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Editorial

BOBBED HAIR AND HORSE HAIR

Mr. Editor: I beg your attention and indulgence for a few minutes while I relate my fears and observations in a matter with which my mind is greatly absorbed at the moment.

While seated in one of our street cars recently my eyes and my mind were occupied in their respective functions on this newest of fads, which seems to have become internationally epidemic—the bobbed hair fad. I sat there meditating about the result of the present attitude of our mothers, sisters, wives and daughters toward the God-given charm, which has, all through the ages, been the object of unlimited attention and admiration, and no labor or expense has been spared to increase its beauty and abundance.

Always regarded as woman's crowning beauty, and always admired by the normal man, we find that the devil has at last succeeded in his ever-destructive campaign to rob us of this source of pleasure and happiness. And I say while thus seated and meditating two young ladies, girlish-like, tripped gayly in the car and threw themselves into the seat in front of me, as though to give me a close-up opportunity for my observations and meditations.

Both of the brunette type, the one had an abundance of beautiful, lustrous, lively hair, which had been drawn up and around in such a charming way as to expose a beautiful neck, upon which the hair, as the eye followed it toward her collar, gradually became finer and finer, after passing through several little eddies and swirls, until it was no longer hair, but down.

Then my eyes, passing to her companion, rested upon a neck that was robbed of all this beauty by the sharp tools of the tonsorial artist, and instead there was to be seen a myriad of little black specks, closely resembling a piece of dressed pork, but there was no hair in sight.

Now, sir, please listen to my apprehensions.

We know that extensive cultivation means growth that is root growth. The farmer knows that if he can get a vigorous root growth for his grain the crop will be abundant. The horticulturist gives most of his attention to the roots of his plants by frequent and diligent cultivation.

The rosarian cuts back his rose bushes severely in order to get sturdy and sufficient root growth, and large canes and full blooms are assured. In fact, we know that all growth is increased according to the attention given to the roots, either consciously or unconsciously.

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We know that the hair on a man's face is considerably coarser than that on his head, and the hair on his neck below his ears has to be shaven off according to custom on account of its bristly nature.

Tonsorial artists recommend shaving the scalp where premature baldness has set in, in order to stimulate root growth and encourage a healthy state to the hirsute appendages there.

Well, sir, what will be the result when this devilish bobbed hair fad is banned?

As a result of the cultivation of the roots of the hair on the necks of our formerly beautiful women folks we will see an abundant growth of coarse, bristly hair, either crinkly or straight according to its nature, but unfortunately more dense and uncontrollable.

Unless the fad is abandoned soon I expect to live to see the day when our girls of the present, when mature women, will be cursed with a great tuft of growth on their necks closely resembling horse hair, which will refuse to be controlled by hair pins or hair nets, and on account of its location will be in full view unless some style of head covering will be designed that will dip deeper down at the back than that worn at present.

I imagine I can hear the devil chuckle and laugh to himself when he sees how he has brought about this wicked disfigurement of one of God's wonderful creations, the woman beautiful.

We have no objections whatever to the scanty garment called a skirt, nor do we shrink from the decollete upper garment, in fact, we would urge the dictators of fashions to go as far as they like in this connection, but there is the danger that this bobbed hair fad is an irreparable disfigurement of the personal beauty of woman.

THE PIKER.

A GREAT WOMAN

Greatness and distinction are of two kinds in particular. It comes to some who are unfit and unprepared for it as if by an unwise fate.

It sometimes settles itself upon and clothes an individual before he or she is aware of its presence as if by coincidence, or in other words it would have fallen upon any individual who might have happened to be in the proper place at the proper time; oftentimes, unfortunately, being a miserable misfit.

And on the other hand greatness is the result, whether acknowledged or not, of a consciousness of a duty to be performed, an obligation to an individual or to society, which involves personal sacrifice and comfort, and so it happened that while the editor of The Dawn of Tomorrow lay ill on a cot in Victoria Hospital, and the work in connection with the paper was at a standstill, we are surprised and delighted to find that his splendid wife, the mother of five children all in the infant class, the youngest yet in arms, I say, we see her rise to emergency and the paper is again being published, and to her alone we give the credit. Unassisted, we see her make the important sacrifice of home comforts and demands, and get out and hustle (for successful newspaper people must hustle) up matter for the paper and instruct the publisher in its details in such a manner that we believe the Editor himself will find it difficult to surpass. And as a result of this discovery we feel that the staff of The Dawn of Tomorrow will be greatly improved and dignified by her activities.

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