

BRUSHING UP THE OLD HAT.



—From New York World.

A SYMBOL OF FREEDOM.

The Liberty Cap Dates Away Back to Early Greek Times.

From very early times one of the distinguishing marks of a slave, both in Greece and oriental countries generally, was the lack of any covering for the head. Accordingly the cap came to be considered the insignia of liberty, and when slaves were given their freedom they were presented with a cap as an emblem of it.

In Sparta the helots wore a cap of dogskin, and this was reckoned a badge of servitude, but upon gaining their freedom this was replaced by a cap of a different material, of another shape and ornamented with flowers. A similar custom was observed in Rome, where the presentation of the pileus, or cap, was always a part of the ceremony of manumitting a slave; hence arose the proverb, "Servos ad pileum vocare."

Also on medals the cap is the symbol of liberty and is usually represented as being held in the right hand by the point. When a cap was exposed to the people's view on the top of a spear, as in the case of the conspiracy against Caesar, it was intended as a public invitation to them to embrace the liberty that was offered them.

The Goddess of Liberty on Mount Aventine was represented as holding a cap in her hand as a symbol of freedom. The Jacobins wore a red cap during the French revolution, and in England a blue cap with a white border is used as a symbol of liberty.

The custom which prevails among university students of wearing a cap is said to have had its origin in a wish

to signify that the wearers had acquired full liberty and were no longer subject to the rod of their superiors.

The Bird of Death.

In New Guinea there is said to be a venomous bird called the bird of death. It is about the size of a pigeon, with a tail of extraordinary length ending in a tip of brilliant scarlet. It has a sharp, hooked beak and frequents marshes and stagnant pools. The venom with which it inoculates is distilled in a set of organs which lie in the upper mandible, just below the openings of the nostrils. Under them, in the roof of the mouth, is a small fleshy knob. When the bird sets its beak in the flesh of a victim this knob receives a pressure which liberates the venom and inoculates the wound.

Baby Seals.

Baby seals are at first snow white, which makes them invisible on the white ice on which they are born. Their eyes and noses are, however, black, and when the little ones are suddenly alarmed they close their eyes, bury their noses and lie quite still. It is only when they grow and begin to seek their own food that they become dark and sleek.

Too Full For Utterance.

"He invented a dandy story to tell his wife when he got home after midnight."

"Good one, was it?"

"A peach; it would satisfy any woman."

"Did it satisfy her?"

"It would have, but he couldn't tell it."—Houston Post.

CIGARETTES ARE BAD FOR WOMEN

Mrs. Woodrow Wilson Has Decided Views on Subject.

AN ERROR IN NAMES.

Wife of Democratic Candidate Gives Out Letter Taking Strong Stand on Smoking Habit.

New York.—For the first time since Woodrow Wilson became the Democratic presidential candidate has Mrs. Wilson appeared. She attended in person her husband's daily conference with reporters, although heretofore she has made special requests that she be not quoted, nor written about in the papers.

What Mrs. Wilson wished to have fully understood was that if she becomes the first lady of the land she will not, as has been said in a widely distributed interview, have packages of cigarettes in her personal desk at the White House and indulge in smoking them with her callers.

Through Governor Wilson, Mrs. Wilson asked that publicity be given to a letter she had written to the editor of the State Journal at Columbus, O., repudiating an alleged interview with her in which she defended cigarette smoking for women. The interview had come to her in a letter signed "American Citizen," which said:

"Dear Madam—I can scarcely think of any greater calamity to the young women of the nation than to read such a preachment as your interview offers them. I am a workman, and I see men lose their jobs almost every day because they are incapacitated for work by the use of the cigarette. If smoking does this for strong men what will it do for girls and women?"

The "interview" was indeed a cordial endorsement of the woman smoker. Here are some of its assuring phrases, all credited to Mrs. Wilson:

"A woman writer for a syndicate of Sunday newspapers asked Mrs. Woodrow Wilson if she agreed with Gertrude Atherton's opinion of the smoking of cigarettes by women. She smilingly exhibited three cigarette boxes piled in the corner of her desk, all but empty.

"Why shouldn't a woman smoke if she enjoys it?" she queried.

"Why hasn't she just as much right to a cigarette as a man? Certainly I agree with Mrs. Atherton that any existing prejudice against women smoking is to the last silly and absurd.

"Smoking cigarettes is a question of manners, not morals. It promotes good fellowship.

"Some women feel that a cigarette calms their nerves and helps their brains into working order. Personally smoking diffuses my thoughts instead of concentrating them. I enjoy it as I enjoy after dinner coffee. Both are pleasant ways of ending and finishing off; both add to conviviality and good fellowship."

The editor of the Ohio State Journal, it was clear, had been much incensed at the apologies for the cigarette habit among women attributed to Mrs. Wilson, as he wrote on Aug. 10 an editorial in which he called for the defeat of Governor Wilson or a repudiation from his wife. If there was no mistake about it, he wrote, "Mrs. Woodrow Wilson shouldn't be mistress of the White House."

If the Ohio editor was emphatic Mrs. Wilson was certainly not less so. After the reporters had said they would gladly publish her letter to the Ohio editor she asked for an hour's time in which to write one. This was what she prepared:

"Dear Sir—I have just received a copy of the Journal with your editorial entitled "Smoking Women," and I beg leave to indignantly deny the statement that I approve of women smoking cigarettes. The interview upon which your editorial was based is a pure invention. I intensely dislike the cigarette smoking habit for women—in fact, so strong is my feeling on the subject that my real danger lies in being unjust and unkind in my judgment of those who differ with me in this respect.

But certainly no woman in our household ever has or ever will smoke. Quite apart from the bad taste of it, I believe with you that it has an extremely injurious effect on the nerves.

ELLEN A. WILSON.
(Mrs. Woodrow Wilson.)

Governor Wilson, in approving the letter sent out by Mrs. Wilson, offered what he thought might prove an explanation for the interview.

"I do not think it was maliciously invented," he said. "There is a rather well known writer who signs herself Mrs. Wilson Woodrow, and she no doubt has been confused with Mrs. Wilson."

Mrs. Wilson Woodrow was formerly married to a relative of Governor Wilson, and it is understood that her views on the matter of women who smoke are different from those held in the household of the Democratic candidate.

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CHICAGO IN ITS YOUTH.

It Got One Weekly Mail, by Horseback, From the East in 1832.

Extracts from the first city directory of Chicago reprinted in the Record-Herald show, for the most part, a feeling of satisfaction in the compiler. The directory appeared in 1844. "Our common schools," he writes, "are worthy of special notice." Regarding entertainment for the stranger within the gates, he is able to note definite improvement. Whereas, "In early times our inns were miserable in the extreme," now "we have eighteen hotels and houses of public entertainment, many of them large and splendid establishments, not inferior to any in the west."

He hazards a prophecy which has been more than fulfilled when he says: "We have four large packing houses, and all of them have done a heavy business thus far. The pork packing is only just commencing, but will, it is thought, be extensive."

The progress that had been made in postal facilities is shown by this record: "A weekly mail from the east was received here on horseback in 1832. The next year it was received in a one horse wagon weekly. In 1833 a two horse wagon was substituted. In 1834 a four horse stage line was established semi-weekly; tri-weekly in 1835. In 1837 there was a daily eastern mail. There are now received and made up at this office forty-eight mails weekly, and the receipts of the office amount to about \$10,000."

In one or two respects the narrator cannot speak so cheerfully. He is compelled to acknowledge a debt of \$8,977.25. He adds, however, that "The credit of the city is now established upon a permanent foundation and cannot easily be shaken." But for the stage he sees no immediate hope. This is his plaint: "Our theater—a very pretty one—has been in operation the past season and met with some encouragement, but it must be confessed that at present the prospects of the drama are not flattering."

Everlasting Yeast.

A yeast that is always ready, in hot weather or cold, in town or on the farm, may be had if at each baking is saved a small quantity of the bread sponge before any salt has been used. To this must be added about one-half the same amount of sugar for a preservative. I have used the same yeast in this way for two and one-half years now, and it is as good as ever. Freezing does it no harm. No salt should be used. If in warm weather it seems to be without life, try it with a little flour and water, and it will be all right. This makes the finest possible bread.—National Magazine.

A Problem He Hadn't Solved.

In 1865 there went to Paris a young Belgian named De Groof, who was fully convinced that he had solved the problem of aerial flight. He did not succeed in interesting French experts, but later in England met with some encouragement. Finally, in the presence of a large crowd De Groof made his attempt. His machine was attached to a balloon, and after reaching a height of 4,000 feet he cut himself loose. The machine fell like a stone and crashed down upon the rough pavement of Robert street, Chelsea, with a sickening thud. De Groof was dead.—New York Tribune.

The Way They Struck.

A company of Italian laborers engaged in the construction of a railway in Germany had their wages reduced. They said nothing, but during the night each of the men cut an inch of the end of his shovel. In reply to the foreman who took them to task about it one of them said, "Not so much pay, not lift so much earth. So much longer last work. Italian not fool like German. Italians not strike!"—London Mail.

Another Way to Put It.

"After all," said the moralist, "the almighty dollar is man's greatest enemy. It"—
"If that's so," interrupted old Roxey, "I guess that young wife of mine merely loves me for the enemies I've made."—Philadelphia Ledger.

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