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ACCIDENT FROM CRINOLINE

On Tuesday a rather distressing accident occurred in Woolmarket . A girl, seven years of age, daughter of Mr John Walker, Woolmarket, while carrying a child scarcely 2 years old upon her back was met by 2 women passing up the street who, with distended skirts, pushed against the girl in passing . The girl was thrown to the ground and one of her thighs was fractured. Either unconscious of the nature of the accident or heedless of the consequence, the women rendered no assistance but proceeded in leaving the poor girl to the care of others who witnessed the accident. The unfortunate girl has since been under surgical treatment.

For even more serious crinoline incidents see "A Chronology of Crinoline Tragedies from 1861" www.diarmidmogg.tumblr.com/ Fascinating reading!