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ABOUT SHOES.
Earliest Reference is Found in the Old Testament.
What is regarded as the earliest reference to shoes is found in the Old Testament, where Abraham refuses to take as much as a shoe latchet from the King of Sodom. Among the Jews the shoe played an important part in many social usages. When buying or selling land it was customary to deliver a shoe, and the act of throwing down a shoe on territory implied occupancy. The finding of sandals on Egyptian mummies proves that the wearing of shoes is almost as old as the race itself. In Venice in the seventeenth century every lady of any pretension to fashion or position wore what were called "choppines," high clogs or pattens, to elevate them from the ground. Thomas Coryat, a traveler who visited Venice in 1611, says of them: "They are so common in Venice that no woman goeth without either in her house or abroad. It is a thing made of wood and covered with leather in sundry colors, some white, some red, some yellow. Many of them are curiously painted; some, also, of them have I seen fairly gilt. There are many of these choppines of a great height—even half a yard high and by how much the nobler a woman is, by so much the higher are her choppines. All their gentlemen, women, and most of their wives and widows that are of any wealth, are assisted or supported either by men or women when they walk abroad, to the end that they may not fall."
Fortunes have been lavished upon shoes. Men as widely apart in every circumstance of life as Sir Walter Raleigh and Caligula had their shoes enriched with precious stones to the value of thousands of dollars. When the tomb of Henry VI. of Sicily, who died in 1197, was opened in the Cathedral of Palermo, shoes made of cloth of gold and embroidered with pearls were found on the dead monarch's feet, and also on those of his queen. In the time of Louis VI. of France and the courtiers of Versailles were remarkable for their boots, the tops of which were enormously large and wide and were decorated with a profusion of costly lace.
Even horseshoes have been made to serve the purposes of extravagance and display. Sabina Poppaea, the beautiful and luxury-loving wife of the Roman Emperor Nero, is said to have had her mules shod with gold. All the world over horseshoes are supposed to possess some occult power of attracting luck and warding off evil.

Fine Cut Facts.
Digging is one of the best exercises for those who are engaged in an office all day, and have much head-work.
Early morning cold baths do not suit all people. In such cases a brisk rub with a rough towel will be found beneficial.
The best exercise for the biceps is to face downwards with the hands spread on either side of the head. Keep the body rigid, and force the body upwards with the arms until the arms are rigid.
Japanese women are seldom physically weak, a fact that is ascribed to the very general adoption by them of a scientific system of bodily training. Curiously enough, the average Japanese woman weighs about as much as the average Japanese man.
Situating in the middle south of Brazil, the capital, Sao Paulo, has a population of at least 250,000, and is much more modern than any city in South America, excepting Buenos Ayres.
In Fiji the cologne consists chiefly of whales' teeth, those of greater value being dyed red. The natives exchanged twenty white teeth for one red one, as we change copper for silver.

Feared the Feathers.
Lady Yarmouth, who was Miss Alice Thaw of Pittsburgh, finds some amusing material among her husband's tenantry. One day, it is said, she was visiting a sick child, when the mother began to tell a painful tale of the difficulties she encountered in "getting on," and above all of the trouble she had with a lodger, who, she said, ate her out of house and home.
"The first morning the man was here," she complained, "he ate boiled eggs greedily. Eggs after eggs he ate—three, four, five, six—and only the yolks of them; the white he didn't bother at all. When he dug his spoon into the seventh egg my temper got the better of me. 'Don't you ever eat the white of the egg, sir?' I asked."
"Certainly not, my good woman," he replied. "The yolk is the bird and the white the feathers. Surely, you don't want me to make a bolster of myself."

Two Fathers.
Bishop Wilson of Calcutta, whose speeches are often quoted, had the happy faculty of saying the right thing at all times.
On one occasion two young people whose fathers were famous for their diverse and peculiar views on Biblical subjects came to see the bishop.
"Ah," said he as he greeted one, "your father wrote a great work on the Apocalypse. I congratulate you on being the daughter of such a man."
Then, turning to his other guest, he said, "And your father forbore to write about the Apocalypse—a wise forbearance. You are to be congratulated on having so wise a father."

Fruit Trees On Highways.
One of the ways for beautifying the country in the grand duchy of Baden without any ultimate expense to the taxpayer is the planting of fruit trees along the Government highways. These are cherry, apple, pear, and in some places walnut trees. The trees are planted thirty-two feet apart along each side of the road, and when the fruit is ready for market it is sold at public auction on the trees, the purchaser being obliged to harvest it at his own expense.
A Queer Indian Bird.
There is in the London zoo a bird called the silver eared mesa. He is a handsome rainbow hued little fellow from the Himalayas, not much larger than a sparrow. This bird is fed on wood ants, and in order that the insects may not sting his throat, when he swallows them he squeezes them in his beak and deliberately turns his tail around and rubs on it the poisonous fluid the ants exude. His tail feathers are stained through constant repetition of this process.

POWER OF SUNLIGHT
The best disinfectant of all is sunlight. It destroys by its very brightness all sorts of germs and at the same time helps the growth of plants and animal life. Doubtless all have noticed that mould grows during the night and in dark, damp cellars. Bright sunlight quickly destroys germs, mould or other organisms. That is why it is best to let the sunlight into your house for its purifying influence.
At the Invalids' Hotel and Surgical Institute, Buffalo, N. Y., Dr. Pierce, chief consulting surgeon, started experiments, some three years ago, with the Finsen light in conjunction with the X-ray in the treatment of diseases. He got excellent results therefrom, and was among the first to adapt this remarkable cure to many cases which were formerly supposed most of necessity to be treated by the knife.
Not only is Dr. R. V. Pierce notable for his surgical achievements at his hospital in Buffalo, but nearly a third of a century ago he discovered that there were at least two kinds of cancer, one of which was nature's remedy, and he succeeded in putting them in a form that would be easily procured and ready to use. This he called Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery. It maintains the patient's nutrition by enabling him to eat, retain, digest and assimilate nutritious food. It overcomes gastric irritability and symptoms of indigestion, and in this way fever, night sweats, headaches, etc., are done away with. It fortifies the body against the germs of consumption, grip and malaria. It builds up the tissues and puts on healthy flesh. Those desiring to know something about the body in health and disease, also medicine and surgery, without technicalities, should read Dr. Pierce's "Common Sense Medical Adviser," which can be had for 50 cents in one-cent stamps for the cloth bound book. Address Dr. R. V. Pierce, Buffalo, N. Y.

Railways Kill An Army Yearly.
The annual report of the U. S. Interstate Commerce Commission, giving the railroad statistics for the year 1904, shows that there were at the end of the year 297,073 miles of railroad in the United States. Total number of casualties was 94,201, 10,046 having been killed and 84,155 injured. Of those killed 441 were passengers and of the wounded 9,111, or one passenger killed out of every 622,267 carried and one injured out of every 78,523 carried.
The number of passengers reported carried in the year was 715,419,632, increase 20,508,147. The passenger mileage, or the number of passengers carried one mile, was 21,923,213,526, increase 1,007,449,635. The number of tons of freight carried was 1,309,899,165, increase 5,504,842 tons. The ton mileage, or the number of tons carried one mile, was 174,522,089,577. The gross earnings were \$1,975,174,091, increase \$74,327,184. The operating expenses were \$1,238,900,653, increase \$81,357,401. The number of persons on the pay rolls of the railroads of the United States, as returned for June, 1904, was 1,296,121, decrease 16,416. The wages and salaries paid for the year amounted to \$817,598,810.

Trait of the Moose Bird.
"The moose-bird of our Nova Scotia woods is a curious creature," said an old hunter. "You will find it in almost any part of the Nova Scotia country-side, more particularly around the hunting camps. I have seen three or four of them at a time come up and sit on the window sill and look into the camp solemnly and wisely. Throw one a piece of meat or other food that is too big for him to eat and he'll eat all he can hold on the spot and then carry off the other half. They say the reason why the little pigs don't eat it all up is because they can't balance themselves. It appears to be about the size of a bluejay, but really it is smaller. Its plumage isn't quite as brilliant as that of a bluejay, and it is much more modest and tasteful in matters of general deportment."

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The Order of the Swan is a unique decoration. It has nothing to do with "Lohengrin," but was founded in 1443 by Elector Frederick II. of Brandenburg, surnamed the "Iron Jawed."
Of all the orders of knighthood this is most remarkable, inasmuch as only one solitary member in Europe is entitled to wear it, and she is the wife of the reigning Prussian monarch—the German empress. The insignia is very beautiful. It consists of a gold chain set with diamonds, alternated by a ruby heart, to which is suspended a medallion of the Madonna and Child and to which in turn is suspended a silver swan surrounded by a ring or frame of exquisite pearls. With this goes a superb star to be worn on the left shoulder.
Should the empress become a widow she would be compelled to relinquish the insignia and her membership of the Swan to the present crown princess. This order has been worn in turn by the wife of every sovereign occupying the throne of Prussia since 1443, and it is an object of intense pride in the royal family.

Lightning as a Rock Driller.
"Lightning, when in the mood, has an ugly habit of drilling," writes an English observer. "It will drill the hardest rock—rock which would turn cold steel—and not only drill, but vitrify it. They have found in Cumberland channels thirty feet deep and from two to four inches in circumference. The interior was hard and glazed where the solid substance had been melted by the stabbing flashes. Artificial experiment has shown that a powerful shock from a battery will vitrify finely powdered glass, but not felspar or quartz. The lightning, however, does it in the manner described, not in one place, but in many, showing that before striking the ground it divided into several branches, each strong enough to penetrate and liquefy the solid rock."

Hard Headed Moors.
Negro heads are proverbial for solidity, but in this respect they are far excelled by certain Moorish tribes of Morocco, who take a very real pride in the thickness of their skulls. The heads of their boys are kept closely shaven from the time when hair commences to show upon them and are never covered, whatever the weather. This treatment so tends to thicken the cranium that the lads are able to fight with it. They butt as bulls do, and the weak point in the skull of the loser is frequently sought for by hammering his head with a stone.
For a sum equal to a farthing these boys will split a hard brick across their own skulls. In boxing also these Moors receive the blows of their opponents upon their hardened pate.

A Weird Tale.
This tale comes from New Caledonia, where a ship was loading up with natives to work in Australia. "There were a man and a girl—a young couple they seemed. She had a youngster, who began yelling at sight of the boat. 'Can't take that youngster!' the boss shouted. The woman said she wanted to come too. 'No; we can't ship that squalling little beast. Leave him with his auntie.' There was no auntie in sight, so the Kanaka man, after taking a look around, caught the kiddy by the heels, swung her round like a rabbit and dashed her head against a tree. 'She was only a girl anyway,' he said and slung her body into the scrub. Then they both hopped into the boat and were shipped aboard."

The Sun's Heat.
"The sun's heat?" said the astronomer. "Well, let us say that the value of the sun's heat is \$25,000,000. Now, what proportion of all that value do you suppose warms the earth? Only 2 cents' worth.
"All the rest of the sun's heat is wasted in space. Of the \$25,000,000 the earth only gets 2 cents.
"With coal I can give you another idea of the sun's heat. Suppose that the earth was to contract to heat the sun. Do you know what the result would be? All the coal upon the earth would suffice to maintain the present solar heat for just the one-tenth of a second."

Make Your Guess.
A beautiful young lady and her once beautiful mother were walking down the street together when they met two gentlemen whom the mother knew.
"How much your daughter resembles you!" exclaimed one.
"How closely you resemble your daughter!" exclaimed the other.
Now, which of these two gentlemen do you think was invited home to tea?

A Mother's Answer.
When Earl Ferrars had been convicted of murder great efforts were made to obtain a pardon on the ground that he was insane. His mother being appealed to and requested to write a strong letter on the subject, answered, "Well, but if I do, how am I to marry off my daughters?"

At Her Best.
"This picture of your wife is angelic. Does it look like her?"
"Well—or it looked like her when she was posing for the photograph, yes."

Good Little Boys.
Mother—I'm glad you're playing with good little boys now. Tommy—Yes'm. They ain't like the other kind. I kin lick any one o' dese kids if I want'er.

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CHOLERA SPREADS.
Eleven Fresh Cases in One Day in Germany.
Berlin, Sept. 6.—An official bulletin announces that from noon Monday to noon yesterday 11 fresh cases of cholera and one death have been reported, making a total of 77 cases and 24 deaths.

Killed in a Runaway.
Owen Sound, Sept. 6.—Wesley, the 17-year-old son of Samuel Bowman, was fatally injured in a runaway accident Monday in company with his sister he was driving a fiery young horse, which got beyond control, and the two occupants of the buggy was thrown out. Miss Bowman was placed unharmed, but the young man was dragged between the wheels and his skull was fractured.

Salvation Army Mobbed.
Montreal, Sept. 6.—The Salvation Army recently opened a branch in Montreal annex in the north end of the city. Monday night, while holding service, the building was attacked by a mob, windows broken and both men and women members of the army badly hurt. Two policemen present were unable to render assistance.

Took Jail by Storm.
Butte, Mont., Sept. 6.—A mob of 100 men early yesterday made a determined but unsuccessful attempt to lynch James F. Barnes, who shot and killed Patrick Hanley, as the result of a slight argument. The jail was taken by storm. Inside a mob battered at the big steel doors without success.

Fall May Be Fatal.
Toronto, Sept. 6.—Harry Peddle, of 249 Berkeley street, aged 23, a sheet metal worker employed by Wheeler & Bain, fell 15 feet from the roof of the Comfort Soap factory yesterday. His skull was fractured and he was taken to Grace Hospital in a critical condition.
A hungry dog would gladly trade his pedigree for a square meal.

STOCK BREEDERS' DAY.

60,000 Passed into Exhibition Grounds
—The Directors' Luncheon—
Toronto, Sept. 6.—Stock breeders' day yesterday at the Exhibition was greeted by another large crowd. The attendance keeps up most remarkably well, and about 60,000 passed into the grounds. The day was cool and sometimes inclined to be cloudy, and was free from accident, excepting a mishap to one of the trapeze performers. The management is very considerably ahead of last year's receipts, but can give no definite information.

At the directors' luncheon there was a representative gathering of breeders of live stock, and the speakers in this great interest were W. Harland Smith, vice-president of the Shorthorn Breeders' association; J. W. E. Wellington, Col. David Macrae of Guelph, J. M. Goodhouse, D. Derbyshire, M. P., and Alex. McNeill, Government fruit inspector.

This is Farmers' Day, and preparations have been made for a repetition of the enormous attendance of Monday.

The president and directors of the Canadian National Exhibition have decided to give a special dinner for horsemen to-morrow, Thursday evening, at 7.15 in the directors' dining room to meet Hon. Nelson Monteth, Provincial Minister of Agriculture, and to discuss the horse interests of the country.

There was lots of excitement in the morning, created by the sheep dog trials in front of the grand stand. Four dogs took part, and gave the sheep a lively time. The trials will go on again to-day.

Chief Constables Unite.
Toronto, Sept. 6.—The chief constables' convention opened this morning at the City Hall. Forty-four chiefs of police were present. Mayor Urquhart welcomed the delegates. They then proceeded to organize an association.

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