

- Mrs. 1897 - (looks her over in a disgusted manner) No sleeves in it! Entirely too short! And what! No stockings! Oh, such indecency - no wonder there's been two wars since my time and the modern women are to blame!
- Mrs. 1967 - Come now, Mrs. 1897. A dress like this is much cooler for summer than yours, and besides, we absorb a lot of vitamin D from the sunshine. That makes us strong you know.
- " 1897 - Strong indeed? Well, I wouldn't be seen in a outfit like that.
- " ~~1967~~ ~~189~~ Mrs. 1897 you came for a pleasant visit. Tell me about your family.
- " 1897 - Well, I had a large family - 12 in all. There was John and Mary and James and Hannah---
- " 1967(interrupts) - 12 children! How did you provide for them all? It must have cost a fortune to feed and clothe them. Why, I have only two children and my husband says it keeps him going to provide for us! Think of the meal planning you had to do!
- " 1897 - oh, that wasn't hard. We had lots of potatoes and pork, homemade bread and butter, applesauce - and they ate plenty.
- " 1967 - But were you careful to have well balanced meals?
- " 1897 - Balanced meals? Oh, my worry wasn't to balance the meals but to balance the appetites. There was Charlie and Jane--such picky eaters - but John and Thomas, I never could get them filled up!
- " 1967 - And how did you manage about vitamins?
- " 1897 - Vitamins again - what's that?
- " 1967 - Well vitamins are parts of food which are essential to life, growth and strength. Some of our vitamin D is radiated from the sunshine, but most of our vitamins are found in foods. We usually say vitamins A, B, or C.
- " 1897 - Well I never heard of them. I guess my children must have swallowed them whole. All they knew about A, B, and C was that they were letters of the alphabet. You say they promote growth and strength. Well, I don't know what I would have done if they had had any more strength. Those young lads of mine were a handful for any mother to manage!(looks around) My, Mrs. 1967 what a lovely home you have here
- " 1967 - (smiles) Probably no grander than yours was in your day, Mrs. 1867 But come let me show you my kitchen. Here's all my cupboards and sink, my electric refrigerator and electric stove. You see I have taps for hot and cold water, a good window and electric light. In the room just beyond that I have my laundry tubs, with hot and cold water on tap, my electric washer and electric ironer.
- " 1897 - My, how easy your work must be! Everything so handy, electrical conveniences and only two children to look after! You must have a great deal of time on your hands, Mrs. 1967?
- " 1967 - Perhaps I have more leisure time than you had, Mrs. 1897 - time to attend church meetings and various community activities. I feel that we should give more time to these community enterprises in order to help build a better world.
- " 1897 - I think you're right there. Well, only for your outlandish dress and the fact that you've had two world wars, I might believe you lived in a better world than I did! But nevertheless, I have thoroughly enjoyed this visit with you, Mrs. 1967, but old Dobbin will be getting uneasy, so I must go. Good - bye and thank you.
- " 1967 # I, too, have enjoyed your visit. Good - bye Mrs. 1897.
- (after Mrs. 1897 leaves)
- " 1967 Somehow I think Mrs. 1897 was thoroughly disgusted with us moderns but each of us thinks that her own age is the better.
- (Bows and exit)