

CAPTIVATED BY THE CAP

Fashion Whisks it to Dizzy Heights in Poplar Estimation.

DOZEN DIFFERENT BRANDS IN FAVOR

No Longer a Badge of Servitude or of Life's Autumn-Blushing Youth Does a Charming Bit of Headgear.

Consider the cap, how it adorns the head of maid, wife and widow these days and is becoming part and parcel of every well regulated feminine wardrobe.

Just now there are about a dozen different brands of caps on the market, ranging all the way from an airy snowflake of lace and silk muslin, that the debutante wears for breakfast, to the lawn-crown and snowy streamers, that is the especial companion of the widowed one.

more to laundress them, with their own fair hands, as our grandmothers used to do.

GOSSIP ABOUT WOMEN.

It is said that the number of women's clubs in London bids fair to exceed the number of men's clubs, providing that the rate of increase continues as it exists today.

There is a clever little woman in Washington, a mere girl, the daughter of a former naval officer who has added to her slender income considerably during the last few months by making neckties.

SIGNALING IN SEA FIGHTS

Closely Guarded Secrets of the Naval Signal Book.

TALKING BY MEANS OF FLAGS

The Ardois Night Signals and the Meyer Wig-Wag System to Be Tested in the Present War - Electric Signals.

In a naval battle the success or failure of a fleet may depend on keeping open communication between the different vessels of the squadron engaged.

In case of an enemy appearing on our coasts, arrangements have been made to notify the nearest body of troops or the commander of whatever ships may be at hand.

There is not a mother's son, marching away to the southern states and probably to Cuba, who does not wear around his neck, or arm, or in his pocket, some one or two old-time safeguards against battle, disease

system in use in the war of 1812 and in the civil war.

There have been some changes in the construction of flags, and the scope of communication has been greatly enlarged, but otherwise our forefathers talked at sea in much the same way that we do now.

How well the present flag and wig-wag signals will work during an engagement remains to be discovered; but if they fail attempts can still be made to communicate by the ship's whistle, or by written messages displayed on blackboards if occasion offers.

Safeguards Against Battle, Disease and Wedding Shuffles.

could renew it, when he got down to his last worn shirt and undershirt, and these perhaps not in very good condition, and then would come the time when he would tackle these in detail and wash them himself on a favorable day and hang them up to dry and put them on again when they were ready.

Men did their own washing just as they did their own mending. As a matter of fact the man in the army became self-helpful in many ways and developed, when he was really put to it, a fine capacity for doing many things that he might otherwise never have dreamed of doing, including fighting.

CABBY'S STRANGE FARE.

The Lonely Funeral in the Darkness of Night.

One night a cabby stood in the shelter of a building watching for fares, relates the Cincinnati Enquirer. A poor, half-starved man asked him what it would cost to drive several places. The night hawk had not been doing much business for several nights, and was out of humor.

After some bickering it was agreed that one-half be paid then, the rest when the trip was finished. The man got in the vehicle while cabby mounted the box. They stopped at a house, a poor shanty on a miserable street. The man went in. Presently he returned bearing a rude box in his arms.

town, where the only hotel had burned down a few days before, was a little uncertain when about to depart whether he should simply return his thanks or risk offending his host by offering pay.

"You have placed me under great obligations, Mr. Millaps," he said. "When I come in from a trip of this kind I am accustomed to turning in an expense account and it seems to me I ought to have put down in it something pretty handsome for the excellent entertainment I have had at your house."

Works Both Ways.

Chicago Post: "You're nervous," said the doctor. "Quite right," admitted the patient. "That's why I sent for you."

"The only thing for you to do," explained the doctor, "is to give up smoking entirely. If I don't smoke at all," answered the patient.

"Ah!" said the doctor. "Then the thing for you to do is to smoke a good cigar or a pipe occasionally. It has a very soothing effect."

Stop the War!

Detroit Free Press: "What's that?" shrieked the editor-general of the yellow journal as a loud explosion shook the block and shattered the windows.

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by the use of flags representing numerals, which are displayed in the rigging; by the use of the Ardois system of lights for night work; by the Meyer code of wig-wag signals, and by the use of the heliograph.

Signal Books Kept Secret.

As it is of the utmost importance that the enemy should not read the message, the signal books on board a vessel are protected with the greatest care, and are destroyed along with the cipher code whenever it is seen that capture is inevitable.

The semaphore signal system in use in the British navy was tried for a time aboard some of our vessels, but it never became popular and has been abandoned.

In signaling by the navy code the sentence to be sent is looked up in the code book and its corresponding number is obtained. This number is never more than four figures, on account of the necessity of setting the signal with the least delay.

The signal having been prepared is hoisted and left flying until the vessel to which the message has been sent signifies that it is understood by hoisting what is called the answering pennant.

It is often necessary for a man-of-war to communicate with a merchant vessel, or with some other war ship belonging to a foreign country. For this purpose the international code is also carried in the signal chest. These signals are those in general use by all the merchant navies of the world, for communication by day at sea.

Ardois System of Night Signals.

If a message is to be sent at night the Ardois system of night signals, with which all our vessels carrying electric plants are fitted, is employed.

On her retirement from the secretaryship of the Hindu Mahila Bidyalaya she received a handsome present, Hindu women assembling in large numbers at a mixed party in her honor. This is believed to be the first occasion when Hindu women in Bengal had ever broken through their rule of seclusion.

Lady Phear, on her husband's retirement to Exmouth, gradually took up the threads of a large amount of social and political work into which she infused interest and vitality, inducing others to follow her and lend their aid.

When circumstances permit the heliograph is sometimes used. The rays of the sun are thrown by a system of mirrors to the point with which the message is to be communicated, and then interpreted by means of a shutter, making dots and dashes as used in the Morse telegraph code. This system is used only when operations ashore are going on, as the rolling of the ship would prevent the concentration of the rays of sunlight.

The present systems of flag signaling are products of experience in the past, and are the natural growth of the cruiser flag

and sudden death, not to speak of such commonplace illnesses as toothache, ear-ache, bonellitis and what not. Some of the queer and more or less efficacious talismans the men have chosen for themselves, and every good Catholic wears a comforting scapular about his neck, but in the majority of cases the women have been responsible for this outburst of superstitious belief in the powers of the various amulets.

"Of course there may be nothing at all in wearing a potato in your pocket, but what an anxious wife says to a rheumatic or neuralgic husband, who she knows will have to sleep in damp places and run all manner of risks. Well, he usually pockets the potato, with a shaking sort of confidence in the humble tuber himself, while another man submits to the wearing of a set with a white silk pocket hung by a ribbon around his throat.

Stronger than a fear of Spanish bullets and terrors of the rheumatic woman's dread of fever, and every wife or mother has her own opinion of a special preventive of the dangerous yellow Jack. A turquoise is supposed to render its wearer impregnable to what the ancient believers in amulets called fire in the blood.

"No, dear," he answered sorrowfully. For the first time the woman saw cabby standing in the shadow.

"Oh, my God, John! We are found out!" she cried.

"No, ma'am, you're not," said cabby, coming forward. "At first I thought this was some devil's work, but it ain't. Here's your money, and I don't want a cent. The best thing you two can do is to light out of this town. If the cops ever get you it's all day with you."

With that cabby threw the money on the table and went out.

To Particular Difference to Him.

Chicago Tribune: The traveling man who had been royally entertained by the prosperous farmer in the outskirts of the little

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