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I used to not care much about fashion trends. Who followed them, who rejected them. I was an Abercrombie girl too. I had the Bailey button Uggs. I did my J. Crew time. I wore the bubble necklaces, and liked it. But today I need to talk about something. There are some trends and articles of clothing that we are ignoring that deserve not only recognition, but fame. We, as humans, were given the gift of clothing by our ancestors. We can't keep using it on patchwork crop tops. Here are some things I would love to see more of and why.

I'll start simple. Hats. We have stopped exploring the numerous variations of hats that exist in the world. I know people wear beanies and there are some people who love themselves a hat, but the general public and more so the fashion influencers of the internet are seriously lacking in the funky headwear department. I wanna see Alix Earle wearing a bowler hat with a little feather sticking out the top. Bella Hadid in a cheetah print pillbox hat would simply break the internet. Hats were the biggest thing in fashion for decades. Remember in the 30's when they wore those little baby bonnet hats to bars? Fantastic. Imagine someone pulls up to the strip club rocking a deerstalker hat. That's your night made right there. We have got to get a little silly with our headwear! We're not getting any younger and bucket hats aren't getting any cuter. I want everyone to go try on a top hat one time. They're hot, they're practical, and dammit they put a smile on my face. So if you overslept, and your hair is unsightly, there's nothing stopping you from trying to look like Kierra Knightly. Let's make it happen.

The second thing is more normalized but I need fishnets to be essential daily wear. I have never once put something on my body that would benefit from a pair of fishnet stockings. Wearing pants? Think about how shocked and delighted people will be when they see the shine of your fishnets poking out the bottom. There is nothing sexier than a pair of fishnet tights and

we all need to be a little sexier! Your toenails will without a doubt break through the front of them and be wiggling loose in your shoes all night, but you will look breathtaking. I don't have anything more to say about this.

Another thing I want to see walking by me on the street is stilts. Everyone wants to be tall but nobody's willing to do the work. I guess these fall less into underappreciated fashion and more into underappreciated circus acts but nonetheless, bring them back. You can see the tops of people's heads and I'm sure there are some cool ass tricks you could do with those bad boys. Another variant of this that I wouldn't mind seeing is moon shoes. Everyone wears platform shoes anyway, why not go the extra mile? Put, quite literally, a bounce in your step and look futuristic-fresh while doing it.

The last thing I feel very passionate about is ball gowns. I want them to come back so bad. I'm talking fluffy ass corseted ball gowns. And not to those Bridgerton themed luncheons they have. I want these at dinner parties. I want them at Benihana. I want to see who has the best ball gown, not the best color variation of the Urban Outfitters corset. I want to spend 30 extra minutes in the bathroom with my girlfriends lacing each other up. That's just more gossip time! Imagine you get flustered by a hot guy at the bar talking to you and you just faint? I crave that. I want to be able to throw on something so impractical just because it's beautiful. Society these days cares so much about range of motion and not restricting their lungs. Grow up. We've come so far as a nation. We've put men on the moon. We have TikTok dances to every single DaBaby song ever made and yet were scared to wear some ruffles? I know what I'm wearing to my next night at the local theater. Do you?