waikiki for unmorality is one which, in these days of tremendous problem, should not be allowed to occupy the smallest part of the attention of our law-givers, but a private individual may be allowed some thoughts on the subject.

The main issues of the bathing suit controversy have been dealt with in other letters to The Advertiser, but the writer would like to add a few desultory remarks.

One would like to know for instance, whether all the

women who wear men bathing suits must throw the suits away in defiance of non-waste principles and buy the more expensive suits provided for women. The shops evidently think so, as their windows are filled with bathing suits "Endorsed by the Women's Auxiliary of the Outrigger Club". It is true women are told that they are not expected to "scrap" their bathing suits at once, but what does this mean? Is the ordinance to be passed and then simply ignored for a time?

This would be an excellent way of treating it, like the plan "to dye one's beard green and always wear so large a pan that it could not be seen", but it would be hard on the nerves of the women who tried it out, considering that we hear special policemen are to be detailed to enforce the ordinance. Those policemen might not understand the subtlety of their position.

Then again, one is aghast at the problem of what is to become of the endless bath-ropes in which the women bathers of Beach Walk, Royal Grove, etc., will have to trail to and from the beach while the owners of these garments are in the water. At present a very few women, victims of an acute discretion or of vanity, wear kimonos and like garments over their bathing suits, while not in the water, and it is quite easy for them to stow their rare and curious wrappings on the beach, but, imagine our strips of beach after the passing of the proposed ordinance carpeted with kimonos, with their owners seeking each her own and often not finding it.

As to modesty, the writer has often noticed some well-swathed and well-intentioned woman on her way to the beach, feeling probably like a shining star of decency but looking, to tell the truth, pathetically unclothed. She will make her way to the beach, much observed in her clinging, flapping kimono, showing unavoidable but startling glimpses of legs, stockings or unstockinged, and on throwing aside the kimono, will step out a perfectly sensible looking bather clothed frankly for ease in swimming and no longer either conspicuous or absurd.

By the way it would be interesting to see in their glory the women who we are told wear bathing suits that no man would wear. Certainly one has seen bathing suits on men at Waikiki in a state of semi-disappearance that would cause the most careless of women to hasten for a needle and thread; and worn with perfect calmness and unconcern, a state of mind of which the writer highly approves.

May men long continue in their sensible attitude as to the non-importance of covering for themselves in the ocean or on the athletic field, and may women under the same conditions be encouraged to leave behind them the dubious and demoralizing atmosphere of clothes-consciousness.

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