





# EDUCATING-UNCLE

*A number from a 1920s musical comedy by Frank Richards*

UNCLE: In my young days, the girls wore stays,  
And skirts below their knees,  
No jazz was there, no backs were bare,  
There were no tango teas,  
They never sat on the floor like that,  
With such display of stocking,  
In those days long ago, they were all *comme il faut*,  
But now . . . oh, isn't it shocking?

CHORUS

OF GIRLS: What, shocking?

UNCLE: Yes, shocking.

CHORUS: He thinks we're awfully shocking.

UNCLE: In my young days girls had no craze  
For sports or backing horses,  
No cigarettes, or gambling debts,  
Nor mixed up in divorces.  
They used to sit, and sew or knit,  
Or else read Silas Hocking,  
They did not vote, or play the goat,  
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