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Whiskers and Hat Cords Now Out of Style

(New York Sun)

The passing of the hat cord has occasioned a certain amount of mournful comment during recent windy days when the sailing has been fine in front of the Woolworth Building. Popular comment credits it to one of those shavings of the overhead for which the war furnished a handy excuse. But not many of the mourners are aware that the birth of the hat cord was intimately bound up with Dundreary whiskers.

They say that in the days when an Englishman's face was not fashionable unless decorated by weeping willows on the cheeks—the days when the elder Sothorn immortalized himself with his creation of Lord Dundreary—travelers from England to France across the gusty channel lost many hats because their hands, in darting upward to save their headgear, became entangled in their whiskers.

Hence the invention of a cord as an appendage to the hat, worn around the base of the crown in a calm, unfurled in a storm and secured in a buttonhole of the coat by means of an ivory guard. It was attached first to bowler hats, which we call derbies, and old copies of Punch in the earlier days of Du Maurier, the great exponent of Dundreary whiskers, show it as a precious part of the costume of a beau of that period.

In America, the home of the stiff straw likely, the cord survived as an especially useful part of man's summer equipment, inasmuch as the straw kelly blows off easier, sails higher and bowls further than any

other tile ever invented. The last remembered custom with it was to fasten it to the brim about an inch behind the back of the ear by means of a screw bolt that pierced the straw.

Some observers maintain, strange as it may seem, that fewer lids have been blown off since the abolition of the cord than were blown off when it was universally worn. The explanation they offer is that in the days of the cord few men unfurled and attached it on a windy day and yet the fact of its being there lulled them into a false subconscious security, so that they failed to grab their lids at dangerous moments. But since the abolition of the cord they exercise greater vigilance knowing that only a vigilant right hand can avert total hatlessness.

CURRENT SHRUB.

A decidedly cooling beverage to serve with the dinner is made of currants or a mixture of currants and raspberries. Heat two quarts of the ripe berries until soft, then squeeze through a cheesecloth bag. To each quart of juice add two tea cupsful of sugar and stir until dissolved. Fill pitcher almost half full of cracked ice; place on this slices of one cucumber and pour over it the fruit juice. Serve very cold.

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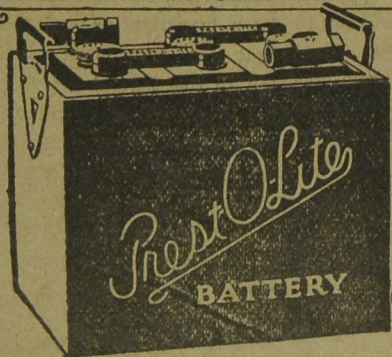
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The Old Meaning of the B. A. Degree Has Gone

(New York Sun)

"By virtue of the power vested in me by the board of trustees of Hoshokan University I do hereby admit you to the degree of bachelor of arts and to all the rights and privileges thereof."

The open season for college commencements is on. Audacious the statistician who essays to guess how many times to how many graduates how many college presidents will during the present month repeat that opening formula with or without slight variations. And of all that vast number who hand out the tightly rolled shee of sheepskin or—more likely pseudo number who receive the ribbon bedecked roll display it proudly to father and mother and best girl and then take it home to deposit it in the bottom bureau drawer, unless perchance they be future dentists or undertakers in which case they preserve it for office wall decoration—of all that vast number how many know what are the "rights and privileges" to which the candidate is welcomed?

When one investigates beyond the mellifluous flourish of the president's words one finds that those high sounding rights and privileges are darn few! The one privilege to be counted on is the *ius non trahi extra* or, as it is called by way of endearment, the *privilegium fori*.

What Privilege Was

You, don't get it? Well, that particular right is—maybe it'd be better to say was—the privilege of all universities in any way influenced by the one at Paris and it meant that in order to prevent the interruption of studies all students were exempt from citation to courts at a distance from Paris.

You get the idea of course. Keep 'em in Paris and know what they're doing!

In addition there were a few privileges that grew out of the idea that university people are "clerks" and so a privileged class. As clerks then, they might claim "benefit of clergy" and for the commission of most crimes be tried not in temporal courts but in ecclesiastical courts where punishment might rightly be expected to be much lighter.

In time this privilege came to be extended to all those who by showing their ability to read proved their right to the title of clerk. As test of this ability the opening words of Versel Psalm 51 were used and because of its power to secure the remission of capital punishment and so save the neck of the criminal, it became known as the "neck verse."

In case of emergency one might memorize "Have mercy upon me, O God, according to thy loving kindness; according unto the multitude of thy tender mercies blot out my transgressions."

But the young graduate, did he but know, instead of waiting for June and diplomas, might have claimed these rights—much good would it have done—all during his college career. For these were after all the privileges of all university men and did not wait upon the receipt of a degree.

Universities were in medieval times granted these rights to encourage their establishment. They might be local grants to prevent the removal elsewhere of the educational halls and the young blades who patronized the Guild Haberdashery; or they might be general grants constituting the university a part of church and State and exempting the members from financial or military service except under exceptional conditions.

A. B. Means Little Anxhow

What cold comfort such knowledge may bring to the budding A. B. will be made still colder by the information that this particular degree holds means practically nothing. Historically, the A. B. degree was simply a license to teach and to proceed to a higher degree. In the thirteenth century at Paris it was conferred upon students who had passed certain preliminary tests—notice the preliminary.

At Bologna it meant that one might teach in a Master's school; it permitted one to be a sort of teacher and pupil combined. But even this benefit was qualified. List to the chronicler:

"Bachelor lectures were apparently looked upon rather in the light of academical exercises for the lecturers than a means of instruction for the pupils. It was sometimes necessary for an ambitious student who was anxious to have an audience to bribe scholars to come and sit under him by gifts or loans of money."

And what's more, an A. B., had to teach hatless. The right to wear a hat while teaching was reserved to the masters and the placing of the biretta or cap symbolized the entrance from bachelorship to mastership.

And are these the "rights and privileges" for which the ambitious student works or bluffs for four long years? Shouldn't prey free himself from the bonds of the precedent and deliver a more meaningful formula? But stay. There are more rights to which the new fulfilled graduate may cling.

Some Of The Benefits.

When once he may add to his name those first two letters of the alphabet he may also get in line for the honored position of "oldest living graduate." His degree confers upon him also the privilege of complaining that "It was not like this in the olden days" and of beginning his tales with, "do you remember the time when—". And finally once a year at class reunions it provides him with a short vacation from wife and baby without the necessity of exerting his ingenuity for the invention of a likely sounding excuse.

And so that A. B. may be of some value, after all.

UNEXPECTED VICTORY

Hrs. Gramercy—Why are you so happy your husband admitted that he was in the wrong?

Mrs. Park—I was just going to admit it myself.

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Prison Chaplain (to life convict)—"We must never forget that we have no permanent home here on earth."

Prisoner (sadly)—"Maybe not you, chaplain but I have."

ASLEEP THERE ONLY.

Bix—"A woman's place is in the home."

Dix—"Quite so. Unfortunately, there are a lot of women who don't know their place."

POINTED PARAGRAPHS.

nothing but the fool thinks he knows all.

Lift up your voice for that which is honest, lovely and of good report. There is a tide in the affairs of men which taken at the flood leads on to fortune.

The way to make ourselves admired is to be what we affect to be thought.

There is one thing always best to put off till tomorrow—borrowing trouble.

You may read all your life and never learn anything unless you learn to think.

Many a good drop of broth is made in an old pot.

NOTICE OF MEETING

MUNICIPALITY OF YORK

The Semi-Annual Session of the County Council of the Municipality of York will convene at the Council Chamber, County Court House, Fredericton, on Tuesday, the 4th day of July, 1922, at 2 p. m.

J. S. SCOTT,
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