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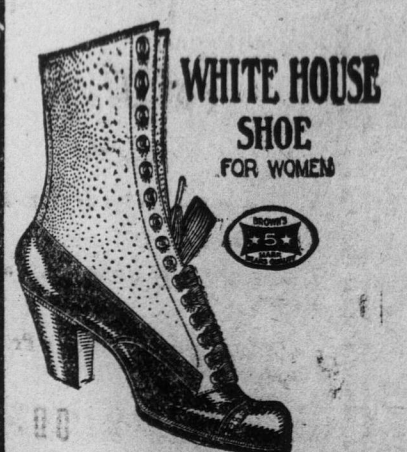
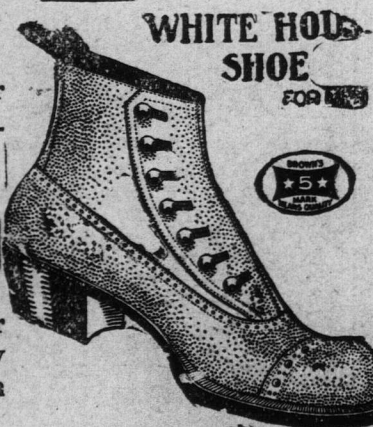
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Many a man

astonishes his friends, and most of all, himself, when he shows what he can do

when his back is pushed against the wall.

A friend of mine had a collie dog. He was a wonderfully intelligent animal. He would bring in the cow with the crooked horn when so ordered, or round off half a dozen sheep from the flock, or do any of the marvellous sheep-dog tricks which stagger the credulity of all except those who know these wonderful beasts. But there was one thing he could not do. He could not, or rather would not fight, if he saw another dog coming down the road, he would desert his master and run home, with his tail between his legs.

Now his master, being a wise man, conceived a wise idea. He decided he would see what Bobbie could do if he had his back up against the wall; and so, one day, when Bobbie started to skulk away at the sight of another dog his master took him by the scruff of the neck and held him until the other dog was upon him. Then Bobbie had to fight and he fought, and in no time he had licked that other dog

to a frazzle. Bobbie's master, the owner of the other dog, and the other dog himself, were all surprised, but Bobbie was the most surprised of all. Nor was that the end of it. The coward was gone forever. Bobbie is now the champion of the village.

That's life. A few human beings will put forth their utmost force and efficiency of their own accord, but most men have to be pushed against the wall to show what stuff they are made of.

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Nobody welcomes adversity. Nobody likes to believe that he is going to be up against it. The thought of having your back pushed hard against the wall is alarming to all but the stoutest hearts, and yet that's what makes men—and women. My hand to the man with his back against the wall. Courage, comrade, next year you will be thanking God for the adversity which pushed you there and gave you a chance to find the stuff that was in you.

*Red Cameron*

## Radford's Buffalo.

Explorer's Specimen Now on View in Alberta Capital.

Harry W. Radford, the Arctic explorer, who with his companion, Geo. Street, of Ottawa, has been murdered by Esquimaux, killed the largest wood buffalo known, in June of 1910, on the trip which proved to be his last. He told the story to H. A. Tremayne, then an inspector of the fur trade districts for the Hudson Bay Co. Mr. Tremayne described the affair while in Winnipeg recently.

"I met Radford at Fort McMurray, on the Athabasca river, in June, 1910, and he told me the story of the killing of this huge beast," says Mr. Tremayne. Then he quotes Radford as saying:

"Desiring to obtain a large specimen of the wood buffalo, I applied, when at Edmonton, to the Albertan Government for a permit to kill one. This obtained, I travelled by boat to Fort Smith, on the Great Slave River, in 1909, and remained in that vicinity, pursuing my scientific investigations, until recently (June, 1910). One afternoon we came upon the spoor of a herd of twelve animals, among the tracks of which was one of unusual size, indicating that its author was a very large animal. We tracked the band for about two miles, when it was found to have divided, eight of the animals going south and the remaining four (including the large one) travelling northwest. We again took up the trail for three miles, to a point where a further separation had taken place, and the owner of the large hoofs had gone on accompanied by only one female. I succeeded in traveling on with silence and circumspection for about half a mile, when the trail led to a small clearing, in the middle of which stood, perfectly still, an enormous bull buffalo and a cow.

"The moment was an agonizing one for me, but by a supreme effort I controlled myself, dropped on one knee, and, aiming carefully at the heart region, fired. The bull did not move. I fired again, and, with a frightful bellow, he fell on his side and lay struggling. Still fearful that

the injuries inflicted might not be vital and that the prize might yet escape me, I fired three more shots, after which the beast lay quite still. "I had the carcass taken to Fort Smith by horse sleigh and, having procured the scales, found that it tipped the beam at 2,250 pounds, easily a world's record."

The sequel is thus related by Mr. Tremayne:

"In reaching Smith's Landing with the carcass Radford was arrested by the sergeant in charge of a Royal Northwest Mounted Police detachment for 'killing a Buffalo without authority.' Radford produced his permit, which had been signed by the Minister of Agriculture for the Province of Alberta. The sergeant explained that the animal had been killed in the unorganized district known as the Northwest Territories, which is under the jurisdiction of the Dominion, not the Albertan Government, and that the permit was therefore of no value. However, there had evidently been a misunderstanding, and Radford could not leave the vicinity even had he wanted to (550 miles of snow and ice lay between Smith's Landing and the nearest railway line, at Edmonton) so the sergeant released him pending instruction, sent a report on the case to his commissioner.

"The verdict received some months later was that in view of the general misunderstanding no fine need be imposed, but the hide of the buffalo must be confiscated and turned over to the Department of Agriculture at Edmonton. The skin was, therefore, taken away from Radford and is now to be seen mounted in the Government Buildings of the Albertan capital."

## Only!

The latest story of the Kaiser—who is still, apparently, at loggerheads with the Duke of Cumberland—is connected with his recent visit to Breslau, Silesia.

Among those presented to the Kaiser was Herr Korner, a descendant of the famous Theodore Korner, the poet of the War of Liberation. Holding out his hand the Kaiser remarked smilingly: "Of course your Christian name is Theodore?"

Herr Korner was rather confused at the honor of presentation to the great William, and, without thinking what he was saying, replied: "No, your Majesty, unfortunately, I am only William!"

The poor man at once tried to correct himself, but the Kaiser shouted with laughter at the incident.

## Dome Builders of Rome

It was largely their development of the dome and the arched roof in masonry that enabled the Romans to build on a scale of daring and magnificence which has not been surpassed in our modern age of steel. Recent excavations in Nero's palace have revealed five subterranean vaulted rooms in the proximity of the dining room which was built as fish tanks and used to keep fish alive for the use of the imperial table. The vault or dome or round roof of the Romans served the purpose of the modern beam and latticed roof girder as used by the present-day architect and engineer.

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## Fashions and Fads.

The two-toned velvet handbag is new. The color combinations are brown, purple, blue and black.

New street shoes have a patent leather vamp, with tops of imported satin de laine in gray and fawn.

The newest collars, vestees and jabots are embroidered with blue, coral or yellow dots or tiny flowers.

Some neckpieces are made of single skins of spotted skunk, with the white part dyed in some startling color.

The tailored blouse of crepe de chine is new. It has tucked front, high collar, with a bow finish at the throat.

The jackets of some of the new tailored suits have the effect of 'an eton in front, but are quite long at the back.

Afternoon frocks are inclined to be very short, with draped panniers, short tunics and many pinked or scalloped ruffles.

A few coats suits are cut collarless, and some are cut quite low in the back. Stocks are worn with the collarless coats.

Children's coats are charming with their trimming touches—girdles of bright ribbon and corded shirtings and fur and braid.

Among the new frocks is one showing a knee-length tunic, which hangs in deep folds as if cut from a square piece of cloth.

Furs are not only dyed in two colors, but two kinds of fur are used for sets. If harmoniously combined, the effect is most artistic.

Smart suits have the modified blouse coat; also popular is the coat that is a combination of an eton jacket and cutaway back.

A youthful and pretty dancing frock is made of white taffeta, the skirt having many flounces, like the taffeta frock of long ago.

There are chic collarettes made of marabou, combined with ostrich. They fit snugly around the throat and give a piquant look to the face.

Tight sleeves should be set in at the dropped shoulder line and finished at the waist with a butcher's cuff of fur, satin or some contrasting material.

The best petticoat is of crepe de chine, cut on slim lines, with a drawing string at the back. The lower edge is finished with an embroidered scallop.

White wool skirts are a very practical addition to the wardrobe, because they can be worn with tennis or with white waists for occasions a trifle festive.

A charming winter suit is fashioned of dark blue ratine. It has collar and cuffs of undyed skunk; the coat is trimmed with black braid, and at the waist is a soft girde of changeable blue and green taffeta fastened with a buckle of blue enamel.

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