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THE SHOEMAKER'S ART.

It Has Been Known Since the Earliest Days of Civilization.

A few winters ago I passed a day among the wonderfully decorated tombs in the cemetery of what was once Memphis, upon the western bank of the Nile, writes Julius Chambers in the Brooklyn Eagle. One of the show places is the remarkable underground palace that the illustrious Queen Ti of the fifth dynasty (i. e., about 4,500 years ago) constructed for her final resting place. It consists of a great court 40 by 60 feet, as I remember, and several other apartments, besides the mummy chamber, which is reached by a stairway leading down from the largest room. Upon the walls of this tomb are the best preserved pictures to be found in all Egypt, and among them are the figures of two artisans working upon coverings for the feet.

Therefore, makers of shoes, I salute you! More than 4,000 years before the art of printing had practical existence, although you will admit that the decorator of Queen Ti's tomb was almost a publisher, your art was recognized, respected and immortalized.

The natural impulse of mankind is to go barefoot. Every reader can remember youthful days in which the greatest possible pleasure was embodied in a run through the woods or along the shore unshod. Very well can I recall the secret spot in the barn in which I was wont to hide my shoes and stockings in order that I might be in the competition for the first stone bruise of the summer. That was the primitive man, speaking up for the faraway days "before we were women and men."

AN OLD TIME ASCENT.

London's First Balloon and the Great Excitement It Raised.

Tremendous excitement was caused when London's first balloon went up. The balloon, manned by a young Italian named Vincent Lunardi, ascended from Moorfields, then an open space of ground, on Sept. 15, 1784, in the presence of more than 100,000 spectators. All business was suspended, the king himself setting the example by adjourning a cabinet council that happened to be sitting. Vast crowds followed the balloon's course, some on horseback, in carts, in chaises, but mostly on foot. The Great North road, above which the aeronaut sailed for some distance, was a roaring river of humanity.

Many were hurt in the crush, but the only fatality recorded was the death from fright of an old country woman, who, coming out of her cottage to see what the excitement was about, beheld the balloon just above her head. On the other hand, Lunardi undoubtedly saved one man's life, a jury bringing in a verdict of not guilty on a notorious highwayman in order that they, the prisoner and the judge who was trying the case might rush out of court to see the balloon.

The aeronaut descended eventually near Ware, in Hertfordshire, where his sudden drop from the clouds was the cause of more astonishment and excitement. Many of the spectators swooned with fear, while others urged the putting of Lunardi to death there and then on the ground that he must needs be a sorcerer and in league with the evil one.

Small Necked New Yorkers.

Statistics furnished by manufacturers of shirts and collars indicate that the average New York man has a smaller neck than his out of town brother. Comparison of orders shows that out of a given volume of business booked Boston and Chicago led in the matter of big sizes. Inquiry at several haberdashery shops in Manhattan resulted in the information that any number larger than sixteen and a half would have to be specially called for from the factory or had through the selling agent. In other cities it is an everyday experience to sell as high as size eighteen over the retail counter. Of course the element of snug fit is a factor, but as a regular proposition eastern and western men are more "bull necked" than is the case with their New York brethren.—New York Press.

Dried Elderberry Leaves In Asthma.

"If you will gather leaves from an elderberry bush when they are green and let them dry and then put them into a pillow and sleep upon them nightly for about three months," said a Petersburg (Tenn.) man, "they will cure the worst case of asthma. After they are dried the leaves have a peculiar but pleasing odor. By inhaling this odor the asthma is cured. I know a number of people who cured themselves of asthma by sleeping on dried elderberry leaves."—Nashville Tennessean.

Heaven's Secrets.

The following is a true story, vouched for by a correspondent: Her little boy of seven years of age said to her one day: "Mother, I know why it is that babies cannot speak until they are twelve months old. It is because they come straight from heaven, and if they were able to talk as soon as they were born they would tell the secrets, and so God doesn't let them speak until they have almost forgotten them."—London Methodist Times.

Not a Crank.

He—I notice you call a good many of your acquaintances cranks. I hope you do not consider me a crank? She—Certainly not! A crank is a person with one idea, and I never heard anybody accuse you of having one!—Pearson's Weekly.

A VALID OBJECTION.

Young Sheridan's Ready Wit Saved Him a Birching.

Richard Brinsley Sheridan early evinced a genius for getting something for nothing and, seeing the door of the refectory had inadvertently been left unlocked, peeped in and saw a huge basket of grapes freshly gathered from the orchard.

Stealthily closing the door and approaching the grapes, he thus addressed them: "I publish the banns of marriage between Richard Brinsley Sheridan and these grapes. Is there any one to forbid the banns?" And, having no reply to his query, he proceeded to fill his breadbasket from the other basket with great gusto. But retribution was to follow, for on the class being reassembled the master called upon Richard Brinsley Sheridan to stand forth and joined with his name the ominous name of Walker, who was the dunce of the school and selected from his weight and size to mount the culprit upon his shoulders in order that the master might get a firm surface upon which to use the birch with effect.

Sheridan being duly mounted and appropriately denuded of superfluous raiment, the master thus addressed him: "I publish the banns of marriage between Richard Brinsley Sheridan and this birch. Is there any just cause or impediment why these two parties should not be joined in holy matrimony?"

"Hold!" yelled Sheridan.

"Well?" said the master.

To which Sheridan said, "Why, sir, the parties are not agreed!"

This being not only witty, but apt, as being a valid objection in point of law, Sheridan was requested to retire and restore himself to his former habiliments amid the uncontrollable laughter of all concerned, including the head master.—Exchange.

THE LAND OF OPHIR.

Where Was It—In Mashonaland, South Arabia or India?

One of the most interesting and important questions concerning Biblical sites perpetually invites research and persistently evades solution. "Where is the land of Ophir?" Dr. Karl Peters at a public meeting in Berlin declared emphatically that this famous Biblical region is located between the Zambezi and Limpopo rivers. He told his German audience how he has discovered many shafts of ancient gold mines, 500 temples, fortifications and other ruins of Phoenician origin. Dr. Peters affirms that coins unearthed in Mashonaland belong undoubtedly to the time of King Solomon. His opinion is that no other part of Africa could have exported the ivory, silver and precious stones which are recorded in the Bible as coming from Ophir.

Against this theory, founded as it undoubtedly is on very plausible evidence, Bible students are still likely to maintain, on the testimony of Genesis x, 29, that Ophir was a section of South Arabia. Here down to the time of Ezekiel the Phoenicians still landed to procure gold and gems with which those famous sailors and merchants of the ancient world traded in many countries distant from their Syrian shores.

Many erudite writers have attempted to identify Sofala, on the east coast of Africa, with Ophir, while yet others have located it in India. One of the most learned essays written on the subject is from the pen of Professor Hommel, who argued that the ancient land of gold was Arabia Felix.—Homiletic Review.

A Man to Be Envied.

"Do you know," remarked a visitor to a Broadway hostelry, "I'm always inclined to envy the clerk in a hotel like this. He is always well groomed and smiling, has a wider acquaintance among the wealthy or well to do than I can ever hope to have and is always so aggressively at peace with the world and himself; also he wears, more often than not, a diamond scarfpin or ring which is certainly beyond me. It's a pretty comfortable berth."

Several hours later the hotel clerk reached for his coat and hat. As he left the office he turned to a comrade: "Say, Ned, can you let me have $10 till the first? Rent due at home tomorrow, and I'm shy. Doctor's bills hit me pretty hard this month, and I don't want to lie awake tonight if I can help it."—New York Globe.

Her Poor Memory.

A woman who belonged to an ancient but penniless family married a rich plebeian, but she never forgot the misalliance nor allowed any one else to do so. One day, attended by a servant, she went into a store and gave an order.

"And where shall I send it, madam?" said the shopkeeper.

"Jean," said the woman, turning to her servant, "tell the man your master's name. I never can remember it."

The Average Man.

"Pa, what's an average man?"

"One who has a sneaking suspicion that he has qualities which make him superior to anybody else."—Chicago Tribune.

Would Get Copyright Fee.

"What can I do for you, sir?"

"Well, you see, parson, there's a girl with me that I'd like to get copyrighted in my own name."—New York Press.

To Catch the Train.

A physician says early rising is an error. More frequently it is a necessity.—Louisville Courier-Journal.

Receiving a new truth is adding a new sense.—Liebig.

INSULTS TO ROYALTY.

Some of the Things That Constitute Leze Majesty in England.

Many people think that leze majesty—giving insult to royalty—is not a crime in Great Britain. The English statute books, however, contain many penalties for such offenses.

Placing a postage stamp on a letter upside down is a punishable offense, as is also the defacement of a coin bearing the royal image. This is insulting the king's effigy.

Private individuals may not raise the royal standard over their dwellings. This is the emblem of the regal authority to be displayed only where the king is present.

While an agitator may talk against royalty in the abstract as much as he chooses, contemptuous or insulting personal references to the reigning sovereign opens the offender to a heavy fine and imprisonment.

The slightest slap upon the face of the king or queen—or any other part of the anatomy, for that matter—is punishable with the death penalty. In the reign of Queen Victoria a Lieutenant Page struck her across the face with his cane. He was sentenced to death, but the queen commuted his sentence.

It is likewise a crime to bring the uniform of the sovereign into contempt. To garb a low comedian or a villain of the stage in a discarded uniform of the army or the navy is sufficient to bring heavy censure from the government. For this reason theatrical managers usually see to it that the uniforms worn are not exactly copies of the real things.

ARTIFICIAL LIGHT.

The Most Brilliant Illumination Is Not Always the Best.

A writer in an engineering magazine offers some disconcerting information on the subject of illumination, disconcerting because the reader will probably find that he has been, innocently enough, following a course of procedure there described as injurious. For instance, in the case of eye strain he may have felt that even the dim light by which he worked was too strong, and so turned down the light, thus increasing the difficulty, or, what is more likely to be the case, when the strain has been caused by too brilliant illumination he fancies that what is needed is stronger light and so increases it.

Overstrain from too bright a light is said to manifest itself by an itching sensation in the eyeballs, with the tendency to rub the eyes for relief. The proper course, then, is to see that the light is more perfectly diffused or softened and that it falls in the right direction. After these precautions have been taken it is worth while to try a smaller quantity of light, this trial to continue long enough in time for the eyes to become fully adjusted to the change. The value of illumination is not to be judged by the apparent brightness of the lights when looked at directly—the brighter the light the better—but by the effect on the object to be looked at, and the most desirable effect, so far as the eyes are concerned, is not always produced by the most brilliant lights.—Indianapolis Star.

Set the Pace.

Young Mabel had a habit when soup was served at the table of mushing her crackers or bread in it until it was a great mess. Her mother made many efforts to have her correct this strictly primeval habit.

One day there was to be company at the table, and the mother said:

"Now, Mabel, Mrs. Brown is to dine with us tonight, and I want you to act at the table just as nicely as she does. Please don't 'mush' your soup."

Mabel promised faithfully to follow the example set by Mrs. Brown, and the dinner opened with every promise of a fine time. However, Mabel was using a pair of very sharp eyes on Mrs. Brown and in an instant blurted forth at the top of her voice:

"Oh, mamma, Mrs. Brown is 'mushing!' May I?"

Had Tried Electricity.

A benevolent gentleman attempted to converse with the motherly old lady who sat next to him in the railway carriage. He discovered that she was very deaf, and the conversation was established by shouting.

"You are very deaf, aren't you, madam?" ultimately bellowed he of the benevolence.

"I am so," was the reply, "and haven't been able to do a thing for it.'

"Have you ever tried electricity?" shouted the kind hearted man.

"Yes," she said, nodding vigorously, "I was struck by lightning last summer."—London Graphic.

How She Felt.

Stella—So you kissed the young parson in the dark hall, thinking it was your brother? You must have felt awfully cheap when you discovered your mistake. Mabel—Cheap! Why, I felt like a Friday remnant at a Monday bargain sale.—Chicago News.

Foreign.

Doctor (after careful examination)—Some foreign substance is lodged in your eye. Dennis—Oi knowed ut! That's what Oi git f'r wurrukin' wid them Frenchmen!—Illustrated Bits.

His Views.

"What are your views on currency?" asked the busy citizen.

"Mostly sad and reminiscent," answered the man who had been to the races.—Washington Star.

Avoid multiplicity of business. The man of one thing is the man of success.—Edwards.

Bad Symptoms.

The woman who has periodical headaches, backache, sees imaginary dark spots or specks floating or dancing before her eyes, has gnawing distress or heavy full feeling in stomach, faint spells, dragging-down feeling in lower abdominal or pelvic region, easily startled or excited, irregular or painful periods, with or without pelvic catarrh, is suffering from weaknesses and derangements that should have early attention. Not all of above symptoms are likely to be present in any case at one time.

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