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The Reason Why.

TRICHO'S EXPLANATIONS OF OLD CUSTOMS.

Many old customs have become so rarely a matter of habit that we seldom pause to consider why they were instituted, or what purpose they originally served; in a vague sort of way we realize that there must have been a reason of some sort for their institution, but time has so obscured or effaced it that it has become one of the things we simply and unquestioningly accept as granted. Many of these customs are connected with the cruelties, and are interesting records of earlier habits, which are now almost entirely traditional. One such is a custom mentioned by Colonel Chesnut in his "Memories of a Soldier," which I will begin by quoting: "In some regiments," he says, "as God goes round to celebrate the anniversary, and whilst each officer is thinking his next-door neighbor steps out and stands back to back with him, so that he shall not, as it was apparently possible, be stabbed in the back while his head is buried in the Loving Cup."

In the good old times there seems to have been a regrettable uncertainty as to what was going on behind your back, and the chivalrous custom of "stepping first" probably arose in consequence of the fact that the women were in a safe position when followed and defeated by their knights—perhaps it has been suggested that there were better reasons, and that men were courteously encouraged to wives to take precedence because the family foe was apt to lurk in dark corners in front, and not in rear! However, the knights may well have the benefit of the doubt, certainly the origin of the offering the left arm to a lady was to leave right free for the skilful use of the sword or dagger in her defence.

The reason why "The King" is sitting on board all ships, is probably obvious, also why to drink a toast in the Navy is or used to be, as "slinging the bowl." The bowl of punch was literally "slung" over the table so that glasses could be filled without spilling.

The Inner Meaning.

When a soldier presents arms at a small salute he raises his rifle by the right hand to the height of the forehead, and there meets it smartly with left, the fingers being spread out turned downwards. This was really a precautionary measure to prevent any bankey-pankey being struck with the trigger whilst the officer stood involuntarily in front, and with the reason has long since disappeared the position of the fingers has the same! When an officer presents arms the hilt of the sword is carried to the level of the lips, the reason for this being that, at one time, the hilt of the sword was made in the shape of a cross, which he kissed at the salute; and the reason why all naval salutes the quarterdeck of every vessel they board is because a figure of the Virgin used always to be placed on the poop as a protection against lightning.

Old days officers drew their swords whilst the creed was being read in church, to show that they were willing to defend their faith with their lives, but this is one of the picturesque customs which has fallen into disuse. In India the Mutiny was put in Meorut during the years of the Mutiny, whilst the men were armed and at a disadvantage, and the then regiments have worn side arms in church.

In the Services.

The body of men called Marines, officers and sailors too, were originally enlisted for service on board bluejackets, who in those early days were generally men of the lowest and worst character, who were used by the press gang and bound unwillingly to the ships for a term of years. The expression "tell it to the boys" is applied sarcastically to a matter of more than usually unpleasant nature.

Origin of Widows' Weeds.

One civilian custom which has become so much a part of life as to attract no attention at all, is the "widows' weeds," in which women mourn for their husbands for the traditional year and a day. In the far-away times in which the custom originated it was considered impossible for any respectable woman to walk out alone—if she did so, she put herself at once in a different category. Young girls were always accompanied by parents, or brothers, or a manservant—young married women by their husbands. Therefore, if the husband died, the woman was placed in the unpleasant position of having to remain secluded in her home, or lay herself open to unjust suspicions if she went abroad alone, unattended and undressed, so the peculiar dress which, in a modified form, many widows still wear was invented for her use and comfort. It proclaimed her at once to all the world to be a quite respectable woman, who had been deprived by death only of her lawful protector, and gave her the standing and liberty of which an unhappy fate had deprived her.

The Astonished Idiot.

A cinema actor relates an incident that happened during the filming of Rostand's "Chanticleer," with its human poultry people.

This was done out of doors, and one day while the actor was taking a stroll he came across a man seated by the roadside with his face buried in his hands, evidently deeply distressed about something. Sympathetically he stopped and inquired what the trouble was.

"I'll tell you," said the man. "I'm one of the patients at the lunatic asylum. Yesterday the doctor said that I was well and could leave in a day or two, but what do you suppose I saw this morning? Roosters and hens six feet high and talking just like humans. That settles it! If I get away from this hole in ten years I shall be lucky."

Victory Commemorated in Dress.

The three lines of white braid round a sailor's collar commemorate three of Nelson's battles. They are generally supposed to represent the victories of the Nile, and Copenhagen, and Trafalgar, but the actual battles is a disputed point.

Certain regiments of the old army, namely the Suffolks (12th), 20th, 23rd, 36th, 37 and 41st—wear roses in their caps on Minden Day, August 1, in honour of a memorable victory, and in the event of a parade, the colours and drums are also wreathed in roses—the reason being that when these regiments were following up the retreating French, after the battle, they passed through a rose garden, and each man picked a rose which he fastened in his headress. (Roses are also worn by the Suffolk Regiment on the Sovereign's birthday, in accordance with a long-established practice.) It is interesting to note that, of this habit, Marshal Coultades is reported to have said, "I have seen what I never saw before, a single line of infantry break through three lines of cavalry, and throw them into confusion."

There is also an interesting story connected with the Gloucesters. On the 21st of March, 1801, the force that landed in Egypt under Sir Ralph Abercromby was heavily engaged near Alexandria with its French opponents, and had much ado to hold its own. At one period, the 28th Regiment of Foot, now the Gloucestershire Regiment, while engaged in sharp fighting with the enemy in front, in the "thin red line" of two ranks, was attacked suddenly from the rear by a fresh force of the French. To repel this rear rank of the 28th Foot was faced about, while its front rank remained in action as before; and they gave so good an account of themselves that the surprise attack completely failed. For this action the distinction was given to the regiment of wearing the cap badge behind, as well as in front of the uniform cap.

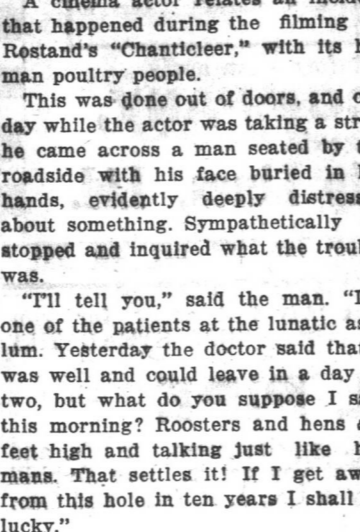
It is supposed that the Fusiliers wear the flush as a remembrance that they were the last regiments to use the pigtail, which is more probable than the other suggestion that it was to keep the powder from the red coat—it would have kept such a very small space clean.

The black handkerchief worn by Bluejackets represents the mourning for Nelson, and the drill collar above the serge was to protect the material from the powder.

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Tiny net ruffles of footing trim a summery voile frock.
White organdie frocks are worn over black silk slips.
The skirt of the moment is eight inches from the ground.
A favorite combination is black-and-white Georgette crepe.
Flouncings, bindings, draperies and scallops are still good.

When Honey is Not Sweet.
In Brazil there is a stingless bee whose honey is sour if obtained from certain flowers and of good quality if obtained from other kind of flowers. One of the famous varieties of honey is that called "Maltese" because produced in Malta, where the bees are said to feed principally on orange blossoms. In Brazil lives a wasp which produces red honey and this is described as being poisonous, though it is very sweet. It is said that in various parts of the world where wild bees make their honey out of the flowers of the rhododendron and the wild azalea.

Fashions and Fads.
The pointed bodice and full skirt are having a small revival.
An attractive bodice is made entirely of interlaced ribbons.
Paris generally uses the circular skirt with a low waist line.
A wide hat of black silk crepe is draped with white Chantilly.
Many smart shirtwaists and dresses feature the bosom front.
Navy blue taffeta is smartly veiled with sheer white organdie.
Jersey sports suits are heavily embroidered in matching worsted.
A slip-on dress of white linen has its scallops bound in orange linen.

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