

Novel Notes

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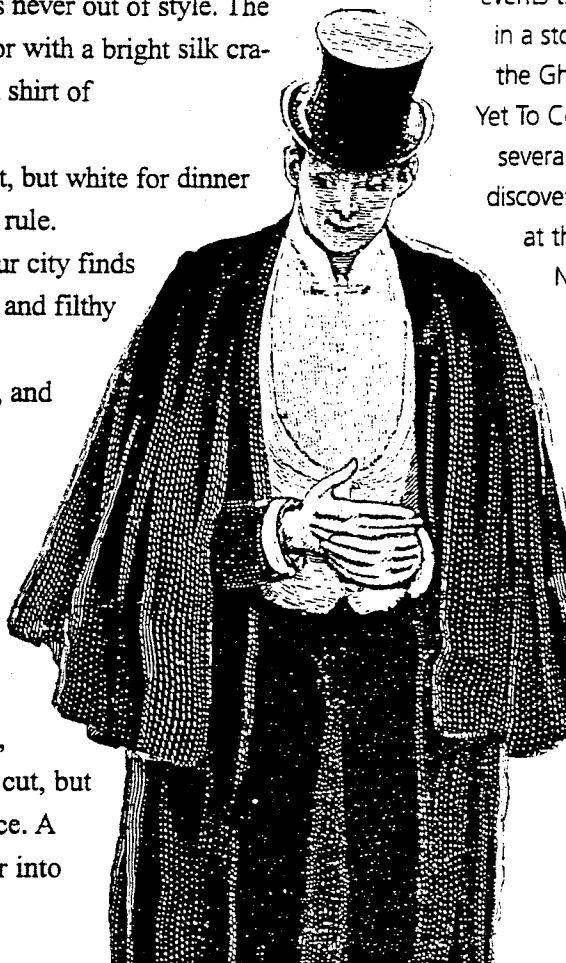


A Christmas Carol, Staves Four & Five

This Season's Wearables

FOR THE GENTLEMAN

- Your woolen frock coat in basic black is never out of style. The right length is just to the knee. Add color with a bright silk cravat (necktie) and waistcoat (vest) over a shirt of extra-fine linen.
- Your gloves can be colored for the street, but white for dinner parties and black for funerals is still the rule.
- Walking boots must be practical until our city finds a way to keep its streets free of garbage and filthy water.
- Accessorize with a cane or an umbrella, and your outfit is complete and fit for most occasions daily life will offer.
- Some gentlemen are inquiring about the new fashion in beards. Yes, our soldiers are returning from the Crimean War with more whiskers than we are accustomed to seeing on the streets of London. If you want hair, however, indulge yourself in a longish cut, but let it stay on your head, not on your face. A close, clean shave will be correct as far into the future as we can predict.



FOR YOUR READER'S LOG

Foreshadowing is the use of clues or hints to suggest events that will occur later in a story. In Stave Four, the Ghost of Christmas Yet To Come gives Scrooge several hints about the discovery that awaits him at the end of their visit. Note these clues as you spot them. Why does Scrooge fail to recognize them as quickly as you do?

The Word PLACE

People Words

These "people" words pop up in the final section of *A Christmas Carol*.

Laocoön—During the Trojan War, Laocoön, a priest of ancient Troy, unsuccessfully tried to warn his countrymen that the wooden horse they found outside the city walls was filled with their enemy, Greek soldiers. As a punishment from the gods favoring the

Greeks, Laocoön and his two sons were crushed to death by a pair of sea serpents.

Joe Miller—Miller was an eighteenth-century comic actor. His humorous remarks were collected in a popular joke book.