

## HINDU ETIQUETTE.

Husband and Wife Never Mention Each Other to Friends.

You can never tell what is manners and what isn't in India. When a woman wants to be very polite to a man she turns her back on him. A flatterer any Hindu man to have a pretty woman plainly and ostentatiously turn her back on him.

Between husband and wife there is a queer system of etiquette. Whatever happens, a Hindu wife must never mention her husband by name. When she goes to call on her neighbor lightly chatting the afternoon through, comparing notes on the latest nose rings and the best way to stain the fingers with the fashionable henna, she must never let the conversation swing around so that she will have to mention her husband. If she should go so far as to forget herself and mention her lord and master to her shocked companion her hostess would soon yawn and explain that she had to go and put the bread in.

However, she can talk about her children all she wants to; there is nothing in the Hindu etiquette book against that. She can tell what a funny thing Jamiji said the other night at the supper table, how much he helps her around the house and delicately hint how much brighter he is than the other children in the neighborhood, but she must never under any circumstances mention his father.

Even stricter social rules govern the men. One Hindu man must never ask another Hindu man how his wife is getting along. That would brand the man as not having the slightest idea what drawing room usage was. All the men at the club would shun him. No one would dare to ask him to come over to the table and have a grape juice for fear right before everybody he might ask how his wife was.

When a Hindu goes to call it is not good manners to leave until the host gets up and tells him to go.—Homer Croy in Leslie's Weekly.

### Wheels.

The earliest mention of wheels in the Bible is in Exodus xiv. 25, when the chariot wheels of the Egyptians were taken off by the Lord. But chariots are mentioned in Genesis xii. 43. But there were older nations than the Egyptians. The Chaldeans used chariots, and the Greeks—Homer's poems date from about 900 B. C.—had chariots at the siege of Troy, 1500 B. C. Probably in reality the wheel is as old as early a piece of machinery now existing. Of course it has been developed, but the wheel of today is a lineal descendant of the wheels of a log of wood used by the agricultural peoples thousands of years ago.

### Death Valley.

Death valley is a narrow valley between the Panamint and Funeral mountains in California. It is traversed by the Amargosa river, which is usually a dry channel, though probably it was formerly full of water. The level of the valley is covered with salt, supposed to have been brought by the torrents from the surrounding desert and left on the evaporation of the water. Death valley is considered to be the hottest and driest place in the United States. A temperature of 122 degrees has been observed.

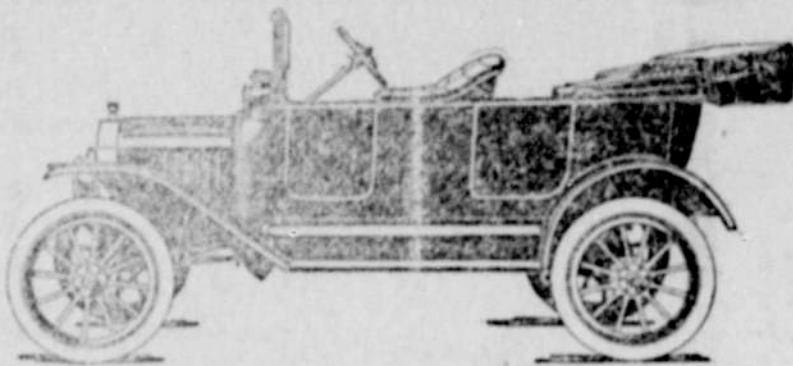
### Tragedy of a Diary.

The author of "Leaves From a Garden" tells a story which is at once a study in feminine revenge and a warning against the keeping of diaries. A girl had made at the instigation of her parents what seemed to be a happy match. But she died, and her diary, found after her death, contained a record of such suffering that her mother's mind was unbalanced by the reading. The husband married again, and by way of a wedding present to the second bride the mother of the first sent—the diary!

### Suspicious.

Ann Eliza, a dusky washerwoman in Mobile, was being courted by a swain who approached her as she was at her wash tub. After a few preliminary greetings she turned to him with, "Is yo' all shore yo' loves me?" "Co'se I's shore!" was the indignant response. There followed a moment of silence, during which the washerwoman attacked her wash with renewed vigor. Then, pausing an instant in her work, she added suspiciously, "You all ain't lost yo' job, has yo'?"

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