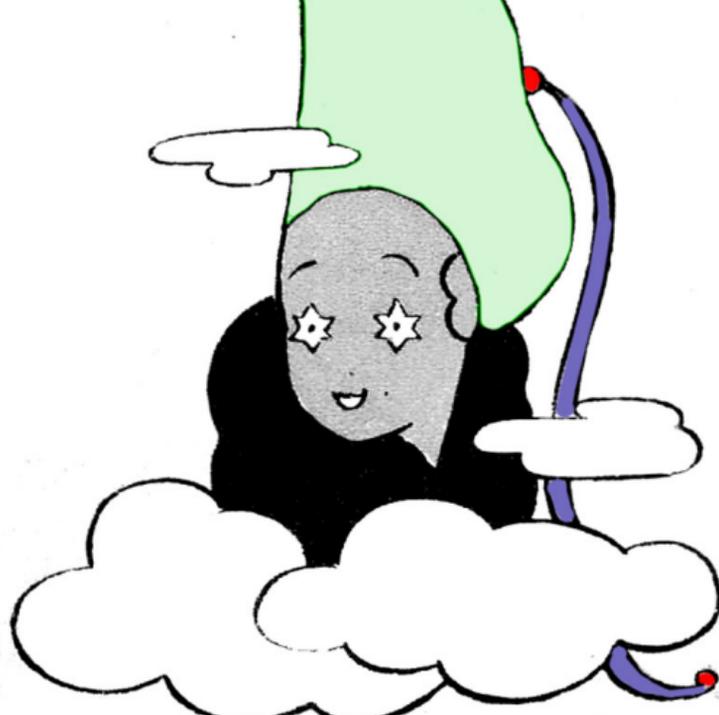


THOUGHTS THOUGHT ON AN AVENUE

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There would be far less masculine
gaming and boozing

But for the feminine approach to
feminine fashions, which is dis-
tinctly confusing.



"Women are the starriest-eyed"

Please correct me if, although I don't
think I do, I err;

But it is a fact that a lady wants to
be dressed exactly like everybody
else but she gets pretty upset if
she sees anybody else dressed ex-
actly like her.

Nothing so infuriates her as a sim-
ilar hat or dress,

Especially if bought for less,

Which brings up another point which

I will attempt to discuss in my

guttural masculine jargon;

Her ideal raiment is costlier than her

or her dearest friend's purse can

buy, and at the same time her own

exclusive and amazing bargain.

Psychologists claim that men are the

dreamers and women are the real-

ists,

But to my mind women are the star-

riest-eyed of idealists,

Though I am willing to withdraw this

charge and gladly eat it uncom-

plaineously



"Nothing so infuriates her"

If anyone can explain to me how a
person can wear a costume that is
different from other people's and
the same as other people's, and
more expensive than other people's
and cheaper than other people's,
simultaneously.

Yes, sir, I should think that to find
an explanation of such feminine
foibles

Would tax the ingenuity of even a
Browder or a Goebbels.



"To find an explanation"

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