Another Dictator Is Dame Fashion!

Styles the Mirror of History

FASHION is a stern taskmistress. She used to be more adamant than she is now.

- Marie Antoinette, napless queen of France, stuck feathers in her hair. All the court ladies followed her lead. The price of aligette rose until it cost 10,000 francs. Some grand dames went broke buying them.
- There were other inconveniences. Headresses became too tall for the carriages of the nobility. The canaille around Versailles were intimidated by the sight of duchesses riding courtyard with their heads, awn with plumes, craned out of their coach windows. Serious writers maintained that if the mode persisted architects would have to start building higher doors and ceilings. Before any such drastic changes were made the queen's feathers were gone and her head was off.
- Dame Fashion flies along with history and mirrors it. Marie Antoinette's ladies suffered for her whims. They wore iron hoops in their dresses and pretended to like them. But the women friends of the men who made the French revolution threw off all restraint and most of the traditional garments. One (Continued on page two.)