

and the castles which defend them; and there, too, you have a distinct view of the Floriana suburbs. This is a place of great resort, and the prospect of the sea in the evening is very charming. The native dress is much worn by the lower classes; a long cap, hanging down behind, of various colors, I saw on many men; and this is used as a pouch for small articles. Many of the Maltese wear a silk or cotton sash to hold up the pantaloons. The white clothes of the poorest were beautifully clean. Many of the country people looked quite jauntily; the costume is seen in the illustration.



I greatly admired the dress of the Maltese ladies. It consists of a black silk petticoat, which is worn over a body of some other silk or print, and this is called a *half-onnella*. The upper part is called the *onnella*, and is also of black silk, drawn up into gathers at the centre of one of the outer seams. In the seam of one of the remaining divisions is enclosed a thin piece