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### Machines on Trial

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The safety of British railways, so far as passengers are concerned, is the envy of the rest of the world. Every length of rail, every iron and steel girder used in construction is thoroughly tested before leaving the shop. No bridge or viaduct is opened to traffic until the authorities are satisfied that it will withstand at least double the strain which is ever likely to be put upon it. Bridges must be built able to withstand a wind pressure of 56 lbs. to the square foot, and for this purpose a huge load, such as three big locomotives drawing boiler trucks or travelling cranes, is driven on to the new bridge and brought to rest.

### A Giant Cable.

Buffers are among the articles on which an immense amount of care and ingenuity is expended. In process of construction a certain number are always broken up, and the steel of which they are made is tested by special inspectors. No steel is used in buffer-making unless it will stand a tensile strain of about thirty tons to the square inch. Very special care is taken in making the buffer springs.

In the building of passenger liners similar care is taken with all the metal used, but there is no matter connected with shipbuilding where the tests are more severe than those used in the forging of a cable. The writer was allowed to be present at the testing of a newly-made cable for a huge liner. Some idea of its size may be gained from the fact that each link was 22 1/2 inches in length and weighed 160 pounds.

### Testing Bayonet Blades.

The cable was tested by hydraulic pressure, and all the people in the building were ordered under cover before the test began. The tension applied was about 370 tons, and the cable, though it creaked and groaned in the strangest way, showed no signs of breaking.

The tests applied to Army weapons are very severe. All rifles and guns are required to pass certain tests before they are issued, but it is the British bayonet which has to go through the stiffest trial of all before it is passed for use. The blade of a bayonet is forged from the finest steel obtainable, and after being hardened and tempered goes to the testing machine, a curved block with a hole at one end, and provided with a wire guard to protect the workman.

The point of the blade is placed in the hole and the blade is bent to the curvature of the block. If it is to pass the test it must spring back perfectly straight. It is a testimonial to the good work put into bayonets that very few fail to pass the test, and that

### VIRTUE'S REWARDS.



WALT MASON.

When but a child I read a tale about a youth named Pete, who helped a woman, old and frail, across a crowded street; he saw her safely to her door, since she was weak and lame, and there she thanked him o'er and o'er and asked him for his name. The days and weeks went by with speed, as days and weeks will go, and Pete forgot his kindly deed, while rustling for the dough. It was his nature thus to aid the helpless and the old, and in such games he never played for gratitude or gold. Imagine, then, the youth's surprise, when lawyers Jinx & Jones, informed him, envy in their eyes, he'd drawn a million bones. The dame he helped, the good old soul, was dead and buried now, and she had willed to him a roll that well might choke a cow. And I resolved to lie in wait for some poor feeble dame, and nobly help her to her gate, and there no guerdon claim. If one old lady left a wad to such a boob as Pete, I, too, would look for dames abroad and help them cross the street. And when at last I got in touch with such a stricken frau, she soaked me roundly with her crutch, and raised an awful row. I tell this tale with dreary ache, and moralists rejoin: "This Pete was good for goodness' sake, and you were good for coin."

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"Maybe she is calling on Cousin Cotton-tail," he answered. "And perhaps she has left a note for you." "So she has," all of a sudden shouted the bunny boy, spying a piece of paper on the red table cloth, and unfolding it, he read aloud:

"I'll be home in time for tea. Just be good and wait for me."

"I wonder if she'd mind my giving the Elephant a piece of angel cake," he asked himself, remembering that his big circus friend was waiting on the last story. Opening the cake box, the bunny boy took out the cake and cutting off three big pieces, hopped out on the back porch.

"Let's go back to the circus Elephant and have a feast," he laughed, and with a hop-teedy off the porch, he hopped down the winding path through the bushes, followed by the Yellow Dog Tramp.

Patiently waiting outside the fence, the Circus Elephant was willing away the time playing mumble peg. Dear me, boys and girls, how well he could toss the big jack knife with the little finger on the end of his big trunk. However, on seeing the angel cake, he folded the knife and slipping it in his waistcoat pocket, exclaimed:

"Now I'm ready for a feast. Quite a treat for man or beast."

### Sir Izaak Knew Fish Psychology

Isaak Walton, the genial soul who angled throughout the purling brooks of Merrie England more than 300 years ago, did more for the sport than merely write a book about it.

Isaak invented fly-casting, stirred up a rumpus about the pollution of streams, made his own artificial bait and actually caught fish.

He had the edge on his contemporaries fish fans, according to O. L. Weber, of Stevens Point, Wis., a delegate of the Iszaak Walton League of America, which convened in Chicago recently. His contemporaries might have been just as canny about snaring the wily trout as he, but he was the first to write on the subject, and hence gets all the credit.

"The psychology of the fish hasn't changed a great deal since Iszaak's day," declared Mr. Weber. "Where he might have had a dozen kinds of fly, the modern fisherman has a couple of hundred."

"But the fish's preference for an insect that lights on the water and shows a few signs of life is the same to-day of bugs that light on the water and die, waiting for the one that appears living, that's why he makes an energetic attempt to gobble the attractive bait of silk and steel that flaps tantalizingly about his nose."

The "Coachman," the "Royal Coachman" and the "Black Gnat" flies that Iszaak used and immortalized are in very good standing to-day with the fisherman, said the man from Wisconsin.

The barbless hook, in the opinion of Mr. Weber, is becoming a most popular device with the more sporting element in angling, as it gives the fish more of a chance against the human. Also it helps to conserve the smaller fish, he added.

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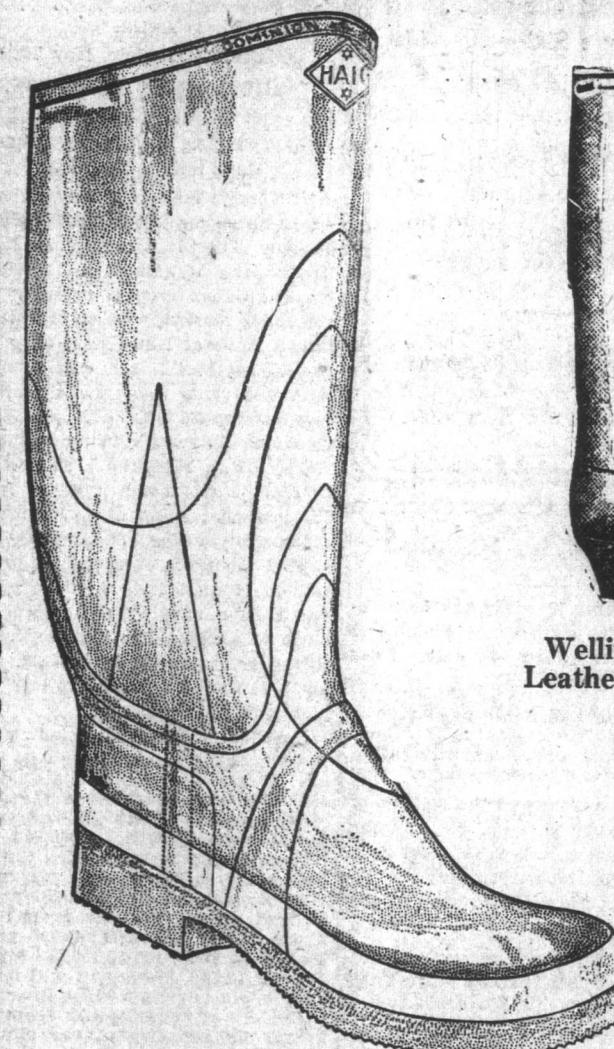
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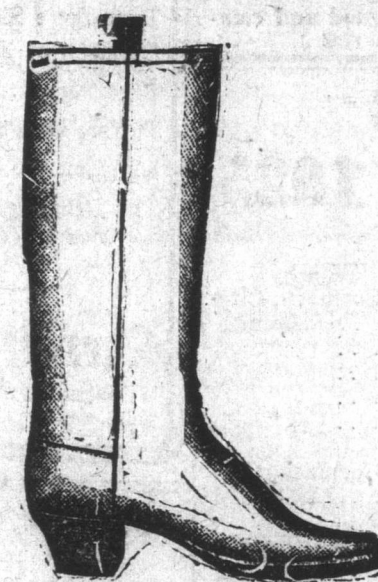
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