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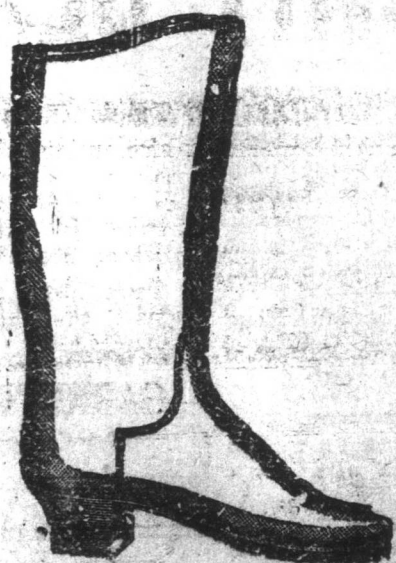
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Thrills on Alpine Peaks

THE POPE ON HIS MOUNTAINEERING ADVENTURES.

The Pope, as most people are no doubt aware, is a mountaineer of distinction; but the true nature of the remarkable and adventurous climbs which he has carried out in the Alps has just been disclosed by the publication of a book, "Climbs on Alpine Peaks" (Fisher Unwin), in which his Holiness relates some of his exploits. On one occasion the Pope and his party had to spend two night out on the mountains. The occasion was the ascent of Monte Rosa, in the Alps, from the Italian side.

On the journey up the mountain-side one of the party lost his axe. He was afterwards obliged to use his hands on the cold rocks and the snow, with the result that his gloves were soon torn to pieces and his hands were so frostbitten that it was many months before he was cured.

Frozen Wine and Eggs.

After reaching the summit the climbers were forced to spend the night on a projecting rock, and the Pope declares:—

"The spot where we were was not, indeed, one of the most comfortable."

On the other hand, it was perfectly safe for anyone who was reasonably sure of himself, though it was extremely small. Anyone sitting down found his feet dangling in space; we had, however, every facility for stamping them, provided we were careful not to lose our balance. The cold was intense; without being able to reckon the exact degree, I may mention that our coffee was frozen hard, and our wine and our eggs resembled it, in that they were neither respectably drinkable nor eatable."

Before the party succeeded in reaching safety they had to spend the following night also on the mountain-side. The Pope, in this connection, declares that whole nights have been passed with impunity on the very summit of the Matterhorn, and even on Mont Blanc.

It was in the course of this expedition that the Pope visited the mines at Pestarena, which are worked by British Capital.

A Striking Tribute.

"It is noteworthy," the author remarks, "how the English, with their practical ability and characteristic courage, contrive to employ profitably considerable capital in that outlying part of Italy. I say considerable capital, not only on account of the importance of the works and the number of men employed, but also (to the praise of the English, be it said) because of the liberality with which they ensure the safety of our workmen."

The Pope, by the way, when a small boy, first heard the English language spoken on the Alps, and the party consisted of a Church of England clergyman and his family. He was immediately fascinated with the sound of the strange language. He had just been reading Milton's "Paradise Lost" in an Italian version, and soon made up his mind to learn the English language in order to read the great masterpiece of literature in the original.

Complaint That Attacks Climbers. The author also describes his conquest of the Matterhorn and Mont Blanc, and adds that mountaineering is not a breakneck pursuit, but merely a question of prudence and of a little courage, of love of Nature and her most secret beauties.

Perhaps the most frequent complaint which mountaineers experience is frostbite, and the Pope gives the principal points of the treatment, which, he says, is alternate massage with snow and compresses of spirits of camphor, followed by bandaging with cotton-wool and india-rubber. Another form of treatment which is often adopted by doctors in Alpine centres, and which is usually successful, was seen by the Pope to effect a complete cure in the case of a friend, though it was applied after two days' delay and though the patient's condition was very serious. This treatment consists of continual compresses of spirits of camphor, as well as vaseline and baths of cold salt water.

British Historians

Coming

London, June 10 (A.P.)—The Senate of the University of London has appointed three representatives to the Anglo-American conference of professors of history to be held in December at Richmond, Va. They are Professors A. F. Pollard, R. W. Seton-Watson and Hubert Hall.

Germans go to England for Instruction in Music

Cologne, June 8 (A.P.)—Germans make player pianos in large numbers, but mostly for export, and admit they do not know how to play them successfully. In the hope of creating a home market, certain interested persons have arranged for an English expert on these instruments to give a series of concerts in the bigger cities. Music teachers are correspondingly dismayed.

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A curious family was discovered on the outskirts of the Mississippi jungle the other day. It was composed of a real-life "Tarzan," his wife and their baby girl.

The man had lived alone in the woods until he was over forty, when he found the woman who became his wife caught in a bear trap. This modern Adam and Eve continued their queer life together for years. They lived on roots, wild fruit, and game. Their adventures included fights with wild beasts. They were only driven back to civilization for a time by heavy floods which made their jungle home uninhabitable.

Living in a Cave.

Several couples, of late, have tried to live an absolutely simple life. As an experiment, a married couple went to live on a deserted island off the coast of Scotland.

They purposely deprived themselves of all civilized implements and their home was a cave. The experiment was a failure and each was glad to get back to powder puffs and pipes.

Another married couple achieved fame in America by going into the woods to live just like Adam and Eve in the garden of Eden. They selected a piece of virgin wilderness, into which they plunged without clothes, although they made wearing apparel from tree bark and skins. Their food was composed of fish and small game, which they caught with primitive snares. The experiment failed, however, through the couple's quarrelling, and ended in the divorce courts.

Cases of single men leading primitive lives are fairly common. Perhaps the most romantic of these "wild" men is a British descendant of one of the Bounty mutineers. He divides his time between several lonely Pacific islets and shuns all human society. Some of these islets are many miles apart, and, as he has no boat, it is believed that he swims every bit of the way when "hitting."

There is at least one case of a white woman renouncing civilization. This was an English girl who emigrated to Australia and took a situation as cook on a farm in the bush. There she met her future husband. He was a full-blooded aborigine belonging to one of the most primitive races in the world.

The couple married and went to live in the bush, where the woman has become aboriginal in everything but colour. She declares herself perfectly happy.

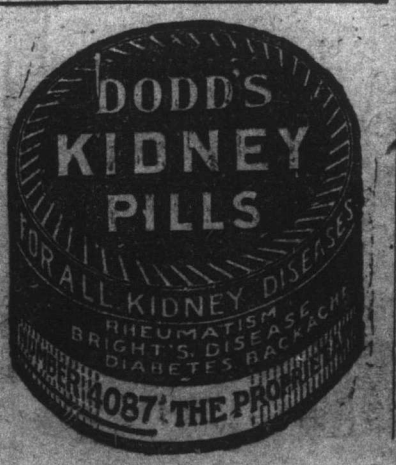
From time to time a queer sect of "Adamites" has appeared which holds that salvation lies in shunning civilization and living just as Adam did.

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"A good church was a good asset to a community. It was a witness for God; it was a challenge to the faithful in every succeeding generation that they should maintain and adorn the fabric and seek to extend the beneficent influence which emanated from it. It was a remembrance to the careless that they should no longer ignore the fundamental fact of life—the eternal existence of God."



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