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Editorials From Over the Nation

BOBS.

Idaho Statesman—Dams Fashion can change the style of gowns in a season, but she could not rule the bob over any other style of hair. A year ago, or more, the nation was told that bobbed hair was going out of date. There was much pother about devices to stimulate long hair while bobs were growing out. There was a temporary cessation of bobbing. Then it became apparent that the prediction, made hopefully by the hair dressers, was not coming true. Emancipated young ladies refused to go back to surging hair, pleading comfort and convenience, youthful appearance and the attractiveness of the bob as their excuse. The lines into the cutting parlors were reformed. The bob blossomed forth again. There was a change, of course. Dams Fashion usually saves something from a failure—but it was merely the fraying and marring of the hair, which was still simpler.

It now seems apparent that bobbed hair is not to be ruled out, the style, like the hair, must grow out. And neither can be accomplished satisfactorily in face of the supporters of bobbed hair, which number includes, to begin with, nearly all those who have had their cut and prefer staying bobbed to passing through the hair-in-hair period of surly short-long hair. Bobbed hair is supported, too, by plenty of men. One of the most noted in the favorite New York cut-off not long ago in this vein.

It seems inconceivable to most of us men that women should revert to the discarded custom of wearing their hair long. There is everything to be said in favor of bobbed hair and nothing against it. It becomes nearly every woman, and what should inspire its popularity is that it makes a woman look younger. Why, then, would the fair sex return to a manner of head-dress that makes them look older? Bobbed hair, too, is an honest fashion. There is no deception about it, no false padding, no wearing of somebody else's hair. Men have always regarded the woman who wears her hair as these coiffures would have her wear it with a feeling of disapproval, knowing that much of her hair is not her own. Women should realize that bobbed hair is beautiful, suitable to the age, and that it makes her appear younger.

It is interesting to note how that common-sense was received by at least one woman. She wrote to the same editor, asking permission to "add a word," notwithstanding the fact that she is "condemned by age to the ranks of the long of hair." This is what she said:

Bobbed hair is clean, neat, a great saver of time and temper. If the hairdressers or the ladies of fashion must have elaborate coiffures, let them go to it. But leave to the sport girl, to the society girl or to the work-woman—whether from amusement, from the home or the well-to-do or of the wealthy—the freedom, charm, comfort and easy cleanliness of her bobs.

Bobbed hair, it appears, then, is not any longer a frivolous fashion. It may have been when it started, but it has grown to the dimension of a revolution. Woman has changed her hairdress for a generation at least.

...of youth is not always as real as it seems. The youth thinks it is, it is at least very earnest, and the importance of being earnest can hardly be exaggerated. Let them write their poems. Don't let the birds sing in springtime? It is vain for any modern King to profit for his wares in the banker.

LOVERS, LYRICS AND LADIES.

Toronto Star: President Creeden of the Georgetown university at Washington has been admonishing his male students. "Above all," a dispatch quotes him, "don't write poems too often to young ladies." But why not? If Horace could write in his Laide, and Catullus to his Lesbia, why should the fountain (pen) of poetic youth be dammed twenty centuries later? All the world still loves a lover even.

Sighing like a furnace with a woeful ballad. Made to his mistress' cypher. It may be said for Horace that he reserved most of his lyric outbursts until the years of manhood (if not of discretion) were upon him. But Catullus, on the contrary, wrote in the flush of youth as the love-moods were experienced. If there was a President Creeden in those early times, he did not succeed in deterring the poet. It is true, however, that Catullus addressed a fictitious personage. Her real name was not Lesbia, but Clodia. And in view of the possibility of damage actions for breach of promise, similar tactics may be employed with wisdom today.

But apart from these ordinary precautions, the outpouring of youthful song should be stimulated, rather than stemmed. Modern life suffers from too little real sentiment rather.



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A Courtesy Campaign

The American Automobile Association has started a movement for more courtesy among drivers of cars. Pointing out that a certain fraternal bond exists among motorists, the secretary of the association remarks that accidents occur in every place where the public meets, but they are minimized by mutual tact, courtesy and forbearance.

Why should it not be the same with automobilists? The largest public gathering in the world is that of automobile drivers on the highways of the nation, and certainly the same courtesy that prevails in other walks of life should prevail here. A few softly spoken words when a minor accident does occur would often turn a potential lawsuit into a lifetime friendship, for there is nothing that draws men together like a willingness to assume the blame, even when one knows he is not entirely at fault. The automobile courtesy campaign now being launched will go further toward making the roads and streets safe for both motorist and pedestrian than all the laws that could possibly be evolved.

An experienced motorist was heard the other day giving some advice to a beginner. "In case of accident," he said, "always begin abusing the other fellow without delay. Cuss him out. Tell him it was his fault. It's the only way. He'll do you if he can. You get your complaint in first." If every motorist acted on this principle there would be small hope of the success of the courtesy campaign. Fortunately few are so boorish and narrowly minded. But automobile courtesy need not be restricted to polite words. There are acts of common courtesy in the driving of a car that would add immensely to the general comfort, convenience and safety.

Motorists who fail to dim their lights on meeting another car at night are a source of much danger. So are those who neglect to signal when about to turn a corner or to slacken speed. The driver who invariably insists on his right of way is another potential author of accidents. The motorist who refuses to treat others with courtesy, at the cost of only a few seconds of time, never stops to think that he may need the same courtesy himself someday. Courtesy of deeds as well as of words is the need of the hour.

Achievement the Reward

Recently Luther Burbank called attention to the difference in reward that accrues to the inventor of a useful device or the author of a popular book and that which is reaped by one who propagates a new and valuable plant. The inventor is protected by patent and is insured payment for the product of his genius.

The author is guarded against piracy of his work by copyright. But the plant wizard, such as Mr. Burbank himself is, is guaranteed no adequate reward. In a much limited way he may profit, but once the improved plant is out of his hands it is beyond his control and yields no return to him whose genius had delved into nature's secrets and had assisted him to produce something better than had hitherto been. While Mr. Burbank himself does not lament this situation, it would be impossible to alter it were he of a mind to do so. Suppose one were to develop a far more productive variety of wheat than has hitherto been grown. The propagator might sell seed at a high price, but he would have competitors the second season in all to whom he sold in the first season, so that the monopoly would cease quickly to exist.

It might be thought that this condition would operate to discourage study and investigation and research to improve plants, but whatever effect might be expected it remains true that development and improvement goes on. Our wheat of today scarcely resembles the crude grain of its earlier development. Corn likewise. There has been improvement and it has been to the benefit of the race that it has been impossible to corner for long any marked improvement in quality and yield of any of the products in which nature has so large a part. Perhaps there was design in this.

We can get along if need be, without inventions and without books, though not so comfortably, perhaps, but we cannot get along without those things for which we are dependent mainly on nature. Increase of population makes imperative increase in food through quality as well as quantity. Luther Burbank may not reap great financial profit from his discoveries and investigation and experiments, but he has the reward of merit, the satisfaction of having served well his age, and there is no higher reward. It is well that there is one avenue of endeavor where selfishness finds small invitation to enter.

The Pennsylvania state highway department classifies an automobile hearse as a pleasure vehicle. It might be regarded as such by the heirs in some instances.

Former Empress Zita is said to be seeking the throne of Hungary for her youthful son. A mother might be expected to wish her son well.

Relics of a race of men who lived nearly 8,000 years ago and little above animals have been unearthed in France. Page the fundamentalists!

With a 3,000,000,000 bushel crop in prospect and corn worth nearly as much as wheat, the sun is not obscured in the corn belt.

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