an agreeable oder of antiquity. With journalistic assurance, which nothing daunts, the reporter dismounted and sought out the proprietor, which proved to be Mr. Thomas Paxson, one of the enterprising gentlemen of Lou-don county, Va. Having stated his business, Mr. Paxson courteously proceeded to show the points of interest about the place. He was a true type of a Virginian, with a disinterested kindness beaming in his countenance and a determination to make a man feel at ease, which he displayed with extremely courteousattention. Around him always hovered an amusing satallite, that turned the dark side of his face toward its planet for the reason that it had no other side to turn. It was, in brief, a sable youth of nine or ten summers, who, forgetful of father and mother, chose to share the daily vicissitudes and labor of an adopted master. We were soon standing within the

open structure in the pond "Ring 'em up," said Mr. l'axson to his "satellite," at which he began to jingle a little bell vigorously. In a moment a commotion in the water was noticed over the entire pond, and waves like the wakes of a little boat could be seen in every direction leading toward the little house, and before long the water around us seemed to boil with the schools of fish that gathered at the call. He then fed them corn bread broken into small fragments, and green corn cut off the cob. The fish scrambled after it like so many street gammins after a penny, and some, more venturesome than the rest, large fellows, that must bring down the scales at five or six ibs. would leap far out of the water to catch

a piece they saw coming. There is a platform two feet beneath the surface of the water, extending several feet beyond the house all around it. to catch the food. Otherwise much of it will be lost, and, laying in the water, would, in a short time, render the water foul and unhealthy. The pond is complete th every particu-

lar. It occupies three fouths of an acre with an average depth of eight feet. The banks are lined inside with a plank wall that reaches several feet below the bottom of the pond, effectually preclud-ing all escape of the water by muskrat boring, or the washing of the waves. Another advantage it possessus, securing it against inundation in the event of a freshet, is that the surface of the water in the pond is six feet above the meadow in which it stands. The advantage of this over the common method of building ponds, as low or lower than the surrounding land, can be readily seen and is by no means a minor consideration. The pond is fed by a stream of sufficient water from it conducted in a blind ditch. Thus only so much water ascan enter a six inch pipe is admitted to the pond, which prevents it being flooded or washed out even in the highest water, and the immunity of dirt and the admission of small creek fish, which would in many ways injure and destroy the cultivated fish, is accomplished by interposing a fine screen between the fish and the mouth of the pipe.

No fish but the European carp is cul-tivated in the pond. A better food fish does not, perhaps, exist than this. It has always been held in the highest estimation for the table in Europe. The price paid for it by the Parisians seems almost incredible. Fifty cents a pound is the sum it commands in the Paris markets. The average weight of the fish sold is about four and a half pounds which brings the average price up to two dollars and more apiece

Americans, however, will pay no such price as that, and fifteen cents a pound is all they command in our large cities. Prof. Stephen Baird, of the Smithsonian Institution first directed public attention to these fish about twenty years ago, and established ponds for the culture in Washington, Dr. Hassell, a German, was brought here to superintend the work, and the government ponds are still in his charge. Any person having a suitable place for them can

obtain a number (five pairs) to stock a

pend, upon application, accompanied by

a full description of the facilities for propagating them. Mr. Paxson first obtained one hundred and forty from Dr. Hassall, about three months after hatching. His fish spawned when two years old, although the authorities claim they must be three years old before spawning. One fish, it is said, will spawn 400,000 eggs; or course all of these will not hatch ; but it is safe to count one fish out of one hundred eggs. In three years they are ready for market. Those in this pond,

and weigh three and a balf pounds. The three varieties-"scale" "leather" and "marrow" are raised here together. The difference between them amounts to little more than the difference in the arrangement of the scales of the body. The meat of all is the same. similar in appearance to the shad, but of a more delicate flavor.

three years old, measure eighteen inches

Mr. Paxson also has another pond, long and narrow, to prevent much agitation of the water by the wind, where the fish spawn on swamp grass, planted there for that purpose. Such a growing pond is a necessity if the grower hopes eggs to batch or to rear the fry in their first few weeks of helpiessness. In the winter the fish all collect in

the ditches or "kettle" in the bottom of the pond, where they hiberate. This is one of the few model ponds in the country. Nothing is neglected for the comfort and safety of the fish, and a more profitable investment of a comparatively small amount of money can scarcely be made. One acre is sufficient land, and \$2,000 sufficient capital and in three years the returns begin to pay an In five years Mr. Paxson will ship

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One of the curious consequences of the construction of the Suez canal has been the introduction into the Mediterranean sea of sharks, which were formerly unknown there. The sharks are proving very destructive to the eqible fish, and it is now difficult for the fishermen to supply the demand.

A French writer, says that, although dogs abound in the Egyptian cities, there is no hydrophobia among them, Camels, however, suffer from a form of madness at certain times, and bites from them during this state is dangerous, but the disease is not contagions. A man at Simmon's Gap, Va., is liv-

ng with his ninth wife. The patriarch is eighty years old, has fifty-three children, and at a recent reunion over three hundred of his decendants were present. It is claimed that he does not know all of his children, and makes no effort to keep up with his grandchildren.

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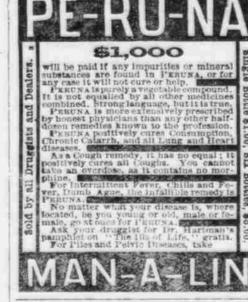
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SHOES IN OLDEN TIMES

Rade drawings are seen on the wall

followed young Cyrus, wanting shoes in

their retreat, covered their feet with

raw hides, which occasioned them great

injury. The Roman shoes were of two

kinds-the calceus, which covered the

whole foot, and the solea, which cover-

ed only the sole, was fastened with

thongs. Ladies of rank wore white and

sometimes red shoes; other woman wore

black. The shoes of some of the Roman

Emperors were enriched with precious

stones. It is generally regarded as a

mark of effeminacy for men to wear

shoes. Cato and other noble Romans

had no coveridg for their feet when they

appeared in public. In the ninth and

enth centuries the greatest princes of

Europe wore wooden shoes, or wooden

soles fastened with leather thongs. In

the eleventh century the upper part of

the shoe was made of leather and the

sole of wood, The Saxons were shoes,

In the year 1090, in the reign of Wil-

liam Rufus, the great dandy Robert was

called "horned" because he wore shoes,

with long points, stuffed, turned up and

twisted like horns. Shoes of this kind

became fashionable, and the toes contin-

ued to increase in length until, in the

time of Richard II, in 1300, they had at-

tained such an enormous extent as to be

fastened to the garter by a chain of sil-

ver and gold, The clergy declaimed ve-

hemently against such extravagauce;

but the fashion continued, even for sev-

eral centuries. In 1493 the Parliament

of England passed an act prohibiting

shoes with pikes more than two inches

long, under penalty to maker and wear-

er, and those who would not comply

were declared excommunicated. Even

at a late period shoes were twice the

length of the foot or so long as to pre-

vent "kneeling in devotion at God's

In the year 1555 a company of cord-

wainers was incorporated in old Boston,

England. By their charter it was or-

dered 'that no person shall set up as

cordwainers within the said borough,

until such time as they can sufficiently

cut and make a boot or shoe, to be ad-

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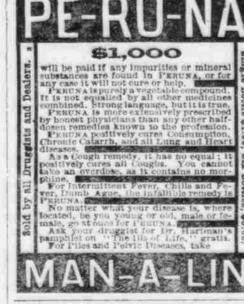
this corporation, his journeyman or his

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food well. F-restien the air in the house when you dwell G-arments must never be made to

H-omes should be healthy, airy's I-f you wish to be well, as you ! I've no doubt, J-ust open the windows before to

K-eep your rooms always tidy w L-et dust on the furniture perer M-uch ilness is caused by the wa N-ow, to open the windows be as

O-ld rags and old rubbish she never be kept. P-cople should see that their for are well swept. Q-uick movements in children bealthy and right.

R-emember, the young cannot without light. S-ee that the cistern is clean to T-akelcare that your dress is all and trim U-se your nose to find If there ! bad drain.

V-ery sad are the fevers that o from its train. W-alk as much as you can with feeling fatigue. X-erxes could walk full many ale

-our health is your wealth, wi

Z-eal will help a good cause, and good you will reap. HEALTH HINTS.-For a scale charcoal and oil. Lamp oil will de inseed is better. The effect is min

your wisdom must keep.

For chapped hands lips mix two lab spoonfuls of clarified honey, with drops of lavender water or any perfume, and anoint the lips frequ

gall and keep it in a bottle : robal on the warts two or three times and in a short time they will disc Don't sleep in a draught : don't bed with cold feet, and don't gat you do not need just to save it, are: warning sounded by Dr. Fo

Charcoal forms as unrivated pou for wounds and old sores. It is nvaluable for what is called proud It is a great disinfectant. It sweet the air if placed in shallow di around the apartment, and foul w

is also purified by its use. For bruises or sprains bathe the in cold water until you get ready ; coction of wormwood and vine When the herb is fresh gathered the leaves, wet with vinegar, and on, and when the berb is dry put the vinegar and let it boil a short t then bathe the bruise with the deco and bind on the herb.

CINDERS IN THE EYE .- Per

traveling by railway are subject to tinued annoyance by flying cinders. getting into the eyes these are not painful for the moment, but are the cause of long suffering that an a total loss of sight. A very simi effective cure is within the TO every one, and would prevent mu fering and expense were it ger known. It is simply one or two of flaxseed. These may be placed eye without injury or pain to the cate organ, and shortly they beg swell and dissolve a glutinous subs that covers the ball of the eye, et ing any foreign substance that in it. The irritation of cutt membrane is thus prevented and noyance may soon be washed dozen of these stowed away in pocket may prove in an emergency their number in gold .- Indiana

Sentinel. THE HOME DOCTOR. - To him fingers with rapidity, wrap them in saturate them with alam water, Toothache may be speedily the application of a small bits saturated with ammonia to the

As a remedy for chillblains ta

piece of lime the size of your dot ut in it warm water and soak n it as warm as it can be borne for It may be useful to know that he

may be relieved by using the while an egg thoroughly besten, mixed emon juice and sugar. A teaspo taken occasionally is the dose.

A PAPER lately read before the S ete de Biologic foreshadews remay be of great value to agri boiled and dried blood as an a the ordinary vegetable diet. od has thus far proved very succ with sheep, and a few cases redelicate children being restored bealth by this means. As a me utilizing the enormous waste fro slaughter houses, its economic value

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