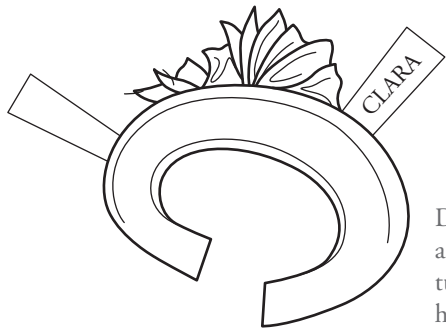


Clara's 1883 Draped Dress

Clara's dress is based on a fashion plate from an 1883 Belgian ladies' magazine. In 1881, the bustle had come back into fashion after a break of several years. Dresses were made of heavy fabric and were highly decorated. Clara's dress is actually relatively plain compared to many of the dresses of the time, with crenellated decoration running down the bodice and across the cuffs. Her dress has a stylish dropped waistline, with a wide, gathered, draped waistband. Pleats were very popular in the 1880s, and Clara's skirt is no exception – wide pleats add detail and dimension to the short skirt. The hat has a rolled brim, and is decorated with lots of ribbons and tucks. Clara's shoes are simple boots, worn with tall, thick stockings.

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