

More Pounds and Pints!

WE NEED NEW PINS AND MEASURES!

Recently renewed attempts have been made to interest public opinion in the country in favor of the metric system of weights and measures. The metric system is familiar with the system which we weigh things in—ounces, pounds, hundredweights and tons, and measure them in inches, feet and yards, or quarts and gallons, as the case may be. However, it is aware that there has long been a movement to abolish these methods, and to substitute for them the metric system. It is argued by those in favor of the metric system that our present system is unintelligible to foreign nations with whom we wish to extend trade and that our industries are consequently greatly handicapped.

A Simpler System. The time needed for learning the complicated system is much longer than that required in learning the metric system. While the use of the metric system in scientific circles proves to be quicker and simpler than the present methods.

Opponents of the movement say the difficulties of our weights and measures are vastly exaggerated, and the proposed change would involve millions of people, since they are put to considerable inconvenience in grasping the new system.

In the future of 12, so much in our present methods of measurement that has advantages, that result in the decimal system.

Twelve, for example, is divisible by 3, 4, 6, as well as 10. In addition, it is argued that other nations, among them France, Italy, Spain, Belgium, have adopted the metric system does not imply that necessarily the best system.

The metric system is constantly being benefited from even in those countries. Stock Exchange and other institutions, and close investigation to show that the system has benefits, of which the disorganizing attendant on so radical a change is one of the chief.

The metric system ever comes in this country the housewife no longer buy her cheese by the pound, but by the kilogram. She will not buy her butter by the pound, but by the litre. Her husband will buy his shirts with a 394 cent collar, in place of the familiar 15.

The metric system, which is of the origin, was devised in the latter part of the eighteenth century, by several committees, formed to investigate the subject. As a result of their investigations, a system, representing ten European countries, visited France, and in the year 1790, the system, drawn up by the French Government, was deposited with great ceremony in the national archives. It was not until nearly forty years later, that the new system became known in France, since when many countries have adopted it.

It is now being considered by the United States Congress, and is the subject of the greatest agitation in that country. It seems unlikely to be adopted.

It does not tell us exactly how long a man, finding it necessary to measure a unit of length finally decided to do so. Experts suggest that he measured his own foot on the ground, noted the length of the imprint, and called it a foot; a theory that is borne out by the fact that people of almost every nation originally used the human foot as a unit of linear measurement.

London's First Buses

The forerunner of the omnibus was the stage coach—that is, the coach used instead of doing the journey from London and Bath, for instance, the journey from London to Dulwich.

The famous Tanner of Camberwell advertised that he would set out a London stage coach each day and return to London "weather permitting." On the arrival at Peckham, he had to refuse to go further.

It occurred to Mr. Bailey, of Dulwich, and so engaged him to help another coachman to Prince to run Tanner off the "King's Arms, Peckham Eye, City, fare one shilling; but he was not anticipated six years earlier by a man who started the first omnibus in London in 1829.

It was not until 1845 that Thomas Plaxton started his business in Watworth, only one horse. Five years later he removed to Peckham, and purchased the first omnibus, "The Times," from each humble beginnings to the great motor-omnibus service of today.

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Carpets, Squares, Linoleums, Rugs, Mats, Curtains, Laces, Scrims, etc.



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Double width Floor Canvas, painted back. Our full range of colourful patterns awaits your selection. These Special Prices govern the assortment during our May Sale:

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\$1.82 \$2.15 \$2.39

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\$20.00 \$36.00 \$42.00 \$45.00 \$53.00

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This Spring's assortment ranks as our largest and grandest in many ways: beautiful patterns, White and Cream from England and America. Our price range is somewhat extensive:

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Beautifully Patterned STAIR CARPETS

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In Green and Brown Tones, on natural ground, bound edges, delightfully cool for Summer-time.

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The yard

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