

of an inch wide. The two ends of the tie would be put under the collar, from the under side & on brought up on the respective sides of the button or stud, and then put through the loop end & pulled down tightly. It was a wonderful thing, when there came into vogue the celluloid collar, & the old fashioned paper one was altogether discarded, just as later on the linen collar superseded in many and varied patterns.

There was also the very stiff starched ^{white} shirts that were worn when properly dressed, these were not altogether a source of comfort on a hot summer day. Generally so when this sort was in vogue the particular kind of suit to snatch, was open breasted, & the waist coat double breasted. And with three or four studs placed down the front of the breast, & with stiff starched cuffs joined together by solitaires or sleeve links, well a person felt just 'it'. There was a little bit of deception practiced, by the use of separate cuffs worn, & also what was called a "dickie" that is a white stippled breast piece fastened so as to hang down the breast, & take all the appearance of a well Caundish shirt.

And now for boots. They generally made a very screechy noise when first worn, and this was more noticeable when the kind worn was what were

called the "elastic sides". These were slipped over the feet & the elastic placed in the sides so that there was no lacing required. These were generally not the easiest to put on, or get off, until such like times as the elastic with considerable stretching made them somewhat unsightly.

But what about the sartorial fashions. Well it was the hope & ambition of all the young men, to grow a beard. And with what a pleased feeling there was when a few ~~long~~ hairs began to appear on the chin. As a rule these were very tenderly guarded & on no account cut off, more especially if a few, or rather there began to get a black line beneath the ~~chin~~ nose indicating that the crop had germinated. When long enough to reach the teeth, that is when one could catch the ends with the teeth, well one was now at manhood stage. But with some folks the whiskers came at a much earlier period than others. I have met several persons who were unable to grow a beard at all. But generally they were a bearded race, and a good beard was some thing to be proud of, especially to those who had a long one, and a few there were, that could boast of such. Some there were who turned, others who had ~~with~~ was called a "goatee", that is the brand usually connected with the "Flanders"