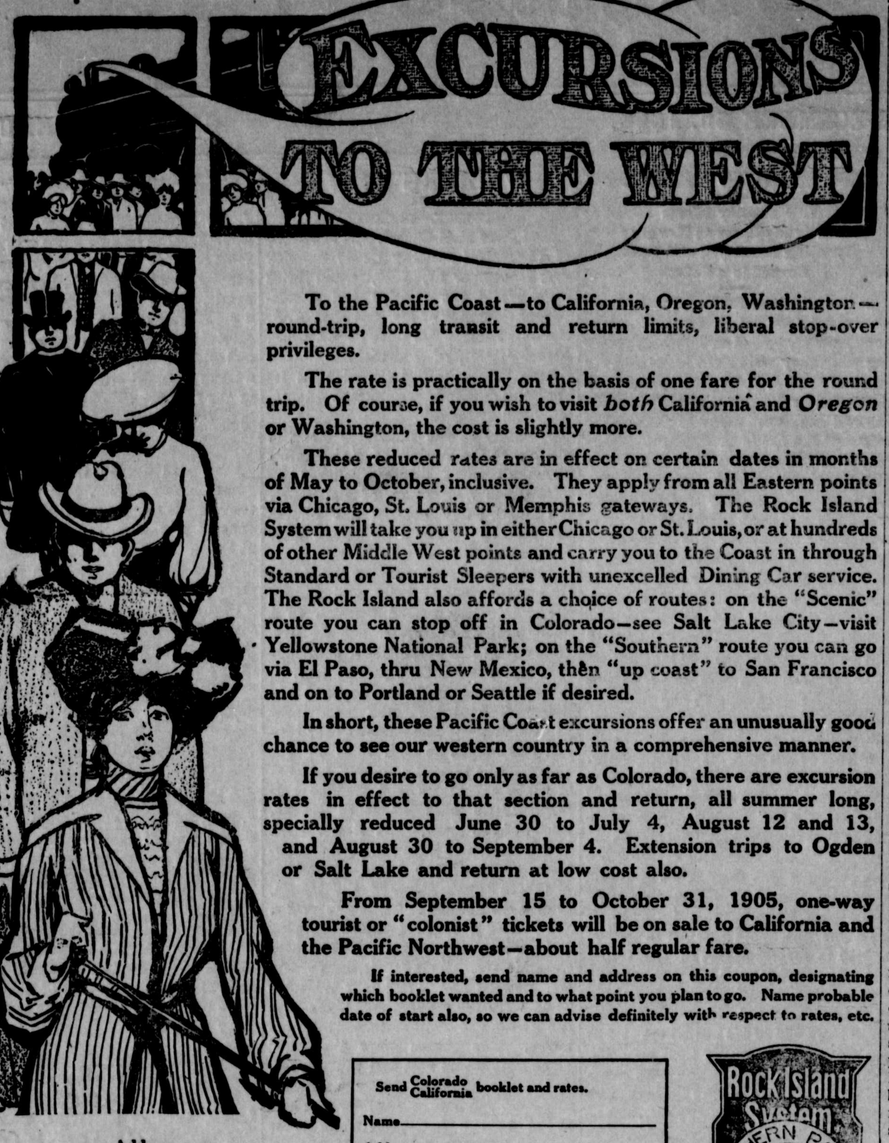

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ABOUT PUSH BALL.

How This Very Interesting Game Is Played.

Push ball is played on a gridiron field or floor 120 yards long by fifty wide, with goal posts at either end twenty feet apart and connected by a cross-bar seven feet from the ground. The mammoth ball, almost globular in shape, should measure six feet in diameter and weigh between forty-eight and fifty pounds. It is usually inflated with compressed air.

The ball is placed in the middle of the field, and the teams line up as follows: Five forwards on the forty yard line, two left and two right wings on the twenty yard line and two goal keepers on the goal line, eleven men each. At the sound of the referee's whistle both sides plunge at full speed upon the ball, and then the fun begins. If the ball is caught fairly between the two human battering rams there is a rebound from its elastic sides that sends the players sprawling like ten-pins.

It does not take long, however, for the entire twenty-two men to get around the sphere, put their shoulders to the wheel, so to speak, and push for every ounce of energy in them. The heavier, stronger team will, of course, have the advantage, but some trick plays have been invented which lend variety to the game and redeem it from being a featureless contest of mere brawn and muscle.—National Magazine.

WHEN YOU ARE SICK.

An English Literary Prescription to Be Taken During Recovery.

For reading during convalescence the British Medical Journal prescribes literature that cheers but does not inebriate, and warns persons recovering from illness against writers "whose style, like that of George Meredith, puts a constant strain on the understanding of the reader, or, like that of Maurice Hewlett, irritates by its artificial glitter, or like that of Marie Corelli, annoys by its frothy impertinence." Dickens should go well during convalescence, except "Pickwick," at least in surgical cases, because of the many side splitting episodes which would play havoc with the union of parts. For the same reason, in order that healing granulations may not be interfered with, Mark Twain's works are absolutely interdicted.

"Smiles' 'Self Help' is quite innocuous," says the learned journal, "but we should be cautious in recommending it in order that the patient may not thereby be led to meditate over a misspent career and to have suggested to him all the opportunities in life he might have grasped, but did not. A despondency might thus be induced which would delay a restoration to health, and which might even prove fatal. Thackeray, except 'Vanity Fair,' which is a pessimistic book, should go very well; 'Pendennis' and 'Barry Lyndon' will certainly entertain."

SKULLS FOR CUPS.

Barbarous Custom of Fierce Tribes of Northern Europe.

The barbarous custom of converting the skulls of enemies into drinking cups was a common one in ancient times among the fierce tribes of northern Europe and was not unknown to the people of the more civilized regions farther south. The Italian poet, Marino, causes an assemblage of friends to quaff their wine from the skull of Minerva, and in his "Wonder of a Kingdom" Torrent makes Dakker say:

Would I had ten thousand soldiers' heads,
Their skulls set all in silver, to drink healths
To his confusion who first invented war.

Thomas Middleton, a dramatic writer of the early part of the seventeenth century, is believed to be the originator of the phrase, "A soldier's drinking cup," as applied to a human skull. In "The Witch," one of his most celebrated plays, the duke takes a bowl, which he is told is a human skull, whereupon he exclaims:

Call it a soldier's cup.
Our duchess, I know, will pledge us, though the cup
Was once her father's head, which as a trophy
We'll keep till death.

One of the delights of the immortals, as represented in the old Scandinavian sagas, is that of drinking to drunkenness from the skulls of vanquished foes.

Let Us Do Our Duty.

Let us do our duty in our shop or our kitchen, the market, the street, the office, the school, the home, just as faithfully as if we stood in the front rank of some great battle and we knew that victory for mankind depended on our bravery, strength and skill. When we do that the humblest of us will be serving in that great army which achieves the welfare of the world.—Theodore Parker.

Progressing.

"How is your daughter getting along in physical culture?" inquired the visitor of Mrs. Goldrox.

"Fine!" replied Mrs. Goldrox. "She's got so she can read an' write it now, and the professor says he's going to give her Latin an' chiropody next month. I think them foreign langwidges are fine, don't you?"—Milwaukee Sentinel.

A Long Evening.

"It's hard on the people of Greenland to have night six months long."

"Yes. Just think of the feelings of the poor man whose mother-in-law drops in to spend an evening!"

A Case of Must.

The Clergyman—My little man, do you go to church every Sunday? Bobbie—Yes, sir. I'm not old enough yet to stay away.

LEGAL PHRASEOLOGY.

What Some of the Terms Common to Court Practice Mean.

To most persons the phrase "This indenture witnesseth" is as much Greek as the other common phrase "Witness my hand and seal." Yet both are relics of a time when these legal forms carried with them a significance not obtaining at present.

Legal documents were once engrossed upon parchment because paper cost so much more than dressed skin. The parchment was seldom trimmed exactly and the top was scalloped with the knife; hence the term "This indenture." Even where the lawyers have departed from the custom, still obtaining in England, of using parchment for their legal forms the phrase has been retained.

In the same way the signature of "hand and seal" is a relic of those olden times when only clerks and the clergy could wield the pen. It was the custom for the contracting parties to lay their hands upon the document in token of good faith, and there remained a smudge. As these original thumb marks were not easily identified, the gentry added their seals for the purpose of further establishing the validity of the document. It may not be generally known that a seal is still required in law, though the need for it passed with the spread of education, and the bit of red paper affixed by the lawyer is as necessary as the signature to certain documents.

A court of law is a reminiscence of the time when justice sat in the open courtyard, and the "dock" is from a German word meaning a receptacle, while the "bar" is a Welsh word meaning a branch of a tree used to separate the lords of justice from their vassals.

The entire phraseology of the bench is reminiscent of the earlier days, but, having been proved proper, has been retained.—New York Herald.

JAPANESE PAGODAS.

Earthquake Proof and Able to Stand the Severest Shock.

The absence of buildings of any size and antiquity in Japan is ascribed to the destruction of them by the frequent earthquakes which occur. The only structures which seem to be earthquake proof are the pagodas which are erected before the temples. There are many pagodas which are 700 or 800 years old and as solid as when first built. There is a reason for this, and it lies in their construction. A pagoda is practically a framework of heavy timbers which starts from a wide base and is in itself a substantial structure, but it is rendered still more stable by a peculiar device. Inside the framework and suspended from the apex is a long, heavy balk of timber two feet thick or more. This hangs from one end, and to the other end are bolted at each of the four sides four more heavy timbers, and if the pagoda be very lofty still more timbers are added on to these. The whole forms an enormous pendulum which reaches to within six inches of the ground. When the shock of an earthquake rocks the pagoda the pendulum swings in unison and keeps the center of gravity always at the base of the framework. Consequently the equilibrium of the pagoda is never disturbed, and this is the explanation of the great age of many of them, when from their height one would suppose them to be peculiarly susceptible to the effect of an earthquake.

Baffled.

The word baffled now has a meaning entirely different from that applied to it 300 years ago. It is now understood to mean thwarted, foiled or disappointed, but then it was applied to the process of degradation by which a knight was disgraced. A baffled knight was one who had been pronounced guilty of conduct unbecoming one of his order and had accordingly been shorn of his plumes, his sword was broken before his eyes, his knightly robe torn away, his spurs cut off with a cleaver, and after being publicly chastised he was declared to be baffled. The word is used in this sense by Shakespeare and other writers of that time.

About Breathing.

In the ordinary respiration of man sixteen or seventeen cubic inches of atmospheric air pass into the lungs twenty times a minute, or a cubic foot every five and one-quarter minutes, 274 cubic feet in twenty-four hours. The lungs hold 2.80 cubic feet. At each respiration 1.375 of oxygen is converted into carbonic acid gas. The nitrogen inspired and expired is exactly equal. During the act of inspiration the lungs have been found to be the coldest parts of the body.

The Point of View.

"It all depends on the point of view," he said reflectively.

"What do you mean?" she asked.

"Well, by way of illustration," he answered, "there's Mrs. Jones next door, who sings all day long. Looking at it from one point of view, we say, 'Happy woman!' and from another, 'Unhappy neighbors!'"

Such Friendly Friends!

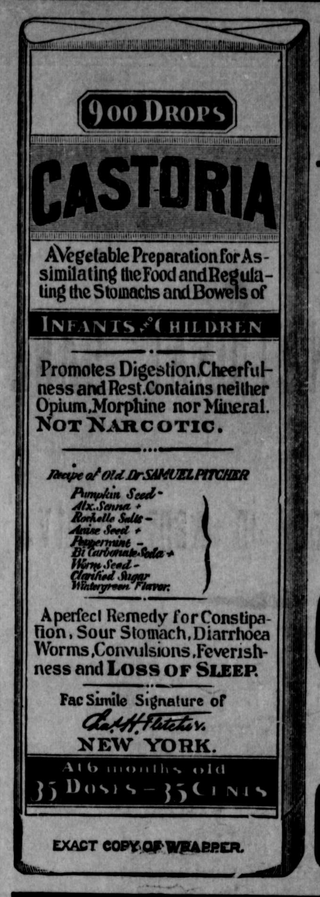
Maude—Jack Huggins has been calling on me for nearly three months. I expect a proposal soon. Clara—Oh, Jack never rushes things! It was at least five months before he proposed to me.—Chicago News.

How She Liked Him.

"Well, Maggie, you have now been married a year. How do you like your husband?"

"Sober, mum."—Houston Post.

If Satan could love he would cease to be wicked.—St. Theresa.



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