

PASSING OF COWHIDE BOOT.

Came to New England with Pilgrims
—Worn by Famous Men.

The sturdy boot of cowhide, the pride and comfort of our New England grandfathers, is disappearing from shop and store. It may still be seen here and there upon the farm, but it has no place upon the polished floor, nor in the trolley or cab of the city.

The boot came to these rocky New England shores with the Pilgrims, says the Boston Globe. It broke the brush of the virgin forest for hardy pioneers, and it trod down the seed of many a harvest upon the homesteads.

Glover's men of Marblehead marched off to follow Washington in '76 wearing high fishing boots, shiny with oil from the cod and salt from the spray of the sea. Wittler, the quaker poet, hammered upon thick boot soles to the measures of his rhymes and Henry Wilson, "the Natick cobbler," pondered on questions of State as he pulled his good waxed ends taut and dreamed of future greatness.

Walt Whitman tucked his trousers legs inside his high boots and went out and made friends with the boatmen and clam diggers. Politicians donned boots that betokened toll at 'lection time, just as the office seeker of to-day puts on a glad smile and puts out his glad hand. A clergyman of high fame attributed early success to his cowhide boots, which he wore in his pulpit, so that his congregation would feel that he was one of them.

The schoolboy of times gone by dreamed of the shiny, red-topped, copper-toed boots that he would find in his stocking Christmas morning and the Harvard boy felt himself a man indeed when he could go to the cordwainer and have a pair of boots molded to his feet and legs. Of course, he might break the bootjack yanking them off, but that would be injury to the senseless bootjack, not harm to his vanity.

Everett Dunbar, who still makes boots by hand down in Lynn, has the wedding boots of a new prominent Lynner, worn 25 years ago. The Lynner wore them only to his wedding, though he paid \$16 for them. He wouldn't dare to wear them to-day, though they are a splendid specimen of bootmaking, for they have a comfortable broad toe and crimp tops and are made of cowhide, all of which are decidedly out of fashion for full evening dress to-day.

A few grandfathers of to-day still call for their high boots, considering them a sovereign preventive of "rheumatism, pneumonia and other pesky ills," especially if worn with the trousers legs tucked into the boot top, so that the cold and dampness cannot creep beneath the clothing and reach the body.

Even from rough mining camps and the trail and the ranch of the West the boot is disappearing. College boys struck western camps with heads full of ideas and feet in laced high ankle boots, like the storm boots seen in Boston to-day. "Dudes in yaller boots," sniffed the veteran miners, but it was not long before the veterans themselves found the snug-fitting leed high boots of much value in supporting the ankles and in keeping out stones. And hunters and cowboys and ranchmen learned the same thing, too.

So the sturdy boot of cowhide is passing and civilization is marching onward to lighter and more scientific footwear.

The Squirrel.

A squirrel's natural term of life is from fifteen to twenty years, and in localities where they are little disturbed they multiply with extreme rapidity. Indeed, in the early history of the United States they were so numerous in certain localities as to be almost a plague, and large sums were annually paid in bounty for the scalps. In the west large hunts were organized by the early settlers in order to try to reduce their numbers, as is now found necessary to prevent the Jack-rabbits from becoming a scourge to the farmers. On these hunts thousands of squirrels were killed, and yet from all accounts their numbers were not greatly reduced.

Mutually Beneficial.

"Will you keep my daughter in the style to which she has been accustomed?"

"No, sir; I'll keep her in a style to which she has not been accustomed."

"All right, my boy. Take her and be happy. Now her mother and myself will be able to put on a little style to which we have not been accustomed."
—Houston Post.

The Great Difficulty.

"One-half of the world's happiness is solved when a person learns to mind his own business."

"Yes, but it's the other half that causes the most trouble."

"What's that?"

"Getting other people to mind theirs!"—Detroit Free Press.

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In a recent letter to The Peruna Medicine Co., Miss Julia Marlowe, of New York City, writes the following:

"I am glad to write my endorsement of the great remedy, Peruna, as a nerve tonic. I do so most heartily."—Julia Marlowe.

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A Heavy Fine.

Under the Elkins law, any railroad company which pays rebates in any form, or any shipper who accepts them, is liable to a fine of from \$1,000 to \$20,000, upon conviction. It also prohibits the carrying of freight at less than the published tariffs. The Interstate Commerce Commission is empowered to detect and prosecute violators of this statute. President Knapp of the Commission states that since this law was passed, rebate paying has been as rare as forgery.

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Mrs. Prattle looked at her visitor with reproach in her wide blue eyes. "Talk!" she said, eagerly. "Our baby talk!" Well, I guess he can! He's three months younger than my cousin's boy, and he's a year ahead of him in language. You know often people tell you their children can say things, and when you hear them you have to work and work with your imagination to tell what in the world they're saying.

"Now, there's my cousin's baby—the one I spoke of. They declare that child has a vocabulary of fifteen words, but, my dear, if you could hear him! He says 'bay' when they show him bread, and 'flis' for fish, and 'cang' for candle, and 'hort' for horse, and 'apa' for father. Those are just a few instances. Now I'll try Harold with those very words, and you'll see the difference.

"Say bread, Harold, bread—pre-e-ad."

"Wed," said the baby.

"Now say fish, fish, fi-ish."

"Whish," said the baby.

"That's a splendid boy! Now can you say candle for mother? Candle—san-dle."

"Wangle," said the baby.

"And now, horse," said Harold's mother. "Horse, ho-or-se, hor-r-se."

"Woss," said the baby.

"And here's the last for a precious to say," declared Mrs. Prattle, gaily, "and you say it best of all—father, fa-ather, fa-a-ar-ther."

"Wahwah," said the baby.

"There, you see!" cried Mrs. Prattle in triumph. "He seems to catch the sound of every word. He has a vocabulary of twenty-two words, really, but I don't tell my cousin so. She's one of those mothers who think no other baby is as smart as her own. I feel sorry for her. Now say good-by, darling, and then nurse will take you up-stairs. Good-by, goo-ood-by-y-y."

"Wy-wy," said the baby.—Youth's Companion.

BOATING ON THE NILE.

Craft Frequently Run Upon Sand Bars that Fill River.

Navigation on the Nile is not so complicated a matter as upon the north Atlantic, says a writer in Outing. To run full speed upon a sand bar is an occurrence of such frequency as hardly to elicit a comment from the passengers. The crew take more interest because they are obliged to push the boat off again with poles, and this entails a great amount of shouting and some work. The Nile below the first cataract is a fairly broad, muddy river flowing between deposited banks varying from six to eight to twenty or thirty feet in height. Its surface is interrupted everywhere by sand spits and islands upon which are to be seen thousands of birds.

The channel, if such it can be called winds from one side to the other and changes completely with every flood. Hence even the best pilots run aground two or three times a day. It is, of course, impossible to proceed at night and each day's voyage comes to an end wherever darkness happens to overtake one. The boat's nose is simply run plump on the bank, two men leap out and drive stakes to which to make fast, and there you are for the night. A very simple and effective method, without any ostentation and requiring little knowledge of mathematics. It has also the advantage of variety.

Sometimes one finds one's self alone beneath the wonderful Egyptian moor lighting up the river, the distant cliffs and the silent, empty plain. Or, perhaps, one stops near some little native village, in which case the bank is lined with silent, curious figures who crouch for hours wrapped in their white cloth coverings. Once we tied up beside a lonely brick kiln. The sight was a weird one. The red flare of the furnace, fed with sugar cane, cast intermittent flashes of light into the night in and out of which moved black, half clothed natives, while overhead was the cloudless, star-lit sky of Egypt.

Disappointed.

We visited the great astronomer in his observatory.

"You have you own troubles?" we ventured.

"Yes, indeed," he assured. "We as cronomers are like theatrical managers."

"In what way?"

"Why, we often think we have discovered a star and it turns out to be a failure."

Robbie's Idea.

The Mother—Yes, she's a good woman, Robbie. She is always casting her bread on the water.

The Boy—I don't call that good mamma. Don't you suppose the poor fishes like cake once in a while?—Yonkers Statesman.

Superior Man.

Bacon—Do you think man is superior to an animal?

Egbert—Sure thing. Why, some men can kick more with only two feet than a mule can with four.—Yonkers Statesman.

OPERATION AVOIDED

EXPERIENCE OF MISS MERKLEY

She Was Told That an Operation Was Inevitable. How She Escaped It

When a physician tells a woman suffering with ovarian or womb trouble that an operation is necessary, the very thought of the knife and the operating table strikes terror to her heart, and our hospitals are full of women coming for ovarian or womb operations.



There are cases where an operation is the only resource, but when one considers the great number of cases of ovarian and womb trouble cured by Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound after physicians have advised operations, no woman should submit to one without first trying the Vegetable Compound and writing Mrs. Pinkham, Lynn, Mass., for advice, which is free.

Miss Margret Merkley of 275 Third Street, Milwaukee, Wis., writes:

Dear Mrs. Pinkham—

"Loss of strength, extreme nervousness, shooting pains through the pelvic organs, bearing down pains and cramps compelled me to seek medical advice. The doctor, after making an examination, said I had ovarian trouble and ulceration and advised an operation. To this I strongly objected and decided to try Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound. The ulceration quickly healed, all the bad symptoms disappeared and I am once more strong, vigorous and well."

Ovarian and womb troubles are steadily on the increase among women. If the monthly periods are very painful, or too frequent and excessive—if you have pain or swelling low down in the left side, bearing down pains, leucorrhoea, don't neglect yourself: try Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound.

The right-of-way man for the new electric interurban railway has been in Osceola and has received so much encouragement that the people hope they can ride to Lincoln and Omaha on an electric car before snow flies next winter.

A Wonderful Discovery.

Broadlands, S. D., April 17.—Quite a sensation has been created here by the publication of the story of G. W. Gray, who after a special treatment for three months was prostrate and helpless and given up to die with Bright's disease. Bright's disease has always been considered incurable, but evidently from the story told by Mr. Gray, there is a remedy which will cure it, even in the most advanced stages. This is what he says:

"I was helpless as a little babe. My wife and I searched everything and read everything we could find about Bright's disease, hoping that I would be able to find a remedy. After many failures my wife insisted that I should try Dodd's Kidney Pills. I praise God for the day when I decided to do so, for this remedy met every phase of my case and in a short time I was able to get out of bed and after a few weeks' treatment I was a strong, well man. Dodd's Kidney Pills saved my life."

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