The custom of playing a joke upon one's eighbor upon the first of April is of very r with what nation it had its birth.

Among the Hindoos there is a feast which is still observed, called the "Huli," which, continuing several days, termindistinctive features of this feast is, neighbor upon some errand to some maginary person, or to persons whom he nows are not at home; and then all enoy a good laugh at the disappointment of, the messenger. The observance of his custom by this peculiar people seems o indicate that it had a very early origin mong mankind. In fact, it is not im ssible that the manner in which the ay is observed by us may have been uggested by some pagan custom. But rhatever or whenever its origin may ave been, we find it so widely prevalent ver the earth, and with so very near ncidence of day, as to be proof of

s great antiquity.

In England, the custom of April-Tool ng is practiced very much as it is in the "A knowing boy will ispatch a younger brother to see a pub statue descend from its pedestal at a articular appointed hour. A crew of iggling servant-maids will get hold of ome simple swain, and send him to a cookseller's shop for the 'History of ve's Grandmother,' or to a chemist's for pennyworth of 'pigeon's milk,' or to cobbler's for a little 'strap-oil,' in hich last case the messenger secures a earty application of the strap to his loulders, and is sent home in a state o wilderment as to what the affair means he urchins in the street make a sport of lling to some passing beau to look to ith a piece of paper pinned to them or t; in either of which cases he is saluted an 'April-fool.'

At has been said that "what com-und is to simple addition, so is lotch to English April fooling." The tople living in Scotland are not content th making a neighbor believe some agle piece of absurdity, but practice es upon him ad infinitum. Having dividual playing the joke sends him ay with a letter to some friend reing two or three miles off, for the purpose of asking for some letter contains only the words:

The person to whom the letter is sent at nt his friend the favor asked, but if will take a second note to Mr. Soso, he will get what was wanted. obliging, yet unsuspecting, carrier eives the note, and trudges off to the in the same manner; and so he from one to another, until some taking pity on him, gives him a de hint of the trick that has been ticed upon him. A successful affair is kind will furnish great amuseit to an entire neighborhood for at a time, during which time the on who has been victimized can show his face. The Scotch emthe term "gowk" to express a fool more especially to ar il-fool; and among them the prac which we have described is called ometimes the first of April has been

e an extensive joke upon society ong those which have come to our wledge, the most remarkable one oc ed in the city of London, in 1860 ards the close of March, a large num of persons received through the post a card, upon which the following printed

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give the card an official appearance vas a seal placed at one corner of it ked by an inverted sixpence. There but few persons receiving the card saw through the trick, and hence it streaks of grav were seen in the east intinued to do so all that Sunday White Gate," the joke being that was no such gate. J. F. Packard ide Awake.

## Puzzled.

step, and after looking around various piles of the finny tribe she to the proprietor and asked:

keep hardware and groceries here, v. Come to the door and I

looked from him to the fish and hesitated, and he continued:

windows at the display of pipes, back to the fish store, and someh

FOR THE FAIR SEX.

The Fashions.

eighnor upon the first of April 3 57 (13)
A New York paper says
spring suits is, with some changes, much
bast that we are unable to tell just when
like that of the garments worn during the winter. The Louis XIII. and Loui XV. are still the leading styles. terials are made in designs of these periods. Vests and trimmings are of a molasses, and two ounces of gum arabic, and set in a cool place to bake?" thes on the thirty-first of March. One of kind of Pompadour satin, or of cotton hat every one endeavors to send his feast is, and linen goods, matching the dress, and linen goods, matching the dress and linen goods. enameled and ceramic, painted by hand, and designs. Among them are the Watteau, Pompadour, Japanese and Byzantine patterns. All the antique designs are now beautifully imitated by manu facturers.

The new demi-saison garments have

protect from the heat of the sun. It will a piece of Valenciennes, not two inches be trimmed with bouquets of many wide, from two to three hundred bob.

When neglectful of the colored flowers in the colors of the suit. bins are sometimes used; and for a larger These flowers are in the most delicate width as many as many as 800. tints. Crape flowers are among the new Some flower bonnets are now styles. made for demi-saison wear. These bonnets form wreaths. One of them is composed of pink jacinthes, with garnet velvet bows in the back. The strings are also of garnet-colored velvet. Another ling to some passing beau to look to so coat skirts; when he either finds them the parties of paper pinned to them or to in either of which cases he is saluted it with a piece of paper pinned to them or to in either of which cases he is saluted in the barbes. Another bonnet in this style is in many-colored roses, with white stream, which runs past it with so

Neckties and fichus are made of bretonne lace in all shapes. A very pretty fighu is of cream-colored crepe lisse, embroidered with a garland of flowers in pale natural shades. It is trimmed cound with a plaiting of bretonne lace. unsuspecting person, the The great beauty of this fichu consists in the way in which it is draped. Instead of falling from the shoulders straight or their vicinity, and the vessels, when down to the waist, it is turned over near the shoulder, which makes the drapery eful information, or requesting the fall full and gracefully. The small caps on of some article, while in reality for morning wear change continually in shape and trimming. Sometimes they form a kind of "calotte mauresque," made of bright-colored silk, trimmed with gilt and silver sequins, and some catches the idea of the person send- times they are formed of a twisted scarf it, and informs the carrier with a y grave face that he is unable to All material, such as velvet, satin, surah and muslin are used for these caps. They are generally trimmed with bre-

Fans are now made to correspond with the spring suits. Some are of "pekin satine" in all shades, trimmed on the upper border with a very narrow galloon embroidered with different flowers. Another style, called the "sphinx," has just appeared, and meets with great suc It is of black satin and gauze embroidered with shaded silk.

Shoes and gaiters are made in all fancy styles. They are of kid, stitched with white, and are very parrow on the end. These gaiters are made of colored cloths, such as brown, gray, or beige with black tops stitched with white, and lacing on the side, or on the top. Slippers are of glace kid, embroidered at the end of the foot with flowers of every hue, and trimmed with a rosette made of satin Black silk hose are worn with thes slippers, which are embroidered on the top of the foot and up part of the leg with ny-colored flowers

Dresses of deep mourning wear con inue to be made in the most simple ways. They are not draped, neither ar they trimmed with plaitings or ruchings. They are, however, cut like other dresses. Jet ornaments are the only kind used for deep mourning, steel, silver and oxidized silver jewels being reserved for ha mourning. A walking suit for deep mourning is trimmed on the lower part of the skirt with a deep band of crape This same trimming extends up th front, forming points turning upward with straight bands of crape on either stde. The basque is trimmed with bands

of crape to match. A mourning dress for in-door wear is made with a plain skirt of woolen goods plaited in one large plait in the middle of the back, and trimmed with two bands of crape. The basque waist is bordered with a crape band. The sleeves are tight-fitting, and finished at the wrist with a deep cuff. A dress of half mourning may be of fancy armure de laine trimmed with pekin or "armure de oie." The skirt is trimmed with two narrow-plaited flounces. The overskirt Puzzled.

e woman who doubts entered a Defish store the other day with hesig step, and after looking around hardward patch is draped in large plaits, and the back is which extends up the sides; the waist has a long basque, opening in the neck in

"Household Departments" are very good adjuncts to a newspaper in their an I sell you anything in the line of way, when edited by a woman, but the male journalist who dabbles with the shook her head and walked out. didn't call at four doors below. his a tobacco store, but she looked weekly Petaluma Peavine started a Weekly Petaluma Peavine started a column of that kind recently, and a few days afterwards a fierce-looking female ther something puzzled her.—De- came into the office, carefully concealing ome object behind her apron:

"Are you the man that published that new and improved way to make current

He said he was You said to mix washing soda with the flour, and stir in a little corn meal and sweet oil-to give it consistency?"

intended for these toilets are perfect dignant housewife knocked him down works of art. They are mother of pearl, with a weapon that felt like a sand club, but which he felt in his heart must with as much care as fans, in all styles have been a half-baked hunk of cake,

Why Lace is so Costly. The finest specimen of Brussels lace is so complicated as to require the labor of just appeared. The greatest novelty at seven persons on one piece, and each present is the silk of which many of operative is employed at distinct features these garments are made. It is called of the work. The thread used is of ex-"cuir Louvre." This silk is like a kind quisite fineness, which is spun in dark of serge with a slightly raised surface. underground rooms, where it is suffici-It is very strong, and has the great ad-vantage over faille and sicilienne of not wearing to look greasy.

Among the bonnets are numberless all the light admitted shall fall upon the

## The Dangerous Fishing Grounds.

Of Georges shoal, where in a recent gale tourteen vessels from Gloucester, Mass., with one hundred and fifty-five men were lost, the Boston Herald says: Georges shoal is situated about one bun dred and twenty miles east-southwest tulle placed over the flowers, like the strong a tide that vessels have been black tulle of the above-described honstrong a tide that vessels have been the teeth of a strong opposing breeze. In ome sections of this shoal there is little water-in one place, it is said, not over three feet-and old bankers say that they have seen it at times above water. At other places the shoal has only eight fathoms of water. It is at the outer edges of the shoal that the fish are found, or their vicinity, and the vessels, when they encounter them, drop their anchors and put out their lines with baited hooks, and find lively work in landing the fish on deck. When one vessel strikes a school of fish the others draw neer and east anchor close by. In this way a number of vessels are often anchored together, which is a dangerous situation if a storm should arise and one of them part her cable. In such an struction, the other vessels in her track always a dangerous resort in a storm to the coming wave, she is most likely The cables used are made of the bes hemp, from two to three and one-half inches in diameter, according to the size of the vessel. With each lifting bound of the vessel in a storm, with her headto the sea, these cables stretch and give The waves in a similar movement. torm on Georges banks are short; chop-ing, but sometimes irresistible. If a vessel, with flush deck and strong bulthose heavy waves, it is said, follow one the another in quick succession — she is weighed down so as to be almost under water, and before she can discharge the body of water on her deck the other two Hogins' Imp. Ironing and General Utility seas are upon her, and she sinks to rise no more, with no trace of her or her crew to be seen again. Nobody has ever seen a Georges vessel lost, but it is supposed that she gets into what is called the wash on the shoals, and is turned over and tossed about till she breaks into pieces and her remains are covered by the sand or drawn into the volume of the Gulf stream and carried away to the unknown depths of the ocean

From the parlor or roller skate has been evolved a curious device called a pedomotor. The apparatus is practically a andal shod with wheels, and is designed to assist the lame and halt in walking and the ordinary walker in making good time. The sandal is provided with four wooden wheels bound with rubber, two on each side, and when strapped to the boot gives the wearer a firm footing. From the toe projects a point or supplementary toe, shod with rubber, and at the heel is a similar projection almost touching the ground and shod with leather. In using these wheeled sandals the ordinary walking step is taken, one foot giving the body a slight push with the pusher, or toe, while the other foot rests flat on the four wheels. The result obtained is a greatly lengthened stride, as the sandal rolls forward under the influence of the push, and the walker practically gets over much more ground you keep fish here?"
madam." was his prompt reply.
eep hardware and groceries here, will find a fish store four doors
Come to the door and I will
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down to the middle of the basque, where it turns back, forming revers lined with give a good walker a speed of twelve miles an hour over good sidewalks, and while the apparatus may be regarded as a mechanical curiosity. sult of innumerable inventions and patents before it was perfected, and, in like manner, this wheeled sandal may lead in time to something of value.—

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