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Squeaky Shoes. While conducting a research for information on the origin of certain fashions of the past I discovered the reason for the existence of the squeak in shoes.

The squeak was once deemed fashionable, and men of great importance in the affairs of the country demanded it in their footwear, and cobblers were paid 2 shillings extra for putting it in. The squeaky boot denoted the approach of some one of importance, and the way was made clear at once in the same manner as a bicyclist's shrill whistle warns you to look to your in the rear.

During the squeaky period men found it difficult to sneak into the house after 12 midnight without being discovered and disgraced. Removing the shoes before entering the home is an invention which followed the squeaky shoes, and while the former is now all

most obsolete, the latter is still in vogue and as popular as ever with married men. You in Cartoons Magazine

Sometimes Seems So. "I'm when I see you trying for a per cent. You're you have a grudge against him doesn't it?" "Generally, my son."

"Well, has the hen a grudge against the farmer, pa?" Boston Transcript

Any man that commits a mistake, but none but a fool will continue in it. —Cleero. Her Excuse. Widow (to dressmaker)—You must really wait awhile for payment for my mourning dresses. We are still too sorrowful to consider financial matters.

New Delights for Manitou Beach.

The Manitou Beach section of Western New York is justly famed for many reasons. Scenery and natural grandeur attract thousands of persons each season. Aside from every other inducement, the trip from Charlotte to Manitou pays for itself many times over. The trolley line traverses three-quarters of a mile on a trestle over the lake. This one feature makes the ride unique and charming in that nothing of a similar inducement is offered anywhere else in this part of the world.

The picnics and outings along the Rochester and Manitou Beach Railroad will be far larger and greatly in excess of the number held in previous years. W. R. Pollock, advertising and excursion agent, who personally conducts every excursion and outing, has been before the public many years and never one promise has been made that has not been fulfilled to the letter.

Trap shooting at a number of stops along the line, will be a new feature this year. Dancing will be enjoyed every week at Grand View Beach, Island Cottage and Manitou.

Round Pond, Island Cottage, Buck Pond, Long Pond, Grand View Beach, Cranberry Pond, East Manitou and Manitou Beach are some of the points on the line.

The Colony Club of Pittsburg owns its own camping ground and has been coming to this section for a number of years. The Eighth Ward Republican Club of the same city will camp here again this year.

A tennis court will be built at Island Cottage and an enlarged dancing pavilion erected. The cottagers at Island Cottage have a society and many forms of entertainment are provided.

Catholic Notes

In the De Paul Institute, Pittsburg, the number of deaf-mute children has grown to 86.

Catholics in the one-time Puritan State, Massachusetts, number this year 1,400,834.

In Concordia, Kas., the Sisters of St. Joseph are erecting a \$50,000 hospital.

The late Mary E. Flaherty, of Atlantic City, N. J., left \$5,000 to the Archbishop of Armagh for a Priesthood scholarship in the parish of Ballymaenaband Ballybrawley.

At Minot, in the Diocese of Bismarck, a new \$100,000 hospital will be finished next Autumn.

New York has not less than 76 Catholic institutions in the way of charity, open to the public.

Another 40x50 feet \$60,000 addition to St. Vincent's Hospital, at Green Bay, Wis., will be built.

Of all the religious orders, the Jesuits have probably suffered by the war the most.

Jupiter's Moons. The statement that Jupiter's moons can occasionally be seen without optical aid by keen sighted persons needs some qualification. Within the last quarter of a century the space penetrating power of the camera, combined with the world's giant telescopes, has added no fewer than five Jovian satellites to the four which Galileo discovered 300 years ago. Four of the five new moons were "discovered" at the famous Lick observatory, on Mount Hamilton, California, and the fifth is to the credit of Greenwich observatory. But all of the new discoveries are so small and with one exception, so distant from Jupiter that they are beyond the range of naked eye vision, even from Jupiter itself, unless an observer on the planet had better eyesight than we terrestrials. Indeed, to see Satel. No. IX (the latest addition to Jupiter's family of moons) a hypothetical observer on Jupiter would need eyesight capable of seeing a star 300 times fainter than the faintest visible to human eyesight. —London Chronicle

Everything Favorable. "Is your friend Miss Sweetthing going to marry the young man who has been paying her such devoted attention?" "Well, all the circumstances point to that conclusion. He has some money, little intelligence, less character and is opposed bitterly by her father and mother." —Richmond Times-Dispatch

Growth of Baseball. Nothing shows the growth of baseball more than a comparison of gate receipts taken in during the different series played for the baseball championship of the world. In the year 1884 about 300 persons attended the final game between the Providence team and the Metropolitan club, champions of their respective leagues, and the total attendance at all three games was less than 3,000. Radbourne and Keefe, the opposing hurlers, were at the height of their respective careers, but they failed to draw the throngs. However, the players did not worry, as there was nothing in it for them except glory.

In the season of 1885 the series was a failure from all standpoints. Only 8,000 saw the six contests between the men of Anson and the Browns, led by Charles Comiskey. The series was marked by continual scrapping and at times real fighting. It ended in a tie with honors in games won and verbal scraps "fifty-fifty." In 1886 the first real series for the world championship was pulled off in a successful manner. The six games drew 40,000, and the net receipts were \$14,000. —Philadelphia Ledger

Ecuador's Vegetable Wool. Kapok, known in Ecuador as "lana de ceiba," or "vegetable wool," is a product of the largest tree that grows in the forests of the littoral, a species of the genus Eriodendron allied to the cotton plant. The ceiba bears most of its branches near the top, and the appearance of its bright yellow flowers marks the approaching end of the rainless season. After the flowers fade the pods that yield the kapok of commerce are formed. These are gathered and the fiber extracted by hand. One hundred pounds of crude material yield, after cleaning, forty five pounds of first grade kapok. Kapok is gaining in popularity in the United States, where, among the other uses to which it is put, it is employed in stuffing mattresses and sofa cushions and, it is said, has found some favor among makers of upholstery fabrics.

Illustrating the Idea. A school inspector was examining a class in grammar and trying to elucidate the complex relations of adjectives and nouns by a telling example. "Now, for instance," said he, "what am I?"

That was an easy question, and all the children shouted "A man!" and then looked around triumphantly.

"Yes, but what else?" said the inspector.

This was not so easy, but after a pause a boy ventured to suggest: "A little man."

"Yes, but there is something more than that."

This was a poser, but at last an infant phenomenon almost leaped from his seat in his eagerness and cried: "Please, sir, I know, sir—an ugly little man!" —Pearson's Weekly

Beautiful Flag Flower. Among the stateliest and proudest of the members of America's flower family none excels the larger blue flag, which also wears the names of blue iris and fleur-de-lis. Ruskin calls it the flower of chivalry, which has a sword for its leaf and a lily for its heart. Longfellow pronounces it "a flower born in the purple, to joy and pleasure." It blooms in the wet rich marsh and meadow from May to July and finds its home from Newfoundland and Manitoba to Florida and Arkansas. The flag flower must look to the insect world entirely for its propagation, particularly to the bees as its pollen carriers. So it puts forth a flower that is blue tinted, for its experience has taught it that a bee can be wooed with blue better than with any other color. —Pittsburgh Press

A Titled Kleptomaniac. A titled kleptomaniac almost a century ago was the Countess of Cork. She had a reputation for stealing anything she could lay her hands on, whether it was useful or valuable or not. Once when leaving a country house where she had been staying she saw and quietly picked up a hedgehog that was crossing a hall, a pet of the porter's, and took it away in her carriage. Finding it an uncomfortable foot warmer she decided to dispose of it at the first town where she changed horses and then offered it to a confectioner in return for a sponge cake.

Kept Him Waiting. The Scotch clergyman who invented the percussion lock for firearms in 1806 had to wait twenty-seven years before it was tested by the British government, thirty-two years before a regiment was armed with it and thirty-four years before it was used in war.

Well Named. "A wonderful man is my uncle," said little Blinks, "so very original and witty. He says he called his dog Sausage because it was half bread, his goat Numpy because it was all butt and his prize cockerel Robinson because it crows."

Inspiring Words. "What," asks a contemporary, "are the most inspiring words in the English language?" Much might be said in behalf of these "Inclosed, find check." —Chicago News

Quite Easy. Mother (annoyed)—I don't see, Elsie, how you can be so naughty. Elsie—Why, mamma, it isn't a bit hard. —Boston Transcript. No man is a good physician who has never been sick. —Arabian

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Voices of the Sea. In "The Log of the Snark," by Charles Kettlebridge London, is this bit of sea description.

"The sea is not a lovable monster, and monster it is. It is beautiful, the sea, always beautiful in one way, or another, but it is cruel and unkindful of the life that is in it and upon it. It was cruel last evening in the lurid low sunset that made it glow, dully, to the cold, mocking, ragged moonrise that made it look like death. The waves positively beckoned when they rose and plied toward our boat laboring in the trough. And all the long night it seemed to me that I heard voices through the planking, talking, talking, endlessly, monotonously, querulously, and I couldn't make out whether it was the ocean calling from the outside or the ship herself muttering groggily, finding herself. If the voices are of the ship they will soon cease, for she must find herself. But if they are the voices of the sea they must be sad sirens that cry, restless, questioning, unsatisfied—quaint homeless little sirens."

The Star Chamber. The old tribunal which figures so extensively in the history of Charles I. as the "star chamber" is said to have received the name from the fact that the roof of the apartment in which the tribunal sat was decorated with gilt stars. Another explanation is that it took its name from the "starres," or Jewish bonis, which at one time had been kept in it. Proof of It. "The Eskimos live on a light diet"—"Hold on there, you're wrong. They live on the fattest kind of food." "Well, I'm very sure our teacher told us they eat candles." —Baltimore American