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Style and Comfort.

One of the most painful facts in life is the apparent impossibility of reconciling fashion and common sense. One may be long on style and short on comfort, or he may have comfort to burn and give fashion the shake; but there seems to be no all-around good thing, so one may be swell and comfortable at the same time. You must choose between them. There is no good reason for this. It is an arbitrary and unnecessary infliction, laid on a suffering world, and one is forced to the conclusion that nothing short of utter malignity could have inspired many of the fashions under which we groan. There is not even the excuse of beauty, for which one might well endure many pangs of discomfort. There is nothing artistic in a linen colar so high and stiff it looks like an understudy of a terra cottachimney flue. But it is full of suffering and style. No one since the days of Mephistopheles ever had feet built after the architecture of the pointed-toe shoes. There is no beauty in them—nothing but aches, and corns and fashioning words. snoes. There is no beauty in them—
nothing but aches, and corns and fashion. When nature made lovely women
it wrote beauty in every soft curve of
her body, but fashion never rested until
it squeezed and compressed her into the
shape of an hourglass. She was too
comfortable in flowing draperies that
fell in loose grace, and she was girded
up in stays, and smothered in frills,
and weighted down with ornaments in
the interest of the theory that style
and comfort could not be amalgamated. Such being the case, remarks the New
Orleans Picayune, it gives great pleasure to notice that a new fashion has
been introduced which happily combines the very latest wrinkle of fashion
with the most admirable common sense.
Recent dispatches from New York bring
the information that it is now customary among the smart set to have dancormation that it is now custom-long the smart set to have dane-tween the courses of elaborate s. The swell dancing is varied cake-walks, skirt dancing and edifying aids to digestion. The lities this opens up to people of ther edifying aids to digestion. The ossibilities this opens up to people of pleurean taste are simply limitless, and it is also beyond praise as a kind of fe-saving measure, as everyone at a mong dinner must have at some time felt but the next course would be the death for him. Then, too, this scores leavily or us as showing the advancement in efficient that has been made since he days of the banquets of Lucullus and other swell dinner givers of anquity. When their jaded appetites avec out, they took a disgusting, if imple, means of refreshing them, so so to be able to take a fresh start all ver again. Now, we will simply arise and execute a short but violent dance, and be ready to do justice to the further riumphs of the chef. No more dishes erved with sauce piquant or sauce Holardais, but with an accompaniment triumplis of the chef. No more dishes served with sauce piquant or sauce Hollandaise, but with an accompaniment of Virginia reel, or a cake-walk, or a highland fling, and good digestion will wait on appetite. Another advantage it offers is the spppression of the after-dinner orator. Fellows like Chauncey Depew will no longer have a monopoly on a good thing because they can talk, don't you know. On the contrary, young fellows whose brains are in their heels will be the bright, particular stars that people who give fashionable-dinners will seek out. On the whole, this readjustment of the etiquette of dinner giving has everything to commend it, and will stand as a monument to the genius who devised it.

et for more than ien acres in a year for more than isk years. Any tree it the black locust may be planted, ast year bounties were paid to 25 counes for planting 9,524 acres. The law has been in operation 16 years. In that me more than 100,000 acres have been lauted in trees.

A 12-year-old West Brattleboro (Vt.) A 12-year-old West Brattleboro (Vt.) by, threw a stone at some hogs theher day, but it went wild and hit a pet go. When he saw the dog bleeding om a wound in its head, he thought it ould die, and remorse and grief so erwhelmed him that he mixed up a sose of paris green and took a large mantity. He was hurried to a doctor, he gave emetics freely and the boy as soon declared out of danger.



u?"
"They have offered me a two-weeks cation."—N. Y. Weekly.

The Difference.

Mrs. T.—I am worried because my husband is keeping something from me, and I don't know what it is.

Mr. S.—My husband, too, is keeping something from me, and I am worried because I know what it is.

Mrs. T.—Indeed! What is it?

Mrs. S.—It is money.—N. O. Times-Democrat.

Democrat.

"It's hard," said the man, looking sadly at the boiled egg.

"Didn't you want it hard?" asked his wife.

wife,
"Yes; but it's soft."
"You just said it was hard."
"Oh, I meant that it's hard that the cook won't pay any attention to instructions."—N. Y. World.

Client Advises His Lawyer.
"What do you think of that bill?"
asked the lawyer.
"It isn't big enough," the impecunious client replied. "Considering the trouble you're going to have in getting your money, you ought to charge at least 25 per cent. more."—Cleveland Plais Degler.

An Economical Girl.

The Mother—Who was here, to-night.

dear?
The Daughter-Mr. Huggins, mam-

"Did you turn the gas out when he

The Retort Courteous.

Dumleigh—I hate to hear a man always belittling other folks' ideas. For my part, I never sneer at anything I don't understand.

Synnex—Dumleigh, you're the best natured man in the world; never knew you to ancer in my life.—Boston Transcript.

An Explanation.

First Detective—There really isn't any evidence against him.

Second Detective—Why, did you arrest him?

First Detective—Well—er—there isn't any evidence against anybody else.—

Puck.

Indirect, But Ineffectual.

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"It is very olice in your wife to buy
eigars for you," remarked one man,
"Yes," replied the other, after some
reflection; "it's a delicate and considerate way of keeping me from spoiling
her lace curtains with tobacco smoke."

-Washington Star. Nashington Star.

Nothing Thenomenal About It.

Mrs. Ardup—Here's a story about a woman who had her stomach taken out and still lives.

Mr. Ardup—That's nothing. Your rich old uncle has lived without a heart for 60 years and never missed it.—Chizago Tribune.

Winter Transit.

He asked the girl to fly with him,
His heart with love elate:
He answer turned him claim grim—
Sile said: "Oh, not let's skate."
—Detroit Free Press.



"Yer look bad, Jim. Been under the weather?"

weather?"
"Sorter. To-day's the first time I've
been out-er-doors in three months."
"What was the matter with you?"
"Nothin, but the judge wouldn't believe it."—Harlem Life.

The Professional Critic.
Behold him! In his dainty way
He will be some other men hown—
Chicago Tribune.

Press.

She Couldn't Say.

The Poet—Which of my poems do you think is the best?

She—I haven't read that one yet.—
Harlem Life.

"You told me she was as rich as

Midas."
"Yes; Midas' wealth was a fable. So was hers."—Pick-Me-Up.

Hopeless Case.
Bacon—To what do you attribute old ones' success?
Egbert—To his failures. — Yonkers

A Pertinent Query.

He-Will you cast your lot with me?
She-Have you enough to build a house on it?—N. Y. Journal.

real times over.

By the next afternoon the snow had been pretty well trodden down, and the day fortunately happened to be Saturday, besides; so Church hill became the center of attraction, and if you had been there about two o'clock you would have seen nearly every boy in New Damascus there, or going there as fast as he could, each one dragging his sied behind him.

place to get around if the ground was slippery, although, as a general thing, we had no trouble.

I should think it was a good half mile from the top of the hill to the furthest point we could slide to, and we usually started a third of the distance below the summit, on account of the long walk back; and, indeed, timid coasters preferred to do so under any circumstances, some nerve being required to start from the lofty top.

Frank and his double-runner were on hand early, and we all took a good look at the new machine. It was a long, stout, hardwood plank, fustened on two sets of runners, with a pivot on the first set, so that it could be easily steered.

The whole affair was neatly built and prettily painted, but Tom said he thought it looked "rather ticklish." A good many others thought the same, but they didn't care to say so.

Most of us would have been willing to take our chances on the runner if we had been upon almost any other hill; but we didn't like the idea of riding on that narrow plank down this one, falling off steeply, and so long that the buildings near the foot seemed like baby houses. And then there was that turn at the bottom.

"Well, fellows," said Frank, "I won't make more than one trip this afternoon, if I don't get started pretty soon. Come, help me haul her up to the top."

"Are you going to start from there?" asked several dismayed voices.

"Yes, of course," answered Frank, who was a braw, reckless lad, and was besides a little provoked at our reception of his sled. "When I slide, I want all the slide there is."

We silently turned to and pulled the runner to the highest point of the hill. And it did seem dreadfully high up there.

"Who's going?" asked Frank, Yes, who was going? That was the



"WE ALL WENT OVER TOGETHER"

ways been a mystery to me; but it makes little difference, for we soon ceased to do so.

Suddenly there came a tremendous twist and ferk, which threw us all violently to one side. We had reached the turn in the road.

"Lean hard to the right!" came Tom's voice from behind, at the full strength of his lungs.

I tried my best to obey, but it was no use. The sled "slewed" with great force, and we all went over together, I atill clinging to Joe, who was struggling frantically to get loose.

A general feeling of being scraped and ground and pounded, another and very unpleasant feeling, as if a house had fallen on me, and then I must have been atunned, for I don's remember what happened for a few moments.

When I came to myself I found i was helping Tom to lift up the sled, which had been capsized at the roadside upon a very mixed-up pile of boys who were half buried in the deep anow, I suppose I got up and began lifting before I had entirely recovered my senses.

It was "a bad mess," as Tom caimly remarked, while stouly tugging away, taking no notice of the blood which trickled down his face in little streams until he looked like a zebra.

It took some time for all the boys to get out. Then we counted up the dead and wounded. There were fortunately none of the former class, but almost every one of us belonged to the latter.

Bleeding noses, cut fingers, bumps, scratches and bruises were as plentiful as blackberries in June, yet only one was soried to good deal, poor fellow, but he was so used to pain and misfortune that he made very little fuss about it, and we carried him bome quite comfortably.

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that he made very little fuss about it, and we carried him home quite comfortably.

The boys left at the top burried down after us and helped repair damages. They exulted over their good aense in staying behind; but I think they were rather sorry the next Monday at school, while we scarred veterans were showing our wounds and describing the accident to admiring throngs.

Frank Austin felt very budly about the whole affair and said he would never use the sled again. None of us ever asked him to, for we were thoroughly convinced that, however well such a sled might do on lower and easier sildes. Church hill wasn't at all the place for Frank's double-runner.—Golden Days.

—A horticultural wonder in the shape of an apple tree hearing four crops has developed in the Marshall county farm of Asher Boyce, near Laporte, Ind. The first crop ripened and fell off weeks ago. This week Mr. Boyce picked the second crop, and the third crop, of apples being the fsize of walnuts, is now ripening. The top of the tree is a mass of bloom heralding the fourth crop.

THE WORLD OF SCIENCE.

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The fastest flowing river to the world is the Sutlej, in British India, with a descent of 12,000 feet in 180 miles.

Any human being who will have the presence of mind to clasp the hands behind the back, and turn the face toward the zenith, may float at ease, and in perfect safety, in tolerably still water.

In 1877 Falcon island, in the Friendly group, began as a smoking shoal; ten years later it was a volcanic island about 300 feet high and over 1½ miles long. Now it is disappearing.

If, after eating pure food, fresh outdoor air is breathed, the blood will show in large increase in red corpuscules, but by drinking simulants, the red disks are decreased in serious proportions.

Capt. Parry speaks of the great distant the red contractions.

disks are decreased in serious proportions.

Capt. Parry speaks of the great distance that sounds can be heard during intense cold. "We often," he says,
"in the Arctic regions heard people
cenverse in a common voice at the distance of a mile."

Bourrier, after a series of experiments, has come to the conclusion that
fresh meat in a room filled with smoke
of tobacco absorbs nicotine readily, and
may, under circumstances, become so
tainted as to lead to digestive disorders.
The temperature of the sun's surface

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The temperature of the sun's surface
has been measured and determined to
be between 12,000 degrees and 20,000 degrees Fahrenheit. The most accurate
determination of the sun's temperature, made by Wilson and Gray, in Ireland, place it as 14,000 degrees. Fahrenneit.

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A celebrated family of lion tamers
are reported to use electricty. A live
wire is stretched across the cage and
serves as an impassible yet invisible
barrier which protects the performer.
It is said that one touch of the wire
gives a lasting lesson to the fiercest
lion.

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The right of the trustee of land to pay over the purchase price thereof to the beneficial owner without searching the records for leins against the latter is austained, in Bartz versus Paff (Wis.) 37 L. R. A. 848, and he is held not to incur the risk of being compelled to account a second time to creditors of such owner.

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The right of women to vote is denied in Gougar versus Timberlake (Ind.) 37 L. R. A. 644, where the constitution gives the right in express terms to "male" citizens without expressly negativing the rights of women.

A vote of the majority of property taxpayers in numbers and in value is held, in Citizens and Taxpayers of De Soto parish versus Williams (La.) 37 L. A. R. 761 to mean a majority of those actually present and voting at an election. Those who fail to vote are presumed to assent to the expressed will of the majority.

An injunction against prosecuting oppressive and unreasonable actions in another state to evade the laws of the domicil of the parties is held, in Miller versus Gittings (Md.) 37 L. R. A. 654, to be proper, although one defeadant resides in the state in which an action against partners is brought.

PRATTLE OF THE TOTS.

"Tommy," said his mamma one day,
"alip upstairs quietly end see if papa is
saleep." Tommy soon returned and
said: "Yes, mamma; he's all asleep
but his nose."

Flossie, aged four, heard her mamma
say that the new cook spoke broken
English, and running to her father exclaimed: "Oh, papa, ze cookie is a
broked Englishman an' she tent talk
plain."

Little Mamie had often watched her
father shave himself, and one day when
a man came to whitewash the fence,
after a few minutes' silent contemplation, she asked: "Mister man, is you
doin' to shave ze whiskers off zat
fence?"

Little four-year-old Willie was visit-

doin' to shave ze whiskers off zat fence?"

Little four-year-old Willie was visiting his grandparents in the country. One morning he heard a mule braying for the first time, and running into the house he exclaimed: "Ob. gran'ma, one of zem horsies has dot ze hoopentough."

"Clars," said the mother of a little fre-year-old miss, who was entertaining a couple of neighboring girls of her own age, "why don't you play something instead of sitting still and looking miserable?" "Why, manma, we is playin'," was the reply; "we's playin' that we's growed-up womens."—Chicago Daily News.

NOTES AWHEE!

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More than 52,000 new members have joined the League of American Wheelmen since the meeting of the national assembly a year ago.

At the approaching national assembly an amendment to admit professionals to L. A. W. membership will certainly be introduced, and it is almost assured that it will be passed.

People who do not care for the chain-less wheel can get great bargains in chain wheels next season, and, perhaps, will be just as well satisfied to stick to the old favorite for a year or two longer.

Cycle paths are not an unmixed blessing, as imagined by most wheelmen; indeed, they are in the end rather a detriment to the sport, Farmers and others who must drive on the abominable roads which prevail in this country, except in a few states, are highly indignant when they see wheelmen spinning on the path, while they are toiling in the ruts of the adjacent road, and they are not inclined to tax the township or county to pay for such elish luxuries.



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NANSEN
The rest Arctic explorer has written an article on the possibilities of retaining the North Pole; on the methods that the nest expedition should adopt, an important accentific knowledge to be gained by us exceeding; concerning treatest value to accience.

the best artists and illustrators are making pictures for the property of the Court Brennan, and others.

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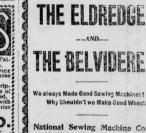
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