

KIND PEASANTS OF BRITTANY

Will Willingly Share With You Contents of Cupboard and Will Not Ask for Pay.

In Brittany all peasants carry their own knives; and as for forks, they have no use for them.

An old withered Breton woman sat at the fireside, busily knitting at a jersey of blue wool, and three men sat at a table, playing some sort of game with dominoes.

The men gave no apparent heed to our entrance, but I knew we were being discussed in their parlors.

We asked for bread, butter and a pitcher of cider, which was forthcoming, but no knives were brought. Noting our predicament, the three men at once produced their knives, immense horn-handled affairs, and after wiping them very carefully and considerably on their coat sleeves, they opened and proffered them to us.

"And now, madame," said I, "what shall I pay you?"

"Five sous for the cider, m'sieur. There is no charge for the bread, for is not that the gift of bon Dieu?"

"Thus it is throughout this strange land of Brittany. One may travel from end to end away from the large cities, and everywhere meet with the same hospitality. The peasant will willingly share with you what he has in the cupboard, and will not ask for pay.

I left an offering of silver upon the window sill among the balls of woolen yarn.

TRADE IN WOODEN SHOES

Scarcity of Willow Wood Has Steadily Increased Market, Which Was Unsettled by Overproduction.

Last year was unfavorable to the wooden shoe manufacturers in Holland owing to the keen competition of the Belgians and a decided overproduction here.

The scarcity of willow wood, from which these shoes were formerly made, has caused the market to steady up a little. Poplar and some Russian woods are also being used more extensively than heretofore.

Relatively few wooden shoes are produced by machinery for export, but with this exception all the wooden shoes are made by hand in Holland. About twenty different tools are required in the operation.

Wanted by McGraw.

Stone throwing by children is not as common now as when the automobile was a novelty, but it still exists. A big limousine, occupied by a well known theatrical man and his wife, was running slowly down Riverside Drive, New York, a few days ago when a good sized rock, thrown by a boy not more than three years old, crashed through one of the windows.

"What do yez want me to do?" asked the representative of law and order. "Arrest this little lad?" "Something ought to happen to him," protested the owner.

Question—Don't you know that the amount charged you for postage by your campaign manager would buy enough stamps to paper the side of the great pyramid? The Answer—By George! Is that what he did with them?—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

Showing the Englishman. Englishman (patronizingly)—"Your school faculties are excellent, I am told." American (suavely)—"Well, I should say. See the Smithsonian Institution over there? Think of a building like that, just to educate the Smiths."—Vogue.

Defects That Cause Failure. "Failures which a man makes in his life are due almost always to some defect in his personality, some weakness of body, mind or character, will or temperament. The only way to overcome these failings is to build up his personality from within. It is only those efforts the man himself puts forth that can really help him."—John D. Rockefeller.

FOR CURE OF PNEUMONIA

Physician Tells of Successful Use of Camphor in Practice Since 1906.

There have been and still are many varieties of treatment for pneumonia. A long list would be required to indicate all the medicaments which have been employed against it. Some even consider that this affection is an ailment which has a definite cycle.

Dr. Serbert, in the Muenchner Medizinische Wochenschrift, describes the remarkable results which he obtained in the treatment of serious cases of pneumonia by means of strong doses of camphor. He first had occasion to use it in 1906 in a case of double pneumonia, where the patient was also suffering from typhoid fever.

Dr. Serbert has since employed the same treatment in 21 cases, one of which was extremely serious, since it was a question of double complicated pneumonia in a woman seventy-two years old. All these cases recovered. It seems certain that the camphor produced these effects, since there was no real crisis, the cure being gradual and slowly effected.—Philadelphia North American.

WEALTH OF THE NATIONS

United States Does Not Make Tremendously Good Showing in World's Financial Column.

For all its vaunted wealth the United States, in so far as per capita ratio goes, does not make such a tremendously good showing in the world's financial column. The wealth in the United States in 1910 was estimated at \$125,000,000,000, by far the greatest amount credited in bulk to any one country.

Broken-Hearted Dog. The Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals in Monticello, N. Y. will exercise its authority by putting an end to the sufferings of a little cocker spaniel named Buttons, which has apparently lost its mind, following the death of his master.

The Crewless Ship.

The German Naval league has just tested the work of an inventor of Nuremberg, a ship to run without a crew. The transmitter with a mast similar to that used in wireless telegraphy commands the ship, which works systematically during a period of hours. The ship turns to right and left, backs and comes to a stop as if run by a man in the engine room.

Chance for One-Armed Man.

"I'm looking for a one-armed man," said the patron of a New York restaurant. "If you know of a man who has only a right hand I can make him a good business proposition—one that will save him a lot of good dollars and save me the same amount. His right hand, however, must be a No. 7 1/2."

One From Papa.

"Papa," asks the little boy, "why do they say a woman is 'setting her cap' for a man when she wants to marry him?" "Because, my son," explains the father softly, "if she sets her bonnet for him she knows himself well the price of it will scare him to death."—Judge's Library.

LIST OF 100 WORST BOOKS

Suggestion is Offered That Some Wise, Broadminded Men Make Up the List.

There are some who have a passion for making lists of the "greatest," the "best" men, books, paintings, musical compositions. There is a famous list of the 100 best books, and any one reading them night and day to the exclusion of others would be a tiresome prig.

A list of the 100 worst books drawn up by a man of true critical acumen and catholic taste, a human being, would be much more to the purpose, although it would include some volumes now ranked as classic and invaluable. Charles Lamb's essay on books is too familiar for quotation.

To tell people what to read is, as a rule, either useless or harmful; for the appreciation of literature is a question of temperament, not of teaching; to Parnassus there is no primer, and nothing that one can learn is ever worth learning.—Phillip Hale, in Boston Herald.

SHOES MADE OF SNAKESKIN

Fashionable Women of London Being Tempted to Conquer Their Aversion to Reptiles.

From all reptiles the ordinary woman shrinks in disgust. Yet fashionable women are now being tempted to conquer their aversion to the extent of wearing snakeskin shoes. One of the smartest boot shops in the west end of London is "featuring" these shoes; but up to the present it seems to be uncertain if the fashion will really establish itself on widespread lines.

Snake skin is very soft, pliable, and durable. The shoes are expensive, of course, for the skins are not too plentiful, but this factor should rather commend itself to smart people, as it renders it much more difficult to copy the fashion on cheap lines.

Medical.

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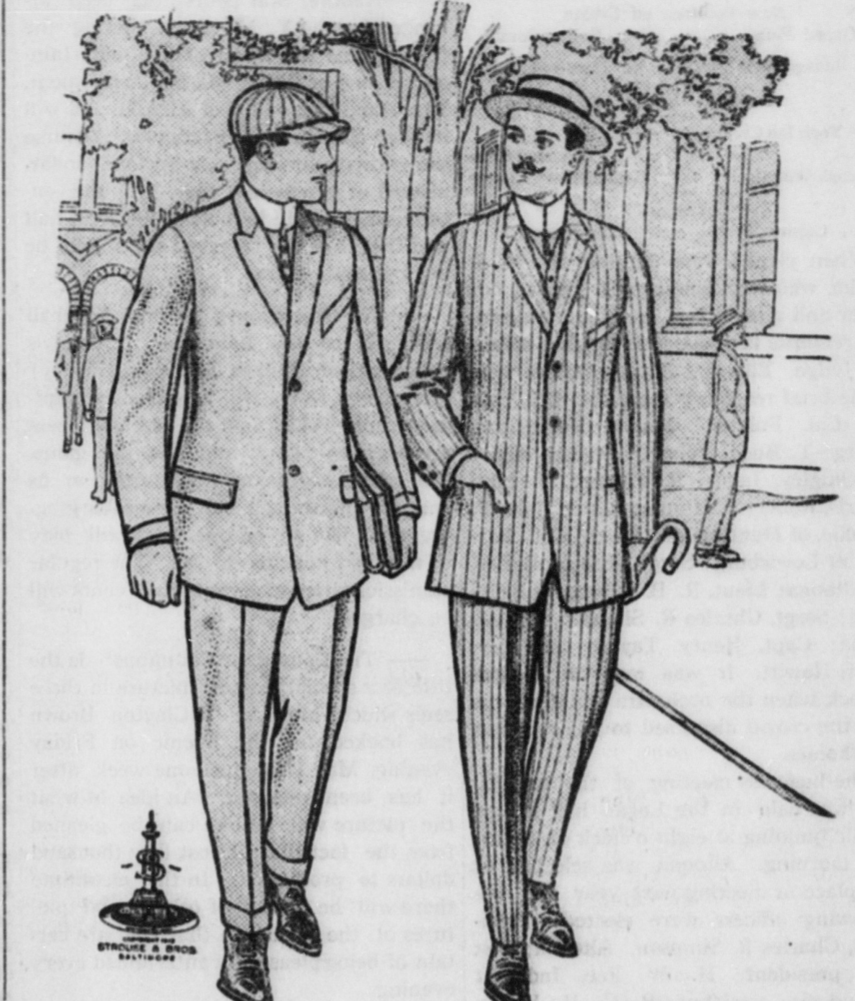
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