When Is a Woman’s Bathing Suit Not Suitable? Ask Beach Guards

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WHAT is a woman’s bathing suit?
Is the single-piece suit with the skirt, common bathing attire for men the last two or three years, suitable for women’s wear at the Milwaukee beaches?
Or must women continue to apparel themselves in bloomers and heavy flowing skirts?

McKinley park bathing beach employees are in a quandary. Twice this season women have appeared at the beach in the one-piece man effect suit with skirt attachment. Twice the employees were confronted with an actual problem.

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They just didn’t know whether that came under rules and regulations or not—and a scrutiny of the rules left them just as far up in the air.

Milwaukee is rather lenient, though Annette Kellerman attire is neither encouraged nor sanctioned. Formerly there was a sex segregation order in effect—enforced, rather, by the city police. But that was abolished and while the sexes are not permitted to mingle too freely on the beach conditions at McKinley are enjoyable and peaceable, and there are few calls upon the attendants to act.

“We are going to take up this new attire for women,” said one employee, yesterday, rather hesitatingly. “We just don’t know what to say. It comes within the present rules, but it is distinctly a man’s suit. I guess we will have to put it up to Supt. J. C. Pinney.”