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Fancy Dress Photo. Three cousins, representing Samoan lady, Japanese lady, and Rotumahan girl.

is a step forward : but I do not see why they must limit themselves so, except as the initiative to better things.

I have remarked that speech must be taken as the index of the mind : and, generally speaking, we may regard the girl whose mind is well-informed as a cultured girl. I am aware that to that information must be added a certain modesty and grace, a tactfulness which will strive ever to consider the feelings of others. No girl, however attractive in personality, however well-

informed, can hope to be a lady, unless she studies her manner of speech, the inflection of her voice, and—an essential in the Colonies,—the accent and true pronunciation and enunciation of every word she utters. For a little while, she may appear to herself stiff, even affected: but this grand old Mother tongue of ours is quite worth the effort : and soon, others will be influenced by the quiet well-modulated voice, by the clearness of her speech. She herself will soon lose all sense of effort : but never must she think