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THE SIGN OF THE DOLLAR.

Various Explanations, But None Entirely Accepted.

Several attempts have been made to explain the origin of the mark that is used as the sign of the dollar, and to show how it came into use. And it need not cause surprise that none of these explanations has seemed to receive ratification. The principal ones that have been given are these:

- (1.) That it is a combination of the initials of the United States.
- (2.) That it is a union of the letters P. and S., from the Spanish word pesos.
- (3.) That it is a modification of the figure 8, as the dollar is called a piece of eight.
- (4.) That it is derived from a representation of the Pillars of Hercules found on dollars once in common use.
- (5.) That it is a contraction of H. S., the mark of the Roman money unit.

These are all theories; only, each one having, perhaps, a slight probability in its favor, but without any firm basis of fact or history to rest on.

Whatever resemblance there may be between our dollar mark and some of the characters that have been used before and elsewhere, it is clear that this mark is of American origin, and that it came into use after the adoption of the Federal currency.

Formerly and for a long time, all accounts in the United States were kept in sterling money. At the close of the Revolution the currency in use had become greatly depreciated and the depreciation was different in different sections of the country. While no mint had been established in this country, the Spanish dollar and its subdivision were in general use.

The word dollar was not coined in this country. It is the English equivalent of the German thaler, the unit of the German monetary system. It was in use in England as early as 1553. It varies at different times in these shapes: Dollar, dollar, daier, daider, dolor, and dollor.

New Laurels for Mr. Bacon.

By his gallant rescue of a Harvard student from the waters of the Charles River, Robert Bacon, Assistant Secretary of State, recently gained new laurels for physical prowess. While visiting his two sons at Cambridge, Mr. Bacon accompanied the



ROBERT BACON.

coach on the launch which followed the crew on one of its fall practice spins. Two students were watching the oarsmen from a canoe, which was overturned as the shell passed it. Mr. Bacon and J. S. Reed jumped into the water, and by strenuous efforts succeeded in bringing the men safely to the launch. Elliott Bacon, the secretary's youngest son, was stroking the crew at the time of the accident. The secretary himself is an old Harvard oarsman, and is one of the most prominent members of President Roosevelt's famous "tennis cabinet." Mr. Bacon has been mentioned as a possible ambassador abroad.—Leslie's Weekly.

Indian Ink.

So-called Indian ink, to be more correctly called China ink, goes from the Anhui province of China to every part of China and all over the world. Last year about two tons of it, valued at \$3000, were exported from Shanghai to foreign countries. The materials with which this beautiful black ink is made are sesamum or colza oil, or the oil expressed from the poisonous seeds of a tree extensively cultivated in the Yangtze Valley and also well known in Japan. To this varnish and pork fat are added.

The lampblack made by the combustion of these substances is classed according to the materials and the grade of fineness, and also according to the time taken over the process of combustion. The paste made of this lampblack has some glue added, and is beaten on wooden anvils with steel hammers. Two good hammers can prepare in a day 80 pieces, each weighing half a pound. A certain quantity of musk of the musk deer or of Baroon camphor, for scenting, and gold leaves, varying from 20 to 160 to the pound, are added to give a metallic lustre.

Railway engines which were built in England over 50 years ago are still in use on the Swedish lines.

FRENCH HUSBANDS.

How They Are Made—Their Wonderful Consideration.

Near Biarritz, in his splendid up-to-date Basque villa, lives the poet Rostand, a recluse.

To Rostand came two relatives, a youth and his father, for advice. The young man desired to marry a poor girl for love.

The sun was setting in the vale of Cambo. From his high perched terrace the great soul of Rostand swam out to where the golden light turtled rose; and back: and he spoke.

"A serious family question. The boy has not enough for himself. To marry a poor girl he must earn for both; and, preoccupied by work, he will not be able to cultivate the lovely parasite. But when a girl brings money to the partnership, she has an exalting sense of aiding her protector; where springs enduring married love. No, no. France is full of lovable girls with money."

The young relative of Rostand acquiesced—he had been trained for marriage as a profession; they are going to wed him to a pretty maiden with \$4,000 a year and a widowed mother in her Biarritz villa, glad to enter the distinguished poet's distinguished family, but do not imagine that any snoozer without his boy's training would have been acceptable, among the French bourgeois youths are prepared for matrimony instead of for work, as carefully as are girls in other lands!

Physically, they are not football players. The mass of these smart young fellows still limit themselves to horseback riding and fencing. Horseback riding and fencing, however, obligatory and daily from childhood up, produce a type of young men, healthy, lively, graceful, satisfying to the ideal of the French girl and her mother—by whom she is guided in technical matters.

They emphasize physical vivacity, quickness, readiness and grace. For instance, these Frenchmen all dance beautifully—and like it. I have known three French girls who chose their husbands for their dancing taste and stamina—dancers through life; and they actually dance with their wives to this day.

Do you think that a working business man who has been killing himself at the office all day is coming home to change and dance? No, he will eat dinner, digest and grow fat.

Hat of Purple Crinoline.

The cables say that purple is the color of the hour in Paris and because of the report are found in the new season's hats which are making their appearance in the shops. Quite a charming bit of millinery is this purple crinoline with the brim trimmed up at the front a la Napoleon. The crown is wreathed with pale mauve harebells and pansties which droop over the brim at the back together with quantities of soft, feathery foliage. Asparagus and maiden hair ferns are excellent for the new trimmings because they come in exquisite color effects and suggest the feathery decorations that are so a la mode.



Manila Hemp.

Manila hemp is the most valuable cordage fibre in the world. It has been an important article of commerce for over a hundred years. The first shipment to the United States was made about 1824. It is interesting to note that the pioneers in the export of hemp from the Philippines were American houses that were established in Manila about that time, and that for fifty years thereafter the American houses of Russels & Sturgis and Pelee, Hubbard & Co. controlled this trade making advances to the growers and stimulating the production. It is therefore largely owing to American enterprise that manila hemp is an article of world commerce to-day.

Manila hemp cannot, apparently, be successfully grown in any other part of the world. It is mainly raised on the islands of Luzon, Samar, Leyte, and Mindanao. The province of Albay, in Luzon, usually produces over one-fourth of the total crop.

Lived With the Eskimo.

A. H. Harrison, an English explorer, has just returned to England after spending two and a half years in continuous work in the Arctic Ocean, north of the American Continent. The journey was undertaken for the purpose of scientific research. For 18 months he lived entirely with Eskimo and brought back with him some interesting data regarding these interesting people.

Birth Rate Declining in England.

A Government report of vital statistics recently published covering the decade ending with the year 1900 reveals a marked decline in the birth rate of England and Wales. In 1876 the rate was as high as 36.3 per 1,000, but at the end of 1900 it was 28.7. The birth rate is falling more rapidly than that of any other civilized country.

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