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Sketch from the British *Punch* magazine, 1851, shows women wearing bloomers. It is titled "Ladies of the Creation — Bloomerism," and the caption reads, "A probable incident if bloomerism isn't put down. Maid: 'If you please, Miss, the dressmaker has brought home your new — ahem — frock.'" The maid holds out a pair of polka-dot bloomers.



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