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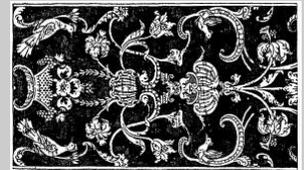
Young Ladies in Town

Young ladies in town, and those that live round
let a friend at this season advise you;
Since money's so scarce, and times growing worse,
Strange things may soon surprise you;
First then throw aside your high top knots of pride,
Wear none but your own country linen;
Of economy boast, let your pride be the most,
To show clothes of your own make and spinning.

What if homespun they say is not quite so gay,
As brocades, yet be not in a passion;
For when once it is known this is much worn in town
One and all will cry out 'tis the fashion!
No more ribands wear, not in rich dress appear,
Love your country much better than fine things;
Begin without passion, it will soon be the fashion,
To grace your smooth locks with a twine string.

These do without fear, and to all you'll appear Fair,
Charming, true, lovely, and clever,
Tho' the times remain darkish, young men may be sparkish,
And love you much stronger than ever.
Then make yourselves easy, for no one will tease ye,
Nor tax you, if chancing to sneer,
At the sense-ridden tools, who this us all fool;
But they'll find the reverse far and near.

Examples of
brocades



Interpretation:

This "cry out" to the ladies before and during the Revolution rallied them to stop buying goods made in or shipped from Britain. They are being asked to make sacrifices of money and fashion, and not to buy any clothing or other goods from England. The song pleads with the women to "love your country much better than fine things," and in turn the young men will "love you much stronger than ever" because you will "appear fair, charming, true, lovely, and clever." This address can compare with recent advertisement campaigns to encourage people to buy American-made products.