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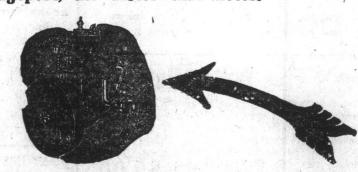
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The historian did not find out how long ago the first hat was worn, but he managed to compile a lot of exceedingly interesting facts about hats worn in the .last 6.000 years. The result of his findings have been published in pamphlet form and after reading the booklet. one develops considerable respect for his own \$2 straw, for he learns that instead of being a mere article of apparel, the hat has been a symbol around which great dramas of history have been woven. In fact, one learns that man has been identified by his hat ever since he wore a head-

For instance, the hat marks us out as free men instead of slaves. Among the ancient Romans when a slave was freed his head was shaved and he was allowed to wear a simple hat or cap, which thus became a symbol of freedom. In the Middle Ages opposing armies distinguished their leaders by

the colors of their headgear. In the 13th century Pope Innocent IV. made the hat the distinctve symbol of the Cardianalship. The French Revolution was a war between the red cap and the cocked hat. Perhaps the most peculiar mark of distinction conferred upon its

wearer by the hat was in France in the early part of the 16th century, where bankrupt Jews were compelled to wear a green hat so that people might avoid losses by trading with them.

The hat from early times was worn by Hebrews to distinguish them as "the chosen race," a reason, perhaps, why the orthodox Jew has clung tenaciously to wearing his head covering on all occasions, with the adoption of the skull cap as a characteristic emblem. The dignity of the hat is stressed in the refusal of Quakers to uncover in court or before royalty, so that William Penn braved severe penalties for his insistence upon wearing his hat when arraigned for trial.

Hats were made 6,000 years ago. Egyptian art portrays the Pharoahs surmounted by imposing headgear, and depicts the preparation of material for hats. In Assyrian bass-reliefs are shown rulers wearing upon their heads tower like structures that seem to have been intended to overawe their enemies. Travelers, hunters cendant in the Liberty cap still seen sumed the stateliness of the cocked silk band. When Kossuth, the Hun-

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of the hat has been varied with heads of pompous officialdom or of the with feathers and soon hats of this touches of the humorous, the pic- coachmen and flunkies of a royal en- general type were widely adopted, turesque and the grotesque. It rose to tourage. and shepherds in Greece 2,000 years the warlike curves of the richly ago wore a broad, low-crowned hat, crested helmet. It took on fantastic United States the crown of the cocksomewhat similar to a modern wide-shapes, gorgeously decorated with ed hat began to rise, the rim to probrimmed slouch hat. The pointed plumes and jewels in the hats of the ject itself and gaudy jewels, lace and Phrygian cap of this age had its des- troubadour and the cavalier. It as- feathers to give way to the modest several centuries after the fall of the

hat, a badge of aristocracy at the time garian patriot, and his associated of the French Revolution, and now a Throughout the centuries the career remnant of vanished pride upon the York in 1857 they were soft felt hats

About the time of the birth of the

thus ushering in the era of the felt hat in America. The Babylonians and Assyrians knew of felt, and the Greeks are also said to have used it in their hats. For Roman Empire, however, the art of felting fur was apparently lost in Western Europe, although fur felt

hats are mentioned by Chaucer and

company of refugees landed in New

beaver hats appear to have been made in Flanders in 1390. According to an old tradition, felt making was rediscovered by a wandering monk, St. Clement, who was promptly made the patron saint of the hat industry. It was told that he hit upon the discovery when, having put rabbit's fur inside his sandals, he found to his surprise at the end of a journey it had been transformed into

In conclusion, the booklet says: "Man's headgear has always reflected the age in which we lived, so the present times have given us the trim, businesslike hat, with its air of convenience, combined with a slightly rakish tilt of the brim, suggesting the practical bent of our day for efficiency, while still binting the youthful spirit of the jauntly sweeping hat of a more romantic age."-New York

By Gene Byrnes



