

Doll Clothes of Yore

Original, Historical Designs for 18" Dolls

American Civil War Period: Circa 1840-1870



'Louisa May Alcott' Dress

History

Who is Louisa May Alcott?

Louisa May Alcott is best known as the author of the famous story, 'Little Women'. In her story, Louisa based many of the characters and events from her own childhood experiences.

Louisa is known for her rich, imaginative writing and her original characters. She also volunteered as a nurse during the Civil War, which influenced her later writings. She was also friends with Ralph Waldo Emerson, Henry David Thoreau and Nathaniel Hawthorne. She wrote for a time under the false name of 'A.M. Barnard'.

Fashion

This dress is very similar to what would have been worn by a middle-class woman during the middle of the 19th century. Normally the lace 'over-bodice' would have been removable to make it easier to wash and so that it could be worn with another dress. Because of how expensive dresses were, these accessories were common in a ladies' wardrobe.