

The Hatless Man is Next

Where is the nerry man? One who has the boldness and courage of his convictions, let him come forward—with his hat off.

Lincoln needs this man, with all the seconds obtainable. Thus it may set an example that will be the salvation and rejuvenation of noble heads of hair.

A year ago a man in Lincoln was brave enough to discount the gaze of the curious and appeared on the streets garbed in a shirt waist. Others were quick to follow and the glances were kindly shared. It will be the same with the man who appears without his hat. This year some of the merchants predict far heavier sales in shirt waists than ever before. The reason is that the novelty has worn off and men have come to learn that comfort is first of all desirable. They will not dodge the eyes of their fellow men this time and glances will cause them no concern. The conventional have fully recovered from the shock. The people are busy with something else now and the dealers who sold most of the shirts last year are better equipped for the market this time. It will be the same with the hatless man.

Better than all tonics—better, in fact, than anything in the world for the hair is exposure to the sun and winds. Enter a church, theatre or public meeting of any kind and count the shiny pates and the pates with but scraggly growth. They are primarily due to hats.

Let the man who fears he has not the nerve reflect on the fact that in the far east, in such towns as Washington, men have set the fashion. Driving, riding and strolling they are seen without their former headgear, and their hair is taking on the glossy, flourishing state of the aborigines. People are not shaming them for it either. They admire their nerve. They credit them, too, with wisdom.

Scalp diseases sometimes cause the hair to fall out. Usually, however, the trouble is in the blood circulation. The stiff hat rests on the arteries and restricts circulation. It depends mainly on the shape of the skull. There are arteries in the forehead, arteries over the temples and over the ears and at the back of the head. If a person's head is so shaped as to afford good solid bone lodgment for the hat and protection to these arteries his chances of dying bald headed are few. No man likes to have it known that his hair has fallen out. In time he brings himself to endure this sort of fate, of course, but you know he hates to be reminded of it.

Why should he not as soon be known as the hatless business man as the bald one? People admire a good head of hair. Why should he not prefer being seen without his hat to being without his hair?

As a matter of fact the women folks have rather given him a start in appearing minus headgear. In warm, pleasant weather they are to be spied both on the streets, in carriages and in cars, hair exposed to the cooling breezes. Of course you never see a bald woman. If for any cause or other her hair commences to drop out she supplies the loss at once with something just as good if not identical in color—a rat or switch, for instance. But the primary reason why women don't suffer baldness is that they are not cursed with tight hats. Big as their headgear appears, it sits on the top of the head, cushioned by enough hair to prevent the constriction of the arteries that feed the bulbs. Much of the time they are without even these and wear scarfs or hoods or things that look like a species of doily.

There is no "absolute cure" for baldness except that of wearing soft hats or none at all. If the scalp is diseased the chances are it is owing to the hat and neglect. Tonics may purify, but aside from that they do nothing. The hair is nourished from within. One might as well expect to make it grow by daily irrigation as to put faith in medicines. Sharp combs and

brushes are detestable and only make matters worse by irritation. A skilled masseur can finger the scalp in a way to revive the blood vessels and accelerate circulation, but even this service would scarce be needed if man could bring himself to believe that he doesn't need his hat. What's it good for anyway? A good head of hair will keep off the heat in the summer time and prison it in cold weather. In its healthful state it is almost oily enough to turn water. Why not let it serve in its natural capacity?

People often wonder why baldness generally sweeps out such a neat, even space from the top of a man's noggin. These are the cases invariably due to hat pressure. The most remote spot becomes bare first—that is, the most remote from the arteries. The hair is gradually starved to death and falls away from the top, the blank space drawing nearer and nearer to the rim of the hat. The blood is never entirely cut off but its current turns very sluggish as it proceeds above the pressing band. Thus under the rim the hair may be flourishing while above it suffers from drouth and barrenness. As for the inheritance of baldness it may be that the defects of the scalp sometimes travel to the offspring as moral and mental peculiarities occasionally do. Generally, however, the inheritors find themselves with heads shaped a good deal like their progenitors. But the hat—the stiff hat especially—is the first evil.

Where is that nerry man?

The City Council

Why have fourteen members in the city council?

Many people ask this question over and over again. Instead of proceeding with an answer they suggest a body of men composed of three, five or seven members to transact the business of the city at a sufficient salary to make the whole deal a matter of financial gain and not patriotism. The arguments they advance are varied.

Fourteen men are unwieldy. This is the first argument. Then the reasoner proceeds to show that the affairs of the city must be farmed out to committees and in this manner delayed. It is argued that a small number of men holding frequent sessions and having regular office hours could do far more than a large body holding desultory meetings.

A salary of \$25 monthly is not sufficient to secure the best talent, declare many citizens. The municipal servants should furnish substantial bonds and receive munificent salaries. This would make them responsible and at

the same time take the whole matter off a charity basis.

Working with a desire to please the constituency would be the program instead of trimming for a better office, argue the innovators. It would be a matter of the orderly and systematic caring for the municipal welfare and if a councilman made a mistake he would personally suffer along with the city at large.

Methods of election are as various as the number proposed. Perhaps seven, a councilman from each ward, would find the most favor among people inclined to scrap for the change. Others suggest three or five and elect them at large.

Whether the proposed plan would be economical, safe and practical only a trial will determine. One thing is sure. Most veteran councilmen are outspoken in favor of the plan. They declare that the change would benefit everybody and facilitate general business. The extra salary fees would be more than saved by a clear cut administration.

Opponents of the scheme declare that it is undemocratic and a blow at government by the people. It is asserted that it is the duty of the citizen to serve his fellows without liberal stipend in public office and the councilmen are more than hired servants. They also maintain that it would be easier to corrupt five or seven men than it would to gain the ear of fourteen.

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