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NATURE FOND OF PEAKS LACKING IN WILLIE'S MAKEUP

Good Old Dame Seem to Take Pride in Perpetuating Physical Oddities in Mankind.

Occasionally it happens that a boy or girl is born with webbed feet—that is to say, with toes united by fleshy tissues. It is a phenomenon called "syndactylism."

This eccentricity is apt to be handed down from generation to generation in a family, appearing in some of its members, but not in others.

The Magazine of Heredity describes one such case, in a branch of an old New England family. The paternal grandfather was web-footed and bequeathed his peculiar toes to a son, who passed them along to three of his six children.

If these people were to intermarry for three or four generations with another web-footed family, all the children born would exhibit the peculiarity. For nature, curiously enough, seems always willing to perpetuate freaks of any kind.

What we call freaks, or "sports," in the animal or the vegetable world are nature's little experiments. It is by this means that she creates new species and varieties. Some anthropologists are of opinion that all human beings were originally black and that the first white man was a sport.

It might be said that many white people today respond to that description, though not in the same sense.—Philadelphia Ledger.

WRITER MUST HAVE STYLE

Without It, Declares Arnold Bennett, He Will Be Unable to Get His Message Understood.

You cannot have good matter with bad style. Examine the point more closely. A man wishes to convey a fine idea to you. He employs a form of words. That form of words is his style. Having read, you say: "Yes, this idea is fine." The writer has therefore achieved his end. But in what imaginable circumstances can you say: "Yes, this idea is fine, but the style is not fine?" The sole medium of communication between you and the author has been the form of words. The fine idea has reached you. How? In the words, by the words. Hence the fitness must be in the words. You may say, superiorly: "He has expressed himself clumsily, but I can see what he means." By what light? By something in the words, in the style. That something is fine. Moreover, if the style is clumsy, are you sure that you can see what he means? You cannot be quite sure. And at any rate, you cannot see distinctly. The "matter" is what actually reaches you, and it must necessarily be affected by the style.—Arnold Bennett.

Rents High in Stone Age.

Southern California had apartment profiteers back in the fourteenth and fifteenth centuries, according to a scientific correspondent whose investigation of the stone age dwellings, hewn out of solid rock, has convinced him that keeping up an apartment never was a snap. At the entrance to one six-apartment cavern he found hieroglyphics, which he has deciphered to mean the rates for apartments as follows:

One abalone, one sun.
Two abalones, two suns.
Three abalones, three suns.
Twelve abalones, one moon.

Our correspondent figures that the home hunters among the Pimugna Indians had to pay at the rate of one abalone a sleep, or day, or 12 abalones per lunar month. The cave was the largest on the island and comprised the apartment house de luxe of that period. A short distance below the entrance to the stone apartment house the professor found a huge pile of empty abalone shells, proving that the landlord did a more or less rushing business.

When there is such an ocean of trouble, be thankful you are only touched by the spray.

Try to follow the sacred way to truth, and you will never deceive yourself or others.—Goethe.

IN GLOVE STYLES

White Glove Kids Are Ignored by the French Women.

Taste Turns Toward Suede in Pear-Gray and Light Beige in Variety of Tones.

An amusing fact, despite the prevalent belief that America looks to Paris for fashion hints, is the complete absence in the wardrobe of any well-dressed Frenchwoman of the ubiquitous white glove kid glove of America. Glove kid gloves are only worn in Paris when they are black and of gauntlet or mousquetaire or 20-button cut, and these as well as evening gloves, of any cut or color, have been sacrificed to the prevailing vogue of enormous rubber-heel rings.

In place of white gloves, which always increase the apparent size of the hands and are so frequently incongruous with the remainder of the toilette, the Frenchwoman's taste instinctively turns toward the lovely suede gloves in pearl-gray and light beige, in a variety of tones, each one only removed from another in a varying degree.

Practically all the chic gloves developed in color are in suede and have very fine stitchings in self-tone, black suede being peculiar to mourning in France. The popular lengths are gauntlet and mousquetaire, the latter sometimes having such intriguing details as scalloped or pointed tops and narrow bands or motifs of cut steel bead embroidery. For an example, black glove kid gloves are embroidered with a fairly open triangle of cut steel beads, quite close to the scalloped edge. Another pair shows the steel bead embroidery in diamond shape on the back of the hand. Worn with these gloves was a small hat of white leather embroidered with the same pattern in jet beads.

The gauntlet glove lends itself more readily to variation in that it can be amazingly lined and edged. When you line a beige suede glove with black moire and edge the same with a very narrow but rich silver galloon you have a chic accessory to the simple black dress, which is the rage of the moment. The color of the lining is by no means limited to black, because you may find beige lined with rose, green and rust; pearl gray lined with peacock blue, and black glove lined with rust, or with gold and white brocade, or with gold cloth.

HAD THE TEACHER GUESSING

Small Wonder That She Didn't Understand, but There It Was in the Book.

Georgie surveyed with puzzled eyes a sentence in his reading lesson. At last he raised his hand.

"Well, Georgie, what is it?" asked the teacher.

"What is a feebly, Miss Smith?"

"A feebly?" repeated Miss Smith, in astonished tones. "What do you mean, Georgie? Feebly is an adverb, not a noun."

Georgie was unconvinced. "It's something that grows," he said. "It says so here."

"Bring me your book," said the mystified teacher.

Whereupon Georgie complied and laboriously read out the sentence: "The man—had a feebly—growing down—on—his chin."

Greatest Great Neck Loafers.

At Great Neck there is an old man who has the rating as premier of all loafers. It is related of him that he is so lazy he refuses to eat until hunger drives him to it.

It was with some surprise, therefore, that a Great Neckian encountered the old loafer up early one morning. The friend could not suppress a question.

"How is it you're up so early?" he asked.

"Well, that's funny," said the old man. "Here I've been getting up this early every morning for ten years to get my wife off to the work at the laundry and you never know anything about it."—New York Sun.

SWEATER BLOUSE, SHADE HAT



The summer costume of sweater blouse and shade hat is charming when developed in jade. The hat, of jade straw, is trimmed with large daisies.

MANY STYLES OF FOOTWEAR

Gorgeous Brocaded Black Satin and Variety of Other Slippers to Please All Tastes.

Seldom since the Middle Ages when shoes had pointed toes so long that often they were looped up and fastened at the knee has footwear assumed so many and varied modes. It would seem that the designers had ransacked their brains to produce unusual and charming effects in shoes and slippers.

Gorgeous brocaded evening slippers in vivid tangerine fashion in sandal effect, with high thin French heels, and straps which fasten with tiny jeweled buckles; or metallic brocaded slippers with low heels just like those worn by children, and with straps of the brocade; or slippers of ruby or French blue velvet, for strong colors are for the nonce preferred to black, all may be seen displayed in the footwear section of the various stores and shops.

Black satin slippers with green satin heels and jade-green buttons are in vogue while for sports wear red calf is splendid, fringed tongues which pass over the tops of such slippers and down the front being considered very smart. Other sport combinations consist of white buckskin with brown or red calf, camps and straps. Really the new spring shoes rival the new spring millinery in interest.

So, take it all in all, one can readily see that quite as much attention is being paid at present to the pedal extremities as there is to the head.

Acting the Part.

Smith visited his friend Jones, the playwright, and observed with regret that Jones treated his wife shamefully. So he said to Jones:

"Why do you talk so roughly to your wife?"

"I hate doing it, but I'm obliged to," returned Jones.

"How are you obliged to?"

"You see, I am writing a tragedy and I have to keep myself in a proper frame of mind. You should see how I fluff with her when I'm writing comedy!"—Houston Post.

Stranger!

They sat on a bench—he and she. The moonlight was streaming down upon them, and the band was playing sweetly. "One Sweet Kiss and Then Two Others."

"Gracious, Archie!" she exclaimed, that evening, when they reached home—her home. "There is green paint all over the back of your trousers. That bench we were sitting on must have been newly painted!"

There wasn't any on her dress.

Modernity.

Caller—And have you any old masters?

English Newrich—Old masters be aged! Everything in this 'ouse is bloom'n well up to date.—Boston Transcript.

Varied Hat Styles.

To attempt to describe the prevailing vogue in hats is next to impossible. Crowns and brims are high and low, narrow and wide. Trimmings are as much as you desire to make them. Materials cover a wide range.

Fifteen Nurses Graduate At St. Mary's Hospital

Exercises were held on Thursday evening for the graduating class of St. Mary's Hospital in the Hospital auditorium. The members of the class are Eleanor Remmel, Clara McGill, Irene Murray, Helen Lane, Mary H. Scanlon, Elizabeth Creedon, Mary Smith, Kathleen Cotter, Lillian Burns, Elina Curran, Ann Wilkin, Mary Biley, Marian Kohl, Genevieve Mancuso and Ruby Schirr.

Diplomas were presented to the graduates by Rev. Arthur Hughes, who was the speaker.

Head of Sacred Heart Convent Is Transferred

Following direction from the provincial house of the Sacred Heart Order, "Kenwood", Albany, the Rev. Mother Anne Barbour, for the past two years superior of the Sacred Heart Academy on Prince street, left Wednesday night for Chicago, where she will receive instruction as to her future work.

Pearse Council Plans Drive For Membership Of 10,000

Padraic Pearse Council, American Association for the Recognition of the Irish Republic, held its regular meeting at their hall Main street east and Swan Wed. evening, about 800 members attending. T. J. Browden of New York spoke on the necessity of the members working hard during the membership drive which will start Monday with headquarters in Powers Hotel. Membership of 10,000 is sought.

Hornell, N. Y.

Miss Mary Louise Kelly, daughter of Dr. John G. Kelly of Elm street, Hornell, to Daniel Meagher, son of John Meagher of Jones avenue, Rochester, took place at 8 o'clock Saturday morning in St. Anne's Church, Hornell. The ceremony was performed by the brother of the bridegroom, the Rev. Edward T. Meagher of St. Bernard's Seminary, who also celebrated the nuptial mass which followed. A number of priests were in the sanctuary. After the ceremony breakfast was served at the home of the bride's father. Mr. and Mrs. Meagher left for an extended trip through the East. After their return they will live in Rochester on Frost Ave.

"Fossil Raindrops."

In slabs of Triassic rock little depressions are often seen that have been called "fossil raindrops." The idea being that they were formed by showers on muddy sea beaches, and preserved by being covered with a layer of mud at the next high tide.

But lately it has been suggested, in view of observations on a flood plain in the Don valley, that the supposed impressions of rain drops may really be due to pittings formed by bubbles in a film of mud at the bottom of shallow water. There have been watched the formation of many pittings, and it has been found that after the mud has dried they exactly resemble "fossil raindrops."

Wisdom of Children.

Paul, a small boy, had been invited to a golden wedding party. After learning that golden wedding meant married fifty years he inquired whether everybody had to get married again after they had been married fifty years.

His sister, wise in worldly affairs, said: "Few ever wait that long."

Somewhat Miffed.

"What do you think of that fellow? Had the audacity to have his secretary get me on the wire. I never talk except to principals. Why didn't he call me himself?"

"How do you know it was his secretary?"

"My secretary answered."—Louisville Courier-Journal.

Natural Aptitude.

"What in your opinion makes the true diplomatist?"

"A true diplomatist has to think so quick and see so many different possibilities," said Senator Sorghum, "that I wouldn't undertake to define his qualities. You might as well ask me what makes a good poker player."

Class in Physiology.

Teacher—Where is the heart located?

Little Jimmy (silent).

Teacher (places hand on boy's chest)—Don't you feel the beating?

Little Jimmy—No; I usually feel it on the other side a little lower down.

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