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Prize Fight of Year 1751 is Recalled.

Paris, Aug. 6.—Carpentier was not the first Frenchman to have the honor of competing and of being defeated in a world's boxing championship match. French statisticians have discovered since the knockout administered to Georges by Dempsey.

On July 28, 1751, a Frenchman named Petit, weighing 260 pounds and standing six feet four inches tall, Black of England, then the undisputed champion of the world. The purse was £100.

Petit, a combination of wrestler and boxer, jumped in the center of the grass ring as soon as the word "go" was given and seized Slack by the throat with his left hand, began placing his right with great force upon various parts of Slack's anatomy. History does not record why the Larry Erle of the time did not immediately disqualify the Frenchman, but goes on to relate that "Slack swung a mighty right into Petit," much below the belt and with that the Frenchman went down writhing in pain.

When he could summon enough strength to regain his feet, he immediately used one of them to send a well directed kick into Slack's chin. The Briton then swung right and left to the chin and the Frenchman was

and did not use eight-ounce gloves," concludes the historian.

Romans Burned Coal.

A correspondent has been looking up some of the earliest references to coal in England. Professor Boyd Dawkins has stated that coal ashes found along the Roman wall indicate that coal probably was used by the Romans. The earliest authentic reference to mining rights occurs in 1245, and relates to the Newcastle area. Newcastle grew quickly and was exporting coal to London as early as 1308. In the latter half of the thirteenth century coal was mined at Morley and Smalley, two villages a few miles north of Derby. Coal frequently was brought into the port of Chester in the fourteenth century, the earliest mention being in 1326. Medieval writers usually refer to coal as "sea-coal" (carbones maritimi or carbo de mari), in order to distinguish it from charcoal (carbones). The name evidently arose from the fact that it was brought to some places by water. The name was, however, used of coal which was carried into Chester from Ewloe, and of that found in the middle of Derbyshire. In the reign of Elizabeth coal was measured by the barrel, nine barrels to the ton.

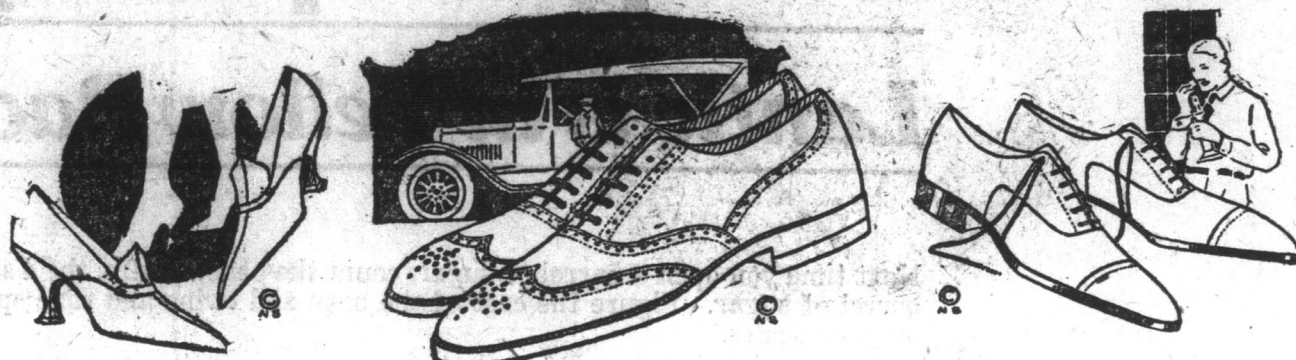
Self-Sufficiency.

We are at last getting it through our heads that the day of self-sufficiency is over, and that we are in any aspect we choose to look at it, our brother's keeper. It was only a little while ago when we said, and believed, "Every man for himself and the devil take the hindmost," but we never believed it in our hearts. Some, at a little later date, acknowledged their responsibility and said, "Yes, these are our brothers and sisters—let's build a jail and keep them there."

We have had some painful experiences to go through as communities and as individuals and we have learned that no community is independent of the individuals that compose it, nor can the individuals thrive without the community. One case of some dreadful proves how interdependent we are and how danger lies in the individual. One man with civic righteousness in his heart in a community proves the force of the individual. We are all a part of a whole. Not one of us can live his life rich and full. It is the day of the new slogan: "Each for the other and all together."

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The tuberose was introduced into Europe from East Indies by a Spanish physician in the sixteenth century. It still grows in its wild state in Java and Ceylon.

The chequered lily came from France and Italy about 1550, while the Crown Imperial lily was first brought from Persia to Constantinople. From there

it was taken to the Emperor's garden at Vienna, whence it found its way all over Europe.

It is not generally known that the belladonna lily was procured from South America in 1593, while the Guernsey lily was brought from Japan and was first cultivated at the beginning of the seventeenth century in the garden of an Englishman in Paris. This plant is said to have derived its name from the following episode. A ship, laden with bulbs, was wrecked off the coast of Guernsey. A number of the bulbs were cast up on the shore and took root in the soil, where they grew rapidly.

The first species of the dahlia known to Europeans was discovered in Mexico and sent to a professor at the Botanic Gardens, Madrid, who named it in honour of the Swedish professor, Dahl.

The most popular of flowers, the rose, is to be found in almost every country north of the Equator. It derives its name from rhos, meaning red. Of this plant more than one hundred species have been described, and more than two thousand varieties may be procured.

Lead Pencils.

The lead pencil that you will some day use—possibly next year—may now be tossing about the Atlantic—the "lead" (which isn't lead, but graphite) in one tramp steamer and the slate of wood in another.

The finest wood grown for the pencil-maker's purposes is the red cedar in the south of the United States, and curiously enough the most used "lead" comes from the adjoining country. Graphite, however, was first discovered in England.

In the early days of pencil-making the Borrowdale mine in Cumberland

was the only source of supply. The stuff was so valued that the mine was guarded by an armed force, and in order to conserve the supply it was only worked for six weeks in each year. Then to prevent theft the mine was flooded.

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