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Courtesy Among the Swedes.

The Swedes are a quiet, taciturn people. There is no jostling even among the lowest classes, writes F. H. Stauffer in Kate Field's Washington. When a train leaves a platform or a steamboat a pier, the lookers on lift their hats to the departing passengers and bow to them, a compliment which is returned by the passengers. You are expected to lift your hat to the shabbiest person you meet in the street, and to enter a shop, office or bank with the hat on is considered a bad breach of good manners. In retiring from a restaurant you are expected to bow to the occupants. Bowing and hat lifting is so common that the people seem to move around more slowly than elsewhere, in order to observe the courtesy.

Artificial Whalebone.

Mr. Munck, according to the Genie Civil, has invented a process for making artificial whalebone. He treats leather by sulphide of sodium, then soaks it for 24 or 36 hours in a weak solution of sulphate of potassium, and afterward stretches it on a frame. The skin is then dried slowly, and exposed to a temperature of 50° to 60° C. The influence of light, combined with the action of the sulphate of potassium, renders the gelatine insoluble in water. The skin is then submitted to pressure, and its properties are thus very nearly those of real whalebone as regards hardness and elasticity.

The Deluge.

In answer to a correspondent a newspaper says: "The deluge mentioned in the Bible was threatened in the year 1756 B. C., and began on Dec 7, 1656 B. C., and continued 377 days. The ark rested on Mount Ararat on May 6, 1655, but Noah did not leave it until Dec 18 following." Any reader who imagines that it would be an easy task to figure these details from a Biblical account can find a basis for his calculations in the seventh and eighth chapters of Genesis.

The Lady Bow's First.

It is the lady's place to bow at the first meeting after an introduction, if she desires to continue the acquaintance. When making a call, a gentleman takes care of his own hat or coat, and puts them on without assistance—unless in some way incapacitated—when taking his departure.

The old geographical division of Tennessee into east, west and middle still holds, but the mountainous east Tennessee is growing in relative wealth and population. The counties that properly constitute west Tennessee now have a population of about 500 000; those of middle Tennessee have 800,000, and those of east Tennessee have 500 000. Civilization first broke into Tennessee from the east, when Daniel Boone passed through the mountain wall on the eastern boundary. The rugged character of the country delayed its development, but its mineral wealth has of late years brought population and many material improvements.

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