WHY=

Hand-Clapping Has Become Sign of Approval

Every emotion that rouses us has to be worked off by some corresponding bodily effect, as a sort of safety valve to the brain.

Just as a cat purrs and a dog wags its tail, so we humans have to cry or laugh or clench our fists, according to the different emotions to be expressed.

When the emotion of pleasure is experienced by a whole crowd at once, we have a further desire-to communicate our own sensations to our neighbors, as well as to the speaker, actor or other person who has pleased us. And the only way we can communicate our feeling is by making a

There are only three ways in which we can easily do this: By shouting. by stamping our feet, or by clapping our hands.

The first method is very often used, but generally out-of-doors. The stamping of feet needs not only boots but a hard surface to stamp on, and since the ancients, from whom we inherit our method of applause-which word means a "clupping at"—did not wear boots and, therefore, could not stamp audibly, hand-chapping became adopted as the recognized fashion of expressing pleasure.

Why Flowers Can Be Used as Barometers

Most people know that seaweed. which becomes moist and clammy when rain is coming, makes an excelposition to observe them can general poor man's weather glass."

wood sorrel close their flowers on the Then a herder disappears, and it be tidien of Paris: approach of rain. Fir cones open and comes only a question of time when close as the weather is fine or wet. In shricks on a dark night proclaim that ion magazines of a year ago, you some parts of the continent, especially the lion has forced a zareba (stock- are surprised how much the modish in Germany and Switzerland, where ade) to satisfy his taste for human silhouette has changed since then. Rigmany quaint customs survive, they blood. have a frog weather glass, which con- Victims will now be taken regular. Which permit only tiny steps were still alled with water. From the neck of no one knows when his turn will coats with wide lower edges, with the bottle, and just touching the wa-come. The men at this stage band to-godets and sinuous plaits which unduter, runs a flight of steps. If the frog gether to track the lion to his lair in late at every step. remains under water, near the bottom daytime. Once found, they mob him, or actually at the bottom of the bot-gailoping round in circles, shouting, not entirely abandoned; sports frocks tie, the weather will be fine, but when hurling spears, till they get him dazed and tailor mades remain straight, owhe comes up and sits on the steps it and confused, when a picked man, ing to the box-plaits which give them is certain to be dull, cold and wet .- choosing his moment, rushes in like a the necessary width; but it is no less Brief Stories.

Why Married Men Live

Longer I han Bachelors Do married men live longer than bachelors, or does it only seem longer? The great philosopher, Herbert Spencer, declared that the apparent more likely to marry; therefore they lived longer not because of marriage, but in spite of it, so to speak. Theologians, philosophers and dectorseven statistician -- have always maintained that married men live longer than bachelors. Insurance companies, which base their expectations on cold facts, have so far been unable to come to any conclusion on the question. married men for insurance.

Why Phrases Are Barred

In April, 1913, the editor of a Swiss newspaper placed a ban on the use of the following metaphorical figures of speech by the members of his editorial staff: The voice of honor, the cry of conscience, the restraining hand of conscience, the needle of remorse, the whip of satire, the shield of indifference, the trumpet of fame, the bases of society, the annals of crime, the chariot of progress, the torrent of pasfor the Kansas City Star).

Why Sap Travels

The old conception was that as soon as the leaves drop from trees the sup or moisture in a tree went down. This idea is false, as all through the winter up in a tree instead of down. The through long years of hard work and water content of a maple tree in the study - Pathinder Magazine. fall of the year is 27 per cent, in the winter 32 per cent, and just before the leaves appear in the spring 39 per cent.

Why Rain Water Is Best

clable amounts of dissolved oxygen, department informs us. Willow boughs nitrogen, ammonia and carbonic acid are bent so that each each is in the gas, and in special cases it is found to ground four feet apart, forming a contain nitric acid, sulphuric acid and framework. A fire is built in the cenother components of the impure air of ter of a pile of stones on the ground. cities. The acid and alkaline impuri. Hides and blankets are put over this ties increase the power of the rain framework of boughs and when hot water to dissolve the mineral constit. the fire is withdrawn and the patient uents of the earth's crust, the gases steps in, with a pail of water. He make it possible for plants and and keeps sprinkling the water on the ho. mais to live in rivers and ponds which stones, getting an ideal vapor sweat would not support life if the water bath. "Heap heat" and his cold is were chemically pure.

Why Copper in Soldering

Conner is used for soldering tools because it is a good heat conductor, contain between 200,000,000 and 400. has fairly high specific heat, tins readi | 000,000 inhabitants, all living peacely with solder, and has no alloying ably; all hostile to any intruder even early spring wear. This charming lit. pelts, in sor marrow bunds, may also use of brass.

HOW

EFFECT OF SUNLIGHT ON GERMS IS MADE USEFUL-For a long time scientists have known that sunlight kills germ life. This knowledge has been put to practical use in many different ways. But science does not know yet just why sunlight kills germs. The public health service, assisted by the bureau of standards, has been doing some valuable work along this line. It had been previously established that the germ-killing power of sunlight came largely from the actinic or invisible rays of the sun. For the experiments these rays were produced in regulated quantities. The health service supplied many different species of germs for the experiments. One type, bacterium colicommumis, is the kind most frequently

found in sewage-tainted water. In some cases the germs died in less than one second after being exposed to the rays. After a long series of tests the scientists in charge of the work, W. W. Coblentz and H. R. Fulton, worked out the mortality produced by each different wave length of the invisible light

How Natives of Somali Deal With Man-Killers

Libbah, the lion, helps to make many tent barometer. Flowers are sensitive reputations in Somali. So long as he der silhouette which she wants to preto weather conditions and those in a will leave the karias (native encamp- serve at any price, while it has all the ments) alone, the men are quite ready width to animate the silhouette at the ly tell something of the coming day, to leave him alone. But llons, espe-slightest pirouette of the owner. The So true a prophet is the scarlet pim- cially when aging and unable to catch movement can be obtained by inverted pernel that it has been called "the game with ease, are apt to begin prey. folds, by fringes and by transparent ing on straying or sick cameis. This tunics, especially lace. Crocuses, dandelions, anemones and leads to frequent raids on the stock.

sists of a green frog in a bottle half ly, and as long as the man-killer lives the vogue last year; today we wear toreador to administer the coup de true that the winter coats all have a grace.—Combili Magazine.

sociation affiliated with the Red Cross come extremely varied and complipublic health nursing service, which cated. The days are gone when you emphasis on the light thats. The was nothing left until you had comhas won recognition from far places could cut your coat or frock from scant bives usually have a distinct touch of pletely put a finish 20 them." congevity of married men was not due by its method of raising funds for its amounts of fabric and often almost work, says the Red Cross Courier, without a pattern. If you want to to their marriage. The physically and These funds are raised by an annual make a coat or frock nowadays you fete, preceded by a theatrical benefit must decide first of all which cut you performance.

last fete the sketches and features to be and finally buy the material." were presented by talented amateurs. and a club gave a performance of Slenderness, Feature Booth Tarkington's one-act play, "Bimbo, the Pirate."

The fete was held on the village After a season of what seemed to be green, a picturesque and beautiful bit hopeless effort on the part of design-They are inclined, however, to prefer of old New England. With decorated ers to oust the straight slihouette from ltors entered into the carnival spirit. ing to a fashion authority. The ice-cream booth disposed of 55 Slenderness, however, is the basic gallons of ices. There were fortune foundation of the smartest modes, but telling, candy, fancy work, fruit and there are subtle flares, swirling dravegetables, flower and sandwich and peries, cleverly disposed fullness and "hot dog" booths. Foliage and crepe an indefinable tendency toward elabpaper gave them rainbow hues. The oration that produce an effect vality net result was a fund of \$2,600.

How Trains Are "Run"

As the average train passenger sions, the artifices of language and the flashes by station after station, passes it takes the form of plaits, godets, cirbroadside of pleasantries. It is of and meets other trains, and arrives interest to observe that most of these safely at his destination and on time. expressions are as threadbare in the he is, no doubt, unconsciously grateful English tongue as in the French.— to the conductor and engineer who pi-From La Bulgarie, Soffa. (Translated loted the train. But very few people who travel on trains know or give thought to the fact that there is a "power behind the throne" which made the tracks clear and gave them uninterrupted passage. Back of every train movement is the train dispatcher. From his crews receive their orders, are given individuality by cleverly arthe roots of the tree are absorbing and upon his instructions trains are given mulviousnity by the roots of the tree are absorbing and upon his instructions trains are given mulviousnity by the ranged flounces or draperles. moisture. The highest sap content is run. There are over 6,000 train disjust before the leaves start in the patchers in the United States who spring. It would be more correct to started in when they were young men Gigolo Crown Promises say that the sap is continually going and have become disputchers only

How Indian Cures "Cold"

When a Chacier park Indian catches cold he drinks hot herb tea and packs himself in his outdoor sweat bath, which is about as near to nature a Ordinary rain water contains appre. contrivunce as is possible, the Indian

How Do Ants Know?

Ants' nests, says a recent authority, How do they know?

Gowns and Wraps in Rich Fabrics

Many Sheer Frocks of Crepe Georgette With Sleeves of Velvet.

Black is worn extensively for after noon at the smartest rendezvous, advises a Paris fushion correspondent in the New York Herald-Tribune. It seems that the elegant Parislenne will never quite abandon it, despite all the tenacious attempts to put it out of fashion. The sheer black frocks of creps georgette with velvet sleeves are le gion. The small felt or velvet hats are de rigeur with such effernoon frocks and complete the general harmony of the ensemble. For instance, a coat of black velvet with a fox collar opens over a long tunic frock of biscuit-colored crepe.

For evening wraps it is wise to choose a simple but rather full outline. Metal cloth is very attractive for such wraps, but the modish velours are generally preferred right now. They are exquisitely supple and colorful. these Paradise or Frisson velvets, which are used in all shades, black incliffled. But the ruby, jade, bordeaux and emerald shades are favorites. Trimmed with fur—chinchilla, seal or white fox-these capes are made to look still richer by some embroidery in

bright colors and metal threads. The frock with movement is, course, the great favorite of the hour. It is the frock which, when the wearer is at rest, gives her that famous slen-

Says Anna Le Vignac, in Le Quo-

"When you look today at the fashorously straight, tight, narrow coats

"It is true that the straight line is

ragians. "The cut of our clothes, which was prefer, then get a good pattern, there-At the performance preceding the upon find out how wide the fabric has

of Smartest Fashions

booths and grounds adorned with flags its strong position in fashion, they and Japanese lanterns the atmos-have succeeded in relegating it to a phere was gay, and residents and vis-place of secondary importance, accord-

different from the fashions of last sea-

Fullness is always present whether it appears at the back of the frock. cular flounces or panels cut to suggest the uneven hemline that is an outinteresting new models.

A new development in Paris is the use of two tones of a single shade combined to fashion a frock of compelling interest and charm.

High necklines are another new note which adds to the distinction of pres-

to Be Spring Favorite



The aigolo crown is predicted for metals to be sweated out as in the of the same species from another nest. the chapeau is of soft orchid hus, sail- be employed as little brims on hats of Fenton News trimmed with bands of feit.

Chequered Print Is Used for an Afternoon Frock



Chequera is the handsome American print used for this attractive frock which is combined with a plain-tone long as I've known wou

Hints on Fashions Now

Calling for Attention Filmy affairs of georgette or chilfon are being worn at dancing parties by the younger girls. These are rather high waisted with full skirts billowing to the knees and completed with sleeves tight to the elbow and flaring at the wrist. One novel adornment of such frocks is a drooping bow of chiffor, embroidered in rhinestones, which springs from one shoulder strap,

Brims which have been turned up sharply some time are now turned down, according to London milkhers. The brims are not; allowed to flop down, however. The furfeit sports hats are fairly high of crown and the brims are made with a steal wire sdge to hold them in shape. A big bow at the back is the sole decoration of who came within reach that they'd new some of these hats. Others are turned or want any more affection.

up in the back and down in front. signed for wear in, to said from the python from india. flare and that most of the coats are South this season are not only soft in "Those are the speeches you've much very simple and quite monotonous name bols de rose, rose tans, rose that so one could pessibly want this Falmouth, Mass., has a nursing asduring the last few years, now has begrays and dusty taus and grays. Green there affection from you because you
cone extremely varied and compilis also an important shade with would live hillsted them while there

Dress designers are insisting now loke." that evening wraps should always re-call the dress with which they are it, a real joke, wild the Box Conworn in color. Thus an evening wrap strictor. of a contrasting color should be lined "I'm seventy years old," said the

capes are similarly treated. Pajamas essentially for wear to of line. Those worn in boudoir, pri-teresting old fellow. vacy to lounge in are strikingly elaborate as to material. The trousers doesn't become a real thing, and I'm usually are of black satin gradually stad that I'm gentle, for the keeper tightening from knee to ankle and has made a regular post of me the tops, of metal brocade, heavily Just then the kesper, came along embroidered. The coats may even be and took the Box Constrictor in his fur trimmed at collar and hem.

Velvet is Popular for

he moment. One has only to view the collections of models shown by important conturieres and modistes, to study the costumes of women lunching at the Ritz in Paris or attending the premiere of a much heraided new play to realize standing feature of many of the most that not only has fashion given her cachet to this material but that the smartest women have taken it up with the first time and was waiting in the enthusiasm. To be sure, it shares hom station for the train to start. When ors with lames and brocades, but the the train on the next track meved Server Cares

yer cloth are worn under velvet coats; "and you'll see." Champing obeyed in other instances both jumper and and looked puzzled: "But mamma coat are of velvet, while the skirt is a she asked, "how do you know which circular or plaited affair of silver or side to believe?

The dominance of the evening easemble remains unchallenged and in its "Son" said the falser to the smartest interpretation it takes the just starting for college "it is going form of a frock of lame topped by a to cost me's lot of money to send you faring cost of the same material lined to this institution of Learning and I throughout with velvet in a brilliant want to make just one request of shade, and luxuriously collared with you."

Dyed Furs Play Part in Milady's Apparel tere yell?

This fashion of dyed fur is already in currency among styles worn on Fifth avenue, says a New York fashion writer. A fanciful suit of novelty tweed, with circular skirt topped by a circular facket, was banded in bright green mole, which also formed the tiny Queen Anne collar. The same for mole in a clear shade of blue formed an entire cost. made full length and straight lined, and matched by a little velvet hat. Naturally enough, colored furs are

Naturally enough, colored furs are caller (who has been painatakingly not restricted to wraps. An evening spelling out words)—The story of trock of gold-spangled net over yellow matches its foundation with a double matches its foundation with a double skirt border of yellow dur, which distends the sheer, circular skirt. Dyed telt or velours.

A PRICOS Estaventes alisztált.

THE BOA CONSTRICTOR

"I'm a nice little Box Constrictor, I am, and I'm changing my skin.
"It has been growing—that is, my new akin has been growing under my old one for the past three weeks. "Now & take a little bath in the water the keeper giver me and very soon t'il, lossen the eld skir, pull it off, starting from my nose, ared I'll be my hand some brown speckled salt once more "I used to help myself of by rub bing through the bushes but now I can't do that very well in the zer.

"My keeper holps me though, and so I am very well satisfied." "You're a very gesalle Box Constric-tor, you are," said the big python from India, in the sulpinking cage.

"Now. I am not." "Pd hug any creature I saw. a cather, any creature of whom I could cet hold, and I'd hug and how until-

"You're cruel," said the Box Constrictor. "You're very cress," he added. You've talked about pothing else as

"You've said to proudly and board

"Ob, I'm such an effectionate anaka "I'd give such a hug to another



Showed Him to m Little Girl.

"They'd be sattisfied with having The new woolen sports fabrics de known what it was to be hugged by

texture but in color. The new shades And what you have meant, con-

green. The designs include two toned "Hs, ha, ha " his the python diamond effects and checks." That's my pet joke, my best beloved

in the same colored satin or lame as python, "and last year I changed my the dress. The chinchilts coats and skin nine times. I'm fed every three weeks."

"I know all that," smid the Box Consleep in are soft of texture and simple strictor, dand I think you are an in-

"But I am mighty grad your pet joke hand and showed blue to a little gist

who admired like brown speckled skin. "He loves mice," the keeper and. And, white the little girl throught he Day and Evening Wear teste in food was poor, all the thousand Velvet is indubitably the fabric of he was a very files, pretty, sentle snake. And that made the Box Constrictor

happy. For he was a nice onte- a nice, gentie, patient spake.

Which Side to Believe ... Charmian had been down town for frequent alliance of these materials Charmian cried: **Off. look. we're makes for the quintessence of chic. moving!" Her motive explained.

Two-piece jumper frocks of doll sil- "Look out at the other side!" she said.

"What is that, dad? inquired the "That while you are there you tr to learn something besides the col

Conserving Eubor "Mother, which frock shall I west "I don't know, dear 1 I must be

which is the cleanest." "Will you find out, please, cos want to know whether to wash for square neck of a round one."-Mad rid Torc.

Couldn't Foot Joan

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