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DOFFING THE HAT

Politeness Traced Back to the Primitive Times.

Ancient Peoples, as Mark of Submission, Uncovered Body and Surrendered Their Clothing.

We consider a man a gentleman who takes off his hat to a lady. At least the act is thought to be gentlemanly, polite. The origin of this custom, like so many other customs common among so-called civilized peoples, goes back to primitive times, says the Salt Lake Tribune.

When a person was made captive his conqueror stripped him of his weapons and clothing and left him without anything he could call his own. The captive was thus made a slave, his lack of clothing being evidence of his subjugation. We need only to look at the sculptures of the Assyrians to see the truth of the fact. And in Isaiah 20:2-4, we find the following statement: "And the Lord said, like as my servant Isaiah hath walked naked and barefoot three years for a sign, so shall the king of Assyria lead away the Egyptians prisoners, and the Ethiopians captives, young and old, naked and barefoot."

The first step, then, in tracing the origin of taking off the hat, is the surrender of the clothing among primitive and ancient peoples as a mark of submission. The next step is the uncovering of the body as a mark of reverence. There are all degrees of uncovering, though often only the most valuable parts of the clothing are taken off in the presence of superiors.

It must be remembered that this act of uncovering the body was ceremonial in nature and used to show reverence to a superior. Then came the use of the ceremonial to propitiate the dead. We can see a remnant of this most any time. At funerals and in our graveyards men take off their hats. They still take off their hats on entering churches and before the images of Christ and the Madonna.

In times of chivalry men raised their hats to ladies to show reverence. But this was only superficial in meaning. A knight would ride down a poor peasant woman carrying a large burden and never think of helping her—least of all would he think of taking off his hat to her. However, if he heard of some beautiful damsel of his own class in the slightest danger, imaginary or real, he would go to her and, hat in hand, kneel and dedicate himself to her service.

Today much the same things occur. Ordinarily a gay youth forgets to take off his hat to his mother, yet he shows this deference to his "best girl." After all it is only form, and politeness should go deeper than this. However, the form persists, and it is of some historical interest to remember that it is a remnant of the primitive stripping of a captive by which process was expressed the fact that he yielded up all he had. Taking off the hat to a wealthy girl means, occasionally, not only the yielding up of all you have, but the getting of all she has. Ceremony is often nothing but a hard calculation in regard to personal results, especially where self-aggrandizement is the ultimate aim of the polished individual.

Smoked Dry Pipe.

The lost pipe of a Hun raider was found in the garden of a house in an Essex town over which a German airship passed. A portion of the stem has been cut and flattened and upon it is written in indelible ink, "Karl Werner, 13138—A. G." The under side of the bowl and the stem have been notched eleven times and on the side of the mouthpiece are more notches. The finder of the pipe said: "There was no smell of tobacco about the pipe and it had not apparently been recently smoked. It is possible that it was used by the owner as a dry pipe as the mouthpiece shows signs of hard biting. The notches cut in the stem may record the number of times the airman had flown with it in his mouth." "Smoking" a dry pipe is not unusual, especially would it be the case in a Zeppelin in which a spark from a lighted pipe might cause the ship's destruction.

A Cameo Kingdom.

Prince Liechtenstein, whose frank utterances formed the most striking incident of a peace demonstration held recently in Vienna, is heir to a principality which enjoys the unique distinction among continental nations of having no army and no compulsory military service. Prior to the Austro-Prussian war the tiny state of Liechtenstein constituted part of the German confederation, and was bound to maintain a quota of men for service in the federal army, but after Sadowa its force of eighty soldiers was disbanded and have never been revived.

Boy Drowns, Cat Saved.

The nine lives a cat possesses stood one creature in good stead in northeast London not long ago. A boy was taking a cat in a basket to the Cats' home to be destroyed. On the way he slipped and fell into a canal, the cat being in the basket which he still held. The boy was drowned, but the cat managed to save itself, and has returned to its owner's house.

His Memory.

Proprietor—Won't you try our pie? It's just like mother used to make.
Diner—Well—er—I knew your mother and you'd better bring me ice cream.

TAKING THE HUBBY SHOPPING

Big Chief of the Household Learns What Trouble the Wife Always Has to Experience.

As to the advisability of taking one's husband to the shops, much may be said on both sides, observes Simeon Strunsky, in Harper's Magazine. On the one hand, it is certain that after he has spent three hours in a chair while his wife tries on spring suits, a man will have a very definite idea of what women suffer in the daily task. The next time his wife comes home from the shops with a headache he is likely to be more sympathetic.

But then again it may be that the memory of his own bitter ordeal will prevail, and he will carry away with him a more vivid sense of the fatigues in which the life of woman is spent. It all depends on the man, of course. But the husband endowed with just a bit of philosophic reflection, planted three solid hours in a tapestry chair, in an audience of 300 women and 50 salesgirls, will watch the strained and tired faces, the tryings-on and divestings, the search after the unattainable ideal, the final purchase made more out of weariness than out of satisfaction; and he cannot help asking himself: "For whom is it all?" And he will say to himself, "For us males?" And it will make him thoughtful.

Taking along one's husband to the store as critic and appraiser is of no use at all. In the first place, his principles of criticism are utterly unlike a woman's. His criticism is of the romantic, impressionistic school. He looks at his wife in the green cloak with fur edging and says, "I like that." Or else he says, "You look well in that." As if the mere fact that a woman looks well in a green coat or that she likes it were the deciding factor!

Woman belongs, in the matter of dress, to the scientific school of criticism, which bases itself on universal principles—Aristotle, Taine, Brunetiere. It is criticism which does not ask whether a woman looks well in a green cloak trimmed with fox, but says: "How does this green cloak fit into that woman's life, her temperament, her likes, her friends, her duty of being duplicated by the woman next door, on the other hand?"

A man likes his wife's new dinner gown when it looks well on his wife in the shop. A woman is bound to think of the gown in relation to the wallpaper and the lights at home, the fact that she had a dark-red dinner gown year before last, the fact that her color is somewhat higher than it was two years ago, that she has taken on three pounds in weight, that her husband's income has materially increased since last year, and that next year people will be wearing greens and purples.

Found First Diamond.

The first diamond discovered in Griqualand, South Africa, was found by the children of a Dutch farmer, who for a time used it as a flint. The stone was later sent to Cape Town, where its true nature was recognized, and it was subsequently forwarded to Paris, where it was exhibited and sold for \$2,500. The valuable discovery soon led to other researches, and diamonds were unearthed in various places in Griqualand West, with the result that, 46 years ago, the country of the Griquas, a mixed race sprung from Dutch settlers and native women, was annexed by Great Britain.

Diamond hunting was at first confined to the banks of the Vaal river, but in the year of the British occupation mines were opened in the locality known as "dry diggings," which has since received the name of Kimberly. In 1872 the world was startled by the discovery of the Stewart diamond of 288 3/4 carats. The daily output of the consolidated mines at Kimberly just prior to the outbreak of the war was valued at \$220,000.

Communal Kitchens.

The latest proposal for the elimination of waste in food and the supply of meals at minimum cost in England, includes, what for a better term is called, communal feeding. The communal kitchen has been proposed on several occasions but, save for a few spasmodic experiments, it has not been given a thorough trial. Lord Rhonda is interested in the new proposal and acting with a committee of social workers he is devising plans to give the scheme a real test. With so many women doing war work and with consequent neglect of household duties, some such plan as is proposed will have to be carried out if the rising generation is not to suffer seriously in health.

A Movie Fan.

"You must make home so attractive that your husband will want to stay at home evenings."
"How can I?" asked the married young woman. "Even if we had a moving picture machine. I couldn't make arrangements for all the first-run films."

Her Privilege.

Mrs. Pickles—You don't mind my looking at your husband, do you? I think he's perfectly lovely. He's been making eyes at me all evening.
Mrs. Peppers—Sure as much as you like, dear. A cat may look at a king.

Very Simple.

"Can you tell me, professor, if this amber jewelry is genuine?"
"Oh, that's very easily determined. Soak it in alcohol for twenty-four hours. If it's genuine, it will then have disappeared."

Declares Fish Sunburnt.

A patient angler was fishing from a jetty at a seaside resort, and two visitors were watching him. Most of the fish caught were flat fish, and the two watchers began to argue why the fish were brown on one side and white on the other. One suggested that the fish were originally all white, but that, sleeping on their backs in the mud, they had become so soiled that it wouldn't wash off.

This was so ridiculed by the other man that, angrily, he bet any amount that his theory was correct.

Upon the case being put to the angler, he remarked: "You are entirely wrong. The real cause of one side being brown is that the fish have been swimming so long with their backs uppermost that they have got sunburnt!"

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Poisonous Constituent of Ivy.

Whether the poisonous constituent of poison ivy is chemical or bacterial is discussed in the Medical Record.

Doctor Frost insists that it is bacterial, because of the incubation period, the complete natural immunity of certain individuals, and that exposure may be strictly limited to proximity of the plant and for other reasons, and asserts that he has found a form of bacteria constant on all leaves examined.

J. T. McNair insists that actual contact with the resinous sap must occur, and that neither mixing with mercury nor heating destroys the poisonous quality of the sap. He therefore believes the action is chemical.

The Usual Difficulty.

"I wish I had a lot of money!" he said, rather unoriginally, we thought. "What a selfish wish!" we murmured, echoing bromide with bromide. "It is not selfish," he asserted. "Indeed, I was thinking how much good I could do if I had money."

"You can do a lot of good as it is," we counseled sagely. "It is not necessary to be rich to do good. There are many, many things you can do to ameliorate suffering and distress. Personal service, and all that sort of thing."

"Yes, yes," he said impatiently. "The subject will come back to it." Ay, there's the rub!—Exchange.

Shrine Destroyer in Danger.

Destroying a shrine nearly cost a woman her life at Kalma, Korea. It seems that a shrine located in her garden was frequented by the Koreans in the neighborhood and a great many of them visited it every day. In doing so, they trespassed on the garden itself and did much damage, to the great annoyance of the owner. To put a stop to this, the lady destroyed the shrine, and this enraged the Koreans. They set fire to the house, and were about to kill the owner when a force of police dispersed them.

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Dated this 2nd day of January, 1918.
ROSE E. NEWBY and
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