



Messrs. Earl S. Westfield and Sheridan S. Westfield, the well known vaudeville performers of Loyal Theatre fame, have written a beautiful waltz song, "If I Only Could Forget You, Adaline," which will be on sale soon. Those wishing a copy of the song now may call Webster 5654, and it will be delivered to any address. Price 30 cents.

**FINEST OF EARTH'S CHURCHES**

**Men of Genius Through Many Centuries Aided in the Erection of St. Peter's at Rome.**

The history of St. Peter's at Rome, one of the world's most interesting edifices, goes back over a thousand years, for it was on this spot, the site of Nero's circus, within walls ornate with gold and glistening with mosaic and marble, that Charlemagne received the crown of imperial Rome from Pope Leo III, and here was slowly erected throughout subsequent centuries this building, called the central cathedral of Christendom. All that man could do to make St. Peter's great and beautiful has been lavished upon that splendid church. Mme. de Staël said of it, "C'est le seul travail de l'art sur notre terre actuelle qui ait le genre de grandeur qui caractérise les œuvres immédiates de la création." (It is the sole work of art on our earth which has the sort of nobleness that characterizes the works of nature.) Marlon Crawford puts one's first impression of St. Peter's in a nutshell when he says, "The first sight of St. Peter's affects one as though in every day streets, walking among one's fellows, one should meet with a man forty feet high."

While the interior decorations have been criticized as being too profuse—an American tourist once referred

to them as "too much gingerbread"—that great roof covers the work of some of the most renowned sculptors of the world.

**Fish's Nest in a Clam Shell.**

The goby (of which there are many kinds) selects the clean valve of a clam and uses this as the ready-made nest. The pair (for the goby mates with but one and is jealous of any rival) hover round an inverted valve and then the male scoops out the sand from underneath it, forming a cavity, the shell being slightly tilted and pressed into the sand. The female then enters the cavity and deposits her eggs on the lower (inner) surface of the shell. These eggs are somewhat cigar-shaped structures, fixed at one end by a glutinous network that secures them firmly to the shell. Having done her work, the female then exchanges places with the male, who remains on guard, keeping up a constant current of water over the eggs by movements of the pectoral fins, and darting out at the approach of an intruder.

**Rubber Shoes Life Savers.**

A fact which is probably only slightly known is the immunity from the attacks of lightning which is afforded by wearing a pair of rubbers. The person who assumes these coverings must be careful not to come in

contact with anything except the floor. Providing he follows this instruction he can not possibly be injured by the lightning in any way.

The explanation is simple enough. The electric fluid before it can pass into a human being or animal must first come in contact with the earth. Its passage from the earth to the wearer of the rubbers is, of course, stopped by the soles of the latter.

So next time a storm is brewing hurry up and get out your rubbers.

**Dolls With African Burial.**

Art galleries in New York last year exhibited specimens of African doll-makers. Perhaps the most interesting story of dolls in Africa is that which concerns the doll custom of a tribe dwelling near Lake Nyassa. When a member of the tribe dies a rough image of the dead person is made of rags or wood and laid away in a tent. Thousands of doll images of dead tribe members lie in the tent, and it is said that the tribe believes that the dolls are the embodiment of the souls of the dead men. By keeping the souls on earth they believe they are cheating the fiends which are supposed to lurk beyond life. The tent is regarded as sacred and only the medicine men are permitted near it.

**Shoe-Throwing Old Custom.**

Throwing old shoes was not always confined to weddings, though the custom nowadays has come to be associated entirely with the going away of bridal couples. Authorities differ as to the origin of the practice and its exact significance; it seems, however, as if it had to do with the transfer of property—women being regarded as such among the nations in which the custom began.

It was in the sense of confirming a sale or exchange that the Jews understood the removal and giving of a shoe or sandals. When the kinsman of Boaz consented to waive his claim upon the parcel of land which Naomi would sell, he "drew off his shoe," for "this is the custom of Israel."

**NEED FOR BALANCE WHEEL**

**Courage is, of Course, a Magnificent Thing, But Should Be Regulated by Prudence.**

Courage is an indispensable quality in our success; but if it is not balanced and regulated by prudence it will run away with us and lead us into all sorts of foolhardy things. Boldness is a great quality when it is held in check by proper cautiousness and guided by good judgment.

I know a man whose courage is very much over-developed and his faculty of caution is very deficient. He does not know what fear means, and he

plunges into all sorts of foolish operations which do not turn out well, and he is always trying to get out of things which he had gone into hastily. If his prudence had been equally developed with his courage, with his boldness, he would have made a very strong man.

Futile endeavors, half-hearted efforts never accomplish anything. It takes the fire of determination, energy, push, and good judgment to accomplish that which counts. It is the well-balanced enthusiastic man with fire in his blood, and ginger in his brain, who makes things move and achieves the seemingly impossible.—Denver Catholic Register.

**SPiRiT OF SPARTANS IS TRACED TO DRUIDS**

**Frenchman Says Bravery of Gaul Tribes Was Instilled by Priests.**

Druid priests who in the olden days carried out mystic rites by slaughtering their devotees and burning them on altars erected in the heart of some primeval forest have been misunderstood. Instead of controlling merely the religious life of their followers they were responsible for the fighting qualities of the early tribes of Gaul and later spread their influence to Greece, where Druid training developed the martial spirit of the Spartan soldiers.

This is the conclusion reached by M. Solomon Reinach, who in an exhaustive communication presented to the French Academy of Inscriptions gives the result of several years' delving into the folk-lore of Greece and the country that today is France. It was only recently that M. Reinach discovered a manuscript written by a Greek historian born in Sparta, revealing that the Spartans had modeled their military training on the system in vogue among the tribes of Iberia, located somewhere between Egypt and the Indies, and which had been visited by an imaginary tourist known as Lyeurgus.

The latter's description of the country convinces M. Reinach that the explorer must have landed on the southern coast of France, and that the Iberia of which he wrote was not the Spanish Iberia which later adventurers described as a land lacking martial feelings but filled with drinkers and highway robbers.

According to M. Reinach's ancient informer, Lyeurgus visited the Druid priests in their mountain caves and forest haunts and found them busy training the natives of Gaul to pre-

serve their country against its enemies, teaching children to perform their tasks and later instructing them in the arts and sciences of their time. Lyeurgus apparently received some good tips from the forest priests of his Iberian Gaul, for it was some years after his return to Greece that the valor of the Spartan youths first began to make its appearance.

**How Lightning Kills.**

Numbers of cases of death by lightning have failed to reveal any direct effect of the passage of an electric current through the human body. The evidence indicates that death was caused entirely by shock. The result is psychological rather than physical, the shock inducing heart failure or other organic disturbances.

Sometimes strokes have been fatal to a mother although the child in her arms was unharmed. Persons under the influence of a drug or intoxicated seem to escape. This seems to indicate that the psychological element is an important consideration.—Popular Science Monthly.

**Cavalrymen's Splendid Ride.**

Col. Ezra B. Fuller, the author of a riding "anthology," has himself a notable achievement of endurance and horsemanship to his credit. During the Nez Percés campaign of 1877 Fuller, then second lieutenant of the Seventh cavalry, stationed on the north bank of the Yellowstone river, near Miles City, was ordered by General Miles to take five troopers with him and carry dispatches to General Sherman at Fort Ellis, Mont. Much of the trip had to be made running alongside of the horses, owing to the mountainous character of the country traversed and the almost impassable condition of the trails. The total distance covered was over 350 miles, which was made in four days and nineteen hours, without changing mounts.

**The Domestic Optimist at Work.**

"My husband has never spoken a cross word to me."

"Daughter is always at the head of her class, and she doesn't have to study a bit hard. She really seems to have more time to play than any of the other girls."

"I'm so glad you came, I assure you. One extra for dinner doesn't matter."

"So glad you called! I didn't care to go to the matinee, anyway."

"My husband could get a much larger salary by going with another house—in fact they are begging him to do it—but his present employers have treated him so nicely that he just won't leave them."

"Never mind breaking the vase—it was not one that I cared especially for."—From Life.



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