THE PAIR OF SHOES

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IT WAS dusk. A night fog was settling over the pathway through which Mr. Robert Whipple was going toward his apartment. His nerves, already frayed by a strenuous day in his office, were on edge. Behind him about twenty paces was the "clip clop" of a pair of hard-soled shoes upon the asphalt. At first he had thought it a child on clogs. But he had looked back and seen through the murk a man who loomed large and stomped along in shoes clearly too big for him. The heel hit. The sole landed. "Clip clop, clip clop."

Mr. Whipple increased his pace. No use. He could not distance the "clip clop" of the man behind.

"Come out of that—you," he called; "what are you following me for?"

The "clip clop" drew closer. "Its all right, Mr. Whipple," said a quiet husky voice. "I had no intention of annoying you or of frightening you."

"Frightening me!" Mr. Whipple sputtered. "What d'ye want? You know me, eh?"

"Yes, sir, I've seen you many times. I want to get out of these shoes." The man looked at his feet. So did Mr. Whipple. Heavy workman's shoes. Twelves at least. "I was on my uppers, actually, not figuratively, and—and a woman gave me these. I—I can't wear them." The man's husky voice broke. Mr. Whipple stood aghast. This was a new one on him. He was used to the tricks of panhandlers. But this was something different. He had no doubt he was to be touched. Usually it was a "cup of cawfee." He studied the man. Shabby but clean clothes. No collar. Shirt clean. Face half hidden below the brim of an old fedora. Black stubble. The white teeth puzzled him. And the husky but cultivated voice.

"What's your trouble? Booze?" he asked roughly.

"No, sir, I don't expect you to believe me but I haven't had a drink in several years."

"No? Well—here's fifty cents. Go get yourself a meal and don't panhandle in the park. You might get run in." Mr. Whipple held out the coin. He was going to move on. But the man pushed his hand aside.

"I don't want your money. And I'm not a panhandler, unless my wanting you to help me rid myself of these wretched shoes makes me one."

"How the devil can I help you?" Mr. Whipple asked irritably. He was too interested, too curious about the man, to move on. "You don't expect me to take you to a bootshop to be reshod, do you?"

"Hardly, sir. You live over in that apartment house," the man pointed to a building where lights shimmered dimly through the fog. "I know that. Seen you often coming in and going out, sir. I thought maybe if I went there with you, you might be willing to throw me a pair of your old shoes out of the window. You do sometimes help people, don't you?" The irony of the last sentence was lost on Mr. Whipple. There was a sardonic grin on the man's face that puzzled him.

"All right," he said gruffly, "come along."

"I'll follow you, sir."

"No you won't. Walk beside me on the—on the grass." Not for a good deal would Mr. Whipple have that "clip clop" behind him again.

The man brightened perceptibly. Mr. Whipple tried to draw him out as they went along, but it was useless. He had one answer, "It would not interest you, sir," politely and firmly spoken. He clearly saw the difference between interest and curiosity, which, in one of his sort, added to Mr. Whipple's puzzlement.

Mr. Whipple's apartment was on the second floor front. It was lighted. He asked the man to go up with him. "No, sir, thank you. I will wait here." He leaned against the basement railing. Mr. Whipple was inclined to insist but thought better of it. Self-respecting chap, he thought. Didn't want to be seen in the bright light. Panhandlers rarely do—

He went up, took off his shoes and opened the window. "Here you are. Catch!" The man thanked him and Mr. Whipple heard him "clip clod" rapidly down the street.

The next morning he received by special messenger, a package. In it were his own shoes and a brief typewritten note.

"Dear Mr. Whipple: You have the reputation downtown of being a hard man. I took pleasure in defending you with some mutual friends and betting a hundred dollars you would give the shoes off your feet if properly approached. You did. Thank you.

"PAN HANDLE."

Painter Collects Musical Toys

An English painter collects musical toys and miniatures. He has a decanter which plays a waltz while wine is being poured from it, a French hen which, when wound up, walks across the dining room table and lays eggs, and a biscuit box that plays music. His toys come from all over the world and are representative of many inventions.—Detroit News.

Thermometer Scales

The Reaumur thermometer scale is used to some extent in Germany and other European countries for household thermometers, the Centigrade and Absolute scales for scientific work. Most clinical thermometers are self-registering and in this country use the Fahrenheit scale.

Wheat Program Checks Reach County This Week

County Agent J. Z. Miller announced today that his office has received 217 checks covering the 1936 wheat program which will be distributed on Thursday and Friday. The checks totaled $17,953.23 and will be paid through R. G. MacDonald, Cecil county treasurer for the Wheat Production Control Association.

4-H LIVE WIRE

DONALD MOSHER, 19, DeKalb, Illinois, boy mapped out a plan for extending the use of electricity on his father's 150-acre farm in a national 4-H contest conducted this past year by extension agents. Sponsored by the Westinghouse Electric and Manufacturing Company to gather information of value in the expanding use of electricity on farms, the contest terminated in the selection of the boy as national champion and winner of a $400.00 college scholarship, and a trip to the 15th National Club Congress in Chicago the week ending December 5. Other trip winners are Paul H. Schaff, Camanche, Iowa, Charlos W. Wilburn, Readyville, Tenn., Jean Lowder, Mt. Pleasant, N. C., Smith Roland, Viola, Dela., and Turner G. Timberlake, Magnolia, Md.

An adventure in beauty is a hostess coat of white satin threaded with motifs in gold and silver threads. The sleeves full and gored at the shoulder, are tight from elbow to cuff. The collar is finished with red silk tassels.

Letter to Santa Claus

North East, Md.

Dear Santa Claus—Will you please do me a favor—have the roads open so you can come to my grandmother's and bring me and my sister a set of dishes and a wash tub, clothes pin line, a wash board and everything you think is right. My sister ,Ethel, is 4 years old on January 6 and I am trying to be a good girl.

Nora Anna Ward.

Ninth District Farmers Reelect McDowell, Pres.

F. W. Oldenburg, Extension Agronomist Speaker At 21st Anniversary Meeting

Ladies In Separate Meeting Discuss Christmas Gifts And Suggestions

The Ninth District Farmers Club met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Howard E. England, Wednesday, December 2.

The following officers were elected for the coming year: T. K. McDowell, president; Howard R. Brown, vice-president; Mrs. Howard R. Brown, Recording Secretary; Mrs. William Little, Corresponding Secretary. Program committee was appointed by the president as follows: Dr. and Mrs. C. F. Miller, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Morris, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Fassitt; flower committee, Mrs. D. B. McDowell, Mrs. Atlee Armour, Mrs. Elisha Kirk.

Following dinner the inspection committee composed of J. E. Reynolds, William Little, C. C. England gave their report. Mr. T. K. McDowell discussed the corn displays of which there were 10 exhibits. Mr. F. W. Oldenburg, Extension Agronomist, University of Maryland, was the speaker of the day. His topic was "Selection of corn and grain for show purposes." He was the judge of the corn exhibit which placed as follows: white corn—Eugene England, first and third; Howard R. Brown, second. Yellow corn—T. K. McDowell, first, Howard R. Brown, second and third, Atlee Armour, fourth. Single ear of corn—T. B. McDowell first, William England second.

The ladies had a separate meeting at which they discussed Christmas gifts and suggestions. Next meeting will be held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. William England, January 6.

Wm. Pepper Constable

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Christmas Appeal

Won't you HELP the underpriviledged children of your county by contributing a present this Christmas? Think of the happiness brought by a single top on Christmas morning in a house where there otherwise would be nothing but the grim necessities.

A central file is being kept, and the social agencies are determined to see that no child is slighted. Contributions are being received at the Cecil Co. Public Health office because of its central location.
Try to play Santa Claus to at least one family!

MARIAN RAU,
Md. C. A. S., Elkton, Md.

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Board Of Education Meets Here Tuesday

The Board of Education met in regular session on Tuesday, December 8, 1936. Those present were Dr. T. B. Moore, president, and Fred Lewis, vice-president.

The minutes of the regular meeting of November 9th and special meeting of November 10th, were read and approved, and sundry bills ordered paid.

The bond of the Cogswell Construction Company was presented to the Board and approved.

The Board decided to connect the Rising Sun High School to the town sewerage system recently installed in that place. This installation to be a continuation of the W. P. A. project at Rising Sun.

The Board adopted a resolution to the effect that all bus drivers must be at least twenty-one years of age. This resolution to go into effect immediately. In collaboration with the State Commissioner of Motor Vehicles, an inspection of all school busses is to be made this month.

Schools of the county will close on December 23rd for the Christmas vacation and will open on January 4, 1937.

Cecil Farmer Wins Tomato Contest

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Dorchester county—A. R. Peterson, Harold E. Osborne, Daniel J. Willey, Russell P. Smith, C. M. LeCompte.

Baltimore county—Robert G. Howard, Edward R. I. Smith, L. M. Naufsinger.

Harford county—William T. James, Bertram Wiley, William Stief, Hugh J. Laird, Jr., Wakeman H. Scott, Wade Perkins, Nelson Cooper, J. Harry Miller.

Carroll county—George Brown.

Kent county—John W. Biggers, William E. Greenwood.

Maybe you want a novelty in gloves and bag. If so, you will make a beeline for the shop displaying these new black antelope gloves with circulet cuffs of silver fox. A black antelope bag to match has a fox head for trimming.

Take out a new bag, to lend emphasis to your costume. A nice model, of black antelope, is tapering and has a wide, ripid base. The frame is of engraved gold metal set with cabachons of onyx.

WANTED

VIOLINS wanted, 150 to 300 years old with Antonius Stradivarius label inside. Pack in strong wood box, Express to H. M. Chance, 24 S. 43rd St., Phila., Pa. All charges collect. Name Purchase Price. If condition is good I will buy it or return it, charges and insurance prepaid. Refer to First National Bank as to responsibility.

Easy Way To Unmold Gelatin Desserts

When unmolding gelatin desserts dip mold into bowl of warm water, bowl being deep enough so that water reaches rim of mold. Water should be slightly more than lukewarm.

Here is the answer to "what to put under a large flower pot to keep the dampness from marring mahogany—a large Italian tile at least twelve inches square. It is not antique, but has a simply swell modern design. You will want it yourself, but it would be a grand gift for some one whose apartment is done in the modern manner.

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Don't Deny Yourself the Joy of Giving a Gift In Keeping your Regard

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Wrist Watches

See our Beautiful Display at Prices You Can Afford To Pay.

The perfect combinations of beauty and utility. She'll learn to love and rely on the wrist watch you give her. Give him years of joy and pride and constant usefulness. We have all the latest models by Hamilton, Elgin, Gruen and Bulova.

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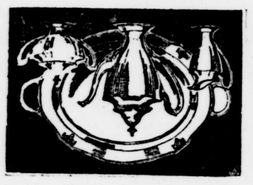

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Military Brushes	Scarf Pins
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FOR HER

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Compacts	Beads
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Heinz Asst'd SOUPS 2 14c cans 25c Consomme, Clam Chowder and Chicken Gumbo, can 15c

HEINZ KETCHUP 2 14c bots 25c 2 21c bots 35c

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Farmdale Shoepeg CORN Reg 13c can 10c

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Borden's Chateau Cheese ½ lb pkg 16½c

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ASCO Mixed TEA Reg 15c ½-lb pkg 13c 10c ¼-lb pkg 8c

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Majestic Dill or Sour PICKLES 2 15c Qt jars 25c

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LIFEBUOY Soap 2 cakes 13c
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Oranges	doz. 19c
Lettuce,	head 6c
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Jumbo Celery	stalk 10c
Stayman Winesap Apples	3 lbs. 15c
Large Grapefruit	3 for 10c

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