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How to Sharpen a Screwdriver.

The screwdriver is found not only in the tool chest of every mechanic, but in most houses, and in not a few offices. It ranks with the hammer, the saw, and axe in general utility, and yet very few persons know anything about how it should be sharpened so as to do its work most efficiently; that is, with the least expenditure of power and the least injury to the heads of screws.

In driving a screw into the wood, the force used to press the screwdriver against the head of the screw tends to aid the latter in penetrating the wood; but when we attempt to extract a screw, every pound of pressure that we apply tends to render it more difficult to get the screw out. It therefore becomes very important that the screwdriver should be so formed that it may be kept in the nick of the screw by the exertion of the very least degree of force, for if it has any tendency to slip out, we can keep it in place only by applying pressure, in which case we run great risk of injuring the nick and rendering it impossible to draw the screw.

If we examine a screwdriver in the condition in which it is ordinarily found, we shall find that it presents a section in which the sides of the wedge, in which all screwdrivers terminate, are curves with the convex sides outward. Now, the effect of thus curving the sides of this wedge is to render it greatly more obtuse. Moreover, when we turn the screwdriver, the tendency to slip out of the nick is just in proportion to the obtuseness or bluntness of the wedge, and, therefore, this form is the very worst that can be chosen. In the hands of most good workmen, therefore, we find that the screwdriver ends in a wedge, of which the sides are perfectly straight. This is a very good form, but is not equal to a form in which the sides of the wedge are curves, but with the concave sides turned outward. In this way we lessen the obtuseness of the wedge at the extreme point, and produce a turnscrew which may be kept in the nick by the least pressure endwise. To grind a screwdriver into this form it is necessary to use a very small grindstone, and many of the artificial stones found in the market answer admirably.

Chinese Girls.

Unless a Chinese father happens to be a schoolmaster and at home with nothing to do, he never thinks of teaching his daughter to read; it would be preposterous. It is like weeding the field for some other man, or putting a gold chain around the neck of some one else's puppy, which may at any moment be whistled off, and then what becomes of the chain? One of the underlying assumptions of Chinese society is that it is the body of the girl for which the parents are responsible, and not the mind. To almost any Chinese it would probably appear a self-evident proposition that to spend time, strength, and, much more, money in educating the daughter-in-law of some one else is a sheer waste.

"But she is your daughter," you say to him.

"Not after she is married," he replies; "she is theirs. Let them educate her themselves if they want her educated. Why should I teach her to read, write and reckon when it will never do me any good?"

With this utilitarian inquiry the education of most Chinese girls has been banished from human thought for the space of some millenniums. The anxiety which all her friends begin to feel about a Chinese girl as soon as she attains any considerable size is exhibited in the inquiries which are made about her whenever she happens to be spoken of. These inquiries do not concern her character or her domestic accomplishments, much less her intellectual capacity, of which she has theoretically, none to speak of; but they may all be summed up in the phrase, "Is she said?" meaning by the term "said" betrothed. The instinctive feeling of a Chinese with regard to a girl is that she should be betrothed as soon as possible.

African Pigmies.

During the very hungriest time spent by Stanley's expedition in going through the dense forest it happened that the discovery of a little child of the dwarf tribe proved truly providential.

Upon approaching one of the settlements of these people, the natives fearing that the Arabs were upon them, hastily retreated to the depths of the jungle, leaving in the village one of the young children. He was an ungainly little creature, and from Saleh's description had an enormously big head, protuding lower jaw, and an ungainly fat body.

The Zanzibaris sat about in dejected groups, complaining of their present hard existence, and the sad contrast of to-day with their joyous life in their island home away in the Indian Ocean. The little Teki-Teki (pigmy), although not more than three years old, was busily searching for something in the dry leaves. The Zanibaris were attracted by the child's activity. Presently the sparkle of his eyes and the increased earnestness of his hunt showed that he had been successful; and, indeed he returned to the campfire carrying a lot of pods like enormous beans. These he scraped to a fine powder, which he damped, rolled in some big leaves, and then toasted in the ashes. When cooked to his satisfaction he opened the dainty package and the whole camp became filled with the pleasant odor of this new dish. The men of the expedition then closed around and, much to the young Teki-Teki's disgust, helped themselves to a tasting pinch.

The Zanabaris knew the tree quite well; it was the "makneme." This discovery brought a gleam of hope to the hearts of these hungry beings. The capture of the tiny woodsman was a godsend, and Selah said that had this unhappy little creature understood their language he would have been overwhelmed with the heartfelt blessings showered on him. A few days afterward another tribe of these same small people was met, and the child was handed over to them to be returned to his parents.

A Candid Maiden.—At a social gathering Hostetter McGinnis, who is a great wag, said to Miss Esmeralda Longcoffin: "You would not believe, Miss Esmeralda, what conquests I've made among the fair sex. You would not believe it." "I don't," replied Miss Esmeralda calmly.—Texas Siftings.

ITALIAN COURTSHIP.

How Lovers Plight Their Troth in Sunny Italy.

Italian lovers of the middle class find many difficulties in love's path. Most of them fall in love at first sight. A young man catches a glimpse of a girl, and at once resolves to marry her; if it is at church, he follows her home; if on the balcony, he notes the house and begins to haunt the street. If he is acceptable, perhaps one day a flower will fall at his feet though the girl knows that such encouragement is unmaidenly. A lover with a good voice and ear has an immense advantage. He sings snatches of love songs as he walks below, and if a voice above takes up the last note and gradually passes to another song, he may take heart. Whatever difficulties he may still have to encounter, an aversion on the part of the object of his affection will not be one of them. Very pretty flirtations are carried on in this way, the young lady at times mocking and teasing her admirer with fragments of satirical verse, and at times falling into something like sentiment; but they are more frequent after than before the betrothal.

Even the most favored lover has in the meantime been seeking for some means of establishing a more direct intercourse with the object of his choice. He has made inquiries of the neighbors as to the character of the family and its intimates, and endeavors to obtain an introduction to one of the elderly ladies who frequent the house. To her he explains his wishes and his position in life, and he then begs her to plead his cause.

If he is an eligible suitor, she is almost certain to consent, as the mission is an interesting one, and the position is considered highly honorable. She knows nothing of any little signs of favor the lover may have received, so her first visit is to the young lady, who feigns shyness and a reluctance which it sometimes takes weeks to overcome. At least envoy is supposed to act thus; in fact, there is generally a perfect understanding between her and the parents, though they pretend to know nothing of what is going on. After the maiden has given what she considers a sufficient proof of her modesty, she yields. The father is then consulted, the principal conditions of the marriage contract are discussed, and the betrothal takes place.

Such is the course of true love when it runs smoothly, as, in spite of all the authorities to the contrary, it occasionally does in real life. If the maiden is coy, the youth has a more difficult task. He endeavors to secure the good offices of some female dependant of the family, of an old nurse—old nurses play a far greater part in the family life of Italy than of England—or even, if no other opportunity offers, of the washerwoman. Such negotiations are generally kept strictly secret, and if the young lady shows a marked aversion to the proposed marriage they are dropped at once. If she assents to it, the lover sends one of his relations or friends, who is as often as not a man, to speak to her father on the matter. No mention whatever is made of the fact that the young people have come to an understanding with each other, and the father of course asks time to consider. He consults his wife and daughter; if their opinion is favorable, and his inquiries as to the position and character of the young man lead to satisfactory results, he signifies his willingness to treat, and the betrothal takes place in due course.

It is considered very bad form for a man to appeal to the parents before he has obtained at least the tacit consent of the daughter, and if he makes the mistake of doing so he is likely to pay dearly for it. There are, however, occasions on which such an irregularity is excused. If the obstacles to any personal intercourse are great and time is precious—if, for instance, the lover learns that the lady of his choice is about to take the veil—no blame attaches to him if he acts abruptly, though he subjects himself to the chance of semi-public rejection by the girl herself, and this is considered a great humiliation. The direct appeal to the parents is, however, most frequently made by elderly men who possess greater wealth or occupy a higher social position than the woman they wish to marry.

A betrothal rarely lasts longer than is necessary for the requisite preparations, and the customs of different towns vary greatly as to the way in which the affianced pair are treated. In some places the future son-in-law is at once received as a member of the family; in some he is at least invited to the larger social gatherings; but in many it is a strict law of etiquette that he is not to enter the house of the bride from the day of betrothal till that of the marriage, or to meet her except in public places.

The balcony, it is true, is still open to the young lady, and from it she is free to discourse with her lover on any subject she may choose.

But a conversation from a first, or even a second or third story with a person in the street hardly possesses all the privacy that lovers desire. It is therefore during this period that the flirtations in song, to which reference has been made, usually take place, and that such adventures as attend a Southern courtship are achieved.

The lover endeavors to steal unobserved into the house and meet the maiden in out-of-the-way corners; but no girl with any sense of propriety will consent to such an interview unless an older woman is also present. A good natured godmother, with a habit of dozing, and on occasion can be conveniently deaf and shortsighted, will often arrange and be present at such meetings; and if the outside world is kept completely in the dark, the parents rarely care to interfere with them. Still, even under the most favorable circumstances, husband and wife meet almost as strangers on their wedding day.

Discovery of a Silver Mine.

There is a silver mine near Sarhad, in Afghan territory, which has a curious history. Three men, says an exchange, were sent from that country to Cabul, the residence of the Ameer, to be executed for an offense against the State.

They told the Ameer that if he would let them off they would tell him where he could find abundant supplies of silver. The Ameer deferred the execution and sent them under guard to Irkansham, where they went to work digging.

They and the two men who were put to work with them dug for 20 days, finding nothing. The Ameer's officer told them at length that they could dig for seven days more, and if they did not find silver within that time the sentence of death would be carried out.

The next day they came to a very rich vein of silver, and now about 100 men are employed in the mine, which was visited recently by an English traveller.

Miscellaneous Advertisements.

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Ye Storm-Beaten Travelers!
HO!
Ye Humane Horsemen!

GIVE HEED TO

THIS Announcement:

I HAVE A VERY FINE ASSORTMENT OF

Lap Blankets, Robes,

THE FOUR 5/A FAVORITES.

Two or three dollars for a 5/A Horse Blanket will save double its cost. Your horse will eat less to keep warm and be worth fifty dollars more.

Horse Blankets and Covers,

AT prices that mean Winter Comfort. I hope you will be "in it." These words are—

—a few drops of ink
To make the reader think.

Frank C. Beall
"The" Hardware & Stove Man

Jan 9

Edwards & Son,

—AT THEIR—

Great One-Price Store,

OFFER THE FOLLOWING

UNEQUALED BARGAINS:

Our immense stock has been bought direct from the manufacturers, thereby saving to our patrons the middleman's profit.

We are the largest dealers in our line in all Maryland.

We offer better inducements to the public to patronize our store than can be given by any other house in our line.

☞ Read carefully and considerately the following:

500 pairs ladies fine button Dongola Boots at	$1.25
500 pairs ladies fine Dongola button Boots at	2 00
500 pairs Reed's celebrated button Boots at	2 50
500 pairs Cousin's world-renowned button Boots at	2 50
500 pairs Pel's easy-fitting button Boots at	2.50
500 pairs men's extra-good quality heavy Boots at	1 50
500 pairs men's all kip Boots at	2.00
500 pairs men's fine French kip Boots at	3.00
500 pairs boys' winter Boots, extra good, at	1.25
400 pairs boys' kip Boots at	1.50

We keep in addition to the above superior Boots a full line of the celebrated

Walker Boots for Men and Boys.

400 pairs ladies' heavy winter Shoes at	85 cents
00 pairs misses and children's winter Shoes at	50 cents

A Full Line of the Genuine Milwaukee Oil Grain Shoes in Button and Lace.

EDWIN C. BURT'S NEW YORK SHOES,

A full assortment in widths A to E.

400 pairs infants' Shoes at	30 cents
300 pairs children's Shoes at	50 cents
400 pairs misses Shoes at	$1.00
300 pairs boys' Shoes at	75 cents
200 pairs men's dress Shoes at	$1.00
400 pairs men's fine dress Shoes in Congress and Bal's, good wearers, at	1.25

Mens, Boys and Children's latest New York city styles in HATS for Fall and Winter wear.

Best Assortment and Lowest Prices.

We are the only agents for Dunlap's extra-quality New York Hats.

Full line of Stetson Hats.

OUR TRUNK AND SATCHEL DEPARTMENT. - - SECOND FLOOR.

With feelings of pride we call special attention to this department. We positively assert that it is unexcelled anywhere. Here you find beautiful Trunks ranging in price from $2.50 up. Satchels from the finest to the cheapest.

"THE LIVING WORLD."

We offer to the public "The Living World," a magnificent book, elegantly bound and beautifully illustrated. This instructive book was produced at a cost of over one hundred thousand dollars; it should be in every household and we propose to put it in the reach of every patron of our store. It costs you nothing. It is absolutely a free gift when you have purchased for cash goods amounting to fifteen dollars. We give you a card and every time you make a purchase the amount is recorded on the card and when your purchases amount to fifteen dollars the book will be given you.

You are not requested to buy the whole amount at one time. You have to July 1st, 1892. Ask for a card. Tell your friends about it.

SAMUEL J. EDWARDS & SON'S

Great One-Price Shoe, Hat and Trunk Store.

98 Baltimore St., Cumberland, Md.

Oct 24

GENERAL ITEMS.

Excursions to California.

Weekly excursions leave St. Louis every Thursday evening at 8:35 and arrive at San Francisco at 10:45 p. m. the following Monday. These trains are equipped with the famous Pullman tourist sleeping cars which run through to San Francisco without change. Price of double berth only $3.75 for the entire journey.

The route is *via* the Wabash, Rock Island, Denver & Rio Grande and Southern Pacific—the scenic line of the world. For rates to all points in the west, northwest and southwest, map folders, etc., see nearest ticket agent or write to F. H. Tristram, central passenger agent, Pittsburg, Pa.

Miscellaneous Advertisements.

A Rare Chance!

FURNITURE At Cost!

OWING to the calamity which recently befel my store building, destroying the roof and third story, and not being able to get a place to remove my stock to keep it out of the weather, I am compelled to dispose of same at almost any price in order to save it from ruin by rain or snow, either of which is likely to occur at any time at this season of the year.

The stock comprises Walnut, Oak and Poplar Bed Room Suits; at least 25 Parlor Suits of the latest styles and upholstered in all kinds of Plushes, Brocatels, Tapestries, etc., ranging in price from $25 to $125; also a very fine lot of Upholstered and Rattan Easy Chairs, especially selected for the holiday trade, and a fine lot of Lounges, Bed Lounges, Side Boards, Hall Racks, Wardrobes, Extension Tables, all kinds of Mattresses, Springs, and, in fact, everything pertaining to a first class Furniture store. Some of this Furniture has been slightly damaged, but the bulk is yet unimpaired, and that which has been damaged in any way will be sold exceedingly low. This is an opportunity to get

GOOD FURNITURE CHEAP

which no one in need of same can afford to miss.

Trusting that my friends and the public in general will avail themselves of this chance to get cheap Furniture, and at the same time assist me in a time of need, I am,

Respectfully,

C. F. NICKEL.

Nov 28

A PURE ARTICLE.

READ below what the Revenue Agents have to say of the manufacture of the

BRADDOCK RYE WHISKEY:

OFFICE FIRST NATIONAL BANK, CUMBERLAND, MD., Aug 16, 1888.

I hereby certify that during the time I was deputy collector internal revenue for District of Maryland James Clark, in the manufacture of his Braddock Pure Rye Whiskey, according to the record from government books, used only rye and barley malt.

WEBSTER BRUCE.

OFFICE BRADDOCK DISTILLERY, CUMBERLAND, MD.

Having been under assignment as United States storekeeper and guager at the Braddock distillery of James Clark, I hereby certify that in the manufacture of his Braddock Pure Barley Malt Whisky only barley malt is used.

JOHN H. YOUNG.

Having been under assignment as United States storekeeper and guager at the Braddock distillery of James Clark while in operation I hereby certify that in the manufacture of the Braddock Pure Rye Whisky only rye and barley malt are used.

J. P. WILLARD.

☞ Don't fail to read our double-column advertisement printed elsewhere in this paper.

No supply for the Holidays is more seasonable than an enjoyable quantity of pure Whiskey. In this and all respects we have undoubtedly fine and reliable goods.

JAMES CLARK & CO.,
55 Baltimore street,
Cumberland, Md

Dec 13

PRINTING. BOOK BINDING. BLANK BOOK Manufacturing.

ARTHUR SHRIVER & CO.,

THE Leading Establishment of Western Maryland having added greatly to their facilities, are better than ever prepared to promptly execute all orders for work in their lines.

The Finest PRINTING,
The Most Elegant Book Binding,
The Most Substantial BLANK BOOKS

NO CHEAP WORK.

28 South Centre Street,
Cumberland, Md.

Aug 2

FLINTSTONE

CANNED GOODS

Pack of 1891.

I INVITE the attention of the public to the superior quality of my "FLINTSTONE" brand of Canned Fruits and Vegetables, to be found on the shelves of all firstclass grocery stores in the county. My pack is as follows:

Cooking Tomatoes—Choice, fully ripe and superior flavor.

Extra Tomatoes—Finest whole Tomatoes, ready for slicing.

Dessert Apples—Selected varieties, packed in full syrup and ready to serve as dessert fruit.

Pie Peaches—Extra mountain Peaches, fine flavor, all full cans; nearly one-third more Peaches in can than Baltimore packed pie peaches.

Corn—Selected variety of Sugar Corn, packed when young and tender with utmost neatness and care.

My goods are sold to all merchants at moderate prices and will give full satisfaction in every particular.

Notice—All the corn packed at my Flintstone Canning House this season has on the label a *fac-simile* of my signature, thus:

B. L. Turner

Any can which does not bear my signature was not packed this season. [Jan 16]

Miscellaneous Advertisements.

Our Famous Brands of

Reingold, Erlanger and Export Bottle Beer

Are Now on the Market.

☞ Address all orders to

CUMBERLAND BREWING COMPANY,

TELEPHONE CALL, 96-4. [April 4] CUMBERLAND, MD.

CARLOADS of CLOTHING ARRIVING.

NO TIME TO WRITE AN ADVERTISEMENT.

FALL IN WITH THE CROWD,

COME AND SEE FOR YOURSELF.

MARX WINELAND, Main Street, Frostburg, Md.

JOHN CHAMBERS,

—DEALER IN—

STAPLE AND FANCY

GROCERIES,

Flour, Feed and Provisions.

Queensware, Woodware. Tinware.

Canned and Fresh

Oysters

A SPECIALTY.

Main Street, - - FROSTBURG, MD.

March 29

I Say There--Ahoy There, MY FRIEND!

IF you are bound for any other drug store than DAN KRAPF'S you are a somnambulist, or, in plainer words, a

"SLEEP-WALKER."

The old "McNeill stand" is the location, just between Betz's jewelry store and Moat's Opera House.

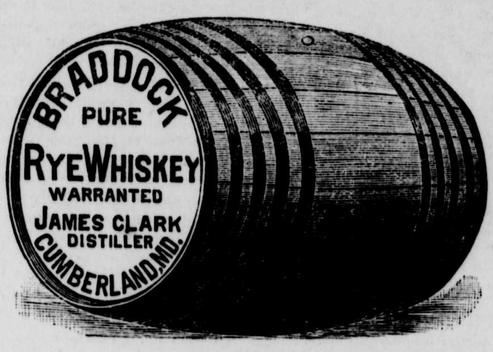
If you amble anywhere near you cannot fail to see it, even though asleep. Every time you visit me I assure a wide-awake interest, and the display also of an ever-growing and attractive stock of goods, which will meet your desires in every particular. I am not a cutter, but I am a runner, and I get there, sweet marjoram, also "sweet spirits of nitre," with a sufficient quantity of sweet oil.

☞ Prescriptions will be as thoroughly comprehended and compounded as elsewhere.

DAN. KRAPF, Jr.,
PHARMACIST.

Feb 21

"Braddock" Pure Rye.



The Best All-Rye Whiskey Made

To all those desiring a pure and unadulterated Whiskey for the Holidays, or for Medicinal Purposes, or as a Beverage, we take pleasure in recommending our

"Braddock" Pure Rye Whiskey,

DISTILLED FROM THE VERY CHOICEST

MOUNTAIN RYE AND SPRING WATER.

These goods are distilled under our own personal supervision, and we have, therefore, no hesitation in guaranteeing all our "Braddock."

We are the Largest Distillers and Dealers in all grades of fine

Whiskies, Brandies, Gins, Wines, Alcohol,

&c., &c., &c.,

in Western Maryland, and are fully equipped to supply the wants of our customers.

Give the "Braddock" a Trial.

THE BEST ALL-RYE WHISKEY MADE.

☞ Special and prompt attention given to all orders.

☞ Correspondence solicited

☞ Read in another column of this paper what the Revenue Agents who have charge of our Distillery have to say regarding the purity of our goods.

Soliciting a share of your patronage, we are yours very truly,

JAMES CLARK & CO.,

Distillers Braddock Pure Rye,

55 Baltimore street, - - CUMBERLAND, MD.

Price List of Braddock is as follows:

We sell our celebrated Braddock Pure Rye at $2, $2.50, $3 and $4 per gallon, according to age. In ordering, always send money by Postal Note or Money Order. At offices where Postal Notes cannot be obtained and money is enclosed, 2-cent stamps can be sent for Jugs as follows: 1-gallon Jugs, 15 cents; 2-gallon Jugs, 30 cents; 3-gallon Jugs, 45 cents; 5-gallon Kegs, $1. When you desire goods packed in boxes, add 10 cents for box and packing, otherwise goods will be shipped without boxing.

It is unlawful to ship whiskey C. O. D., consequently money must always accompany your orders.

JAMES CLARK & CO.

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