# Footwear of Humming Bird Feathers



NEW YORK.-Women on this side of the big pond learned with interest that their sisters in Paris were wearing shoes made from humming bird feathers, the ridiculously low price of \$2,500 a pair placing the fluffy footwear within reach of all. Realizing that it was only a question of a few weeks before the very latest fad in tootsie trappings would reach this city, and being aware of the fact that humming birds were none too plentiful, the young and old girls began figuring out how many of the gongeous mites would have to be sacrificed to cover their spokes.

Married men read the article until they came to the line which told about the price of the new plumage, and then they dropped in their tracks. When they reguined consciousness they equipped their wallet pockets with burgiar alarms and hired detectives to watch their trousers while they slept. Many of them, unable to see a ray of hope, went straight to the bankruptcy court and gave themselves up. More than one happy home was rent with discord by the announcement. Women who had the temerity to ask their husband how many humming birds would be necessary in their case were generally told that a whole shoe strings.

it was only natural that there should be much conjecture as to the possible adoption of the new fad by Chicago women. In view of the fact that it takes the whole southwest side of a cow to make one of them a pair of slippers it was generally agreed that one Chicago order would put the numming bird family out of business.

"I'm willing that my wife should have everything within reason," said a man whose cut glass display indicated that he was not dodging any creditors, but I draw the line at \$2,500 a pair for shoes. Just think of it! Shoes that cost \$1,250 a foot. She cried and called me a tightwad when I refused to grant her the appropriation, but I wold her she would have to stick to the leather kind or get another cash register."

"I've got a wife and seven daughters," said another man, "and when I went home to lunch they pulled this humming bird thing on me. Every one of them has feet like flounders, and when they insisted on being in style I turned over my bank books and reserved a place for myself in the bread line."

"It would take a flock of ostriches to make shoes for my old woman," volunteered a traffic policeman. "She told me she thought that humming bird shoes would be very becoming to her, but I threatened to arrest her and turn her over to the Audubon society. She has bright cerise hair, and when I told her that she would be shot for a robin before she went three blocks, she calmed down and aviary would not make them a pair of | we compromised on a pair of congress slippers."

# City Gets 125,000 Post Cards Daily

HICAGO.-If any one doubts that the friends of Chicagoans do not send them cards from all parts of the world during the vacation season, just ask the letter carriers. Chicago's postoffice is now receiving 125,000 cards daily, and when the postcard crop is at its height, the office will handle 200,000 cards a day.

If all of the postcards that come to Chicago each day at this time of the year from people jaunting throughout the country on vacations were placed end to end, the line would reach a distance of twenty miles.

Five hundred postcards laid on top of each other form a pile one foot high, and so, by careful figuring it is found that the total number of cards coming to Chicago daily will form a stack 200 feet high or equal to the height of some of Chicago's taller

One little innocent postcard often Frequently the postmen return to the ther than the regular mail would have

taken them. The Chicago postoffice handles in one day more postcards than any other office in the world under one roof. The vacation period brings onehalf as many cards to the city as does Easter or Christmas time.



A downtown novelty dealer declares he sells as high as \$100 worth of postcards a day.

Of course, the postoffice has to be just as careful with a little vacation card as with a real letter. But one kind of card is barred, the variety that is covered with tinsek Tinsel is poisonous and the clerks are not compelled to come in contact with it.

"The postcard never will go out of date," said George A. Gasman, assistant superintendent of mails. "It is paradise plumes in ladies' hats. I hit must call out "Brother, I am bobreally a convenient little institution favor this bill not only for moral rea- bed," and the other asks "Who bobbed makes the postman walk two or three for one who is traveling. The mai sons, but for financial ones as well." you?" If the hit one answers corclerks and postmen are not particu were carrying only "legitimate" mail. larly in love with picture postcards, but that is merely one disagreeable offices and find that postcards have feature of the carriers' work and we compelled them to walk one-third far- all get that, no matter what our work is. There is nothing more welcome than a pretty postcard from a friend

who is on a vacation. "Chicago has a great floating popu

sons who stop here for a day or two send from one to a dozen postcards to their friends or relatives."

lation and I believe five out of ten per-



OS ANGELES, Cal.-That old story of a prospector's love for his burro, the companion and solace of weary lonesome hours in a desert search for gold, won freedom from jail for aged Aaron Braunsheidt here.

Braunsheldt came into Los Angeles from the desert and mountain land along the Mexican border, riding a decrepit burro. Across his shoulder was slung a rifle. At his saddle, formed by an old frayed comforter, was his camp outfit, pickax and a shovel. His beard, long and straggling, and his long, gray sunburned hair was unkempt. As he passed along the street, P. A. Rambo, agent of the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, saw him.

The burro's back and hip bones displayed recent scars. Braunsheidt was | ing. surrounded by a curious throng when, upon the burro, he reached for his daughter had named "Mrs. Buffalo old rifle. A wire fastened to one end | Bill."

of the barrel caught in his tattered coat, affording Rambo an opportunity

At the offices of the society the old prospector told a story which won barn, where the burro had been stabled. Willing hands reached for pocketbooks and none desired to have him punished. He was released. As naminson woman before Millet's 'Anhe walked away from the city hall gelus." building, one arm placed affectionately about the burro's neck, he was cheered by the men who contributed to provide him and his companion

the daughter, Clara, were killed and their little property lost. Since that time Braunsheidt has been prospect

The only thing left of his family as the official placed a detaining hand fortune was the burro, which his

sympathy. It was repeated later to a throng of citizens who accompanied Braunsheidt and Rambo to a livery

with food. Braunsheidt, known to many pioneers as Aaron Brandt, has won and lost fortunes in search of wealth which he believes exists in his gypsum claims near Tucson. For forty years he has prospected. His wife and their only daughter conducted a confectionery in San Francisco. In the great fire Mrs. Braunsheldt and

# Children Swat Flies for the Bounty

B OSTON, Mass.—An endeavor to rid Worcester of files through a fly killing contest is under way in that city and scores of children have entered the competition.

Many prizes, aggregating more than \$600, are being offered to the children producing the greatest number of dead fites within the time limit of the contest, and during the few days the com- attention to homes, for they can petition has been going on several hundred thousand of the germ carrying insects have been slaughtered.

The insects are measured by the quart as they are brought in and throughout the city the little ones are daily engaged in a wholesale fly mas-

One boy tells of catching 10,000 flies in an old cow stable and thousands more around garbage cans. In their hustling for the prizes the children are invading back alleys, stables, markets, setting traps among garbage and dirt of all kinds, and patroling various insanitary places where the

most flies are found. Few contestants are confining their



gather comparatively fes files there Some parents look at this feature of the contest with decided disapproval They fear the children are very likely to contract diseases in invading such places and handling the flies.

must kill the flies and then dry them carefully before turning them in. In this way the children directly handle the germ-lader insects.

Traps of every shape and descrip tion as well as all manner of ingenious methods to kill the insects are being used. Fly catching devices are selling at a premium, and men and wom en appear as much interested in the affair as the children.

# WORK FOR EDUCATION

MANY STUDENTS SUPPORT THEMSELVES IN COLLEGE.

Statistics Gathered at Princeton University Showing the Varied Occupations That Were Taken Up by the Young Men.

Statistics recently gathered at Princeton, show that 40 per cent. of the students are working their way through college. This means that of the entire enrollment of 1,442 students 577 are helping themselves to gain an education. These figures include all those who are making money in small and large amounts, and do not mean that the men are not getting outside assistance of a substantial kind. Students paying half their expenses are included in 20 per cent, figures, and those paying their way through without any help

from others could be put within the

ten per cent limit.

lege publications.

There are scores of ways of making money at Princeton, and the fact that so many students take advantage of them is sufficient evidence that to work a little on the side is considered highly honorable by the student body as a whole, and it explains the further fact, that among those working their way through are some of the most prominent men in college, both in athletics and in scholarship. One of the most popular ways of making enough money to help pay a term bill or keep the recipient in spending money is work on the col-

Agencies of various kinds-from laundry work to socks that won't tear out-give profitable employment. Three principal laundries doing student work have student representatives. These men are usually athletes, as are those who have clothing and athletic goods agencies. Calendars are sold by students at one dollar apiece and cigarettes, tobacco, steins, pennants, sofa pillows, pipes and the like are offered to the students, but to freshmen especially, at the beginning of every college year. Freshmen carry baskets around, well stocked with pretzels and chocolates. Soft hat men come through the dormitories in the fall and straw hat men in the spring. Shoes are sold by students, and orders for clothing of vartous kinds are taken. Program privfleges on the occasion of athletic events are frequented, and the advertising thereon yields a good re-

Students are agents for typewriters. bleycles, kodaks, golf sticks, caps, canes and the like. The privilege of taking newspaper subscription on the campus is considered a good one. Magazines are represented in Princeton by the score. Pressing establishments yield some money.-New York

## What She Wanted.

The speaker was Col. Lionel C. Harris, the well-known ornithologist of Memphis. He resumed:

for any husband to conptemplate. 1 saw yesterday a Virot hat covered with aigrettes that was ticketed \$200.

And that reminds me-"A lady novelist wrote to a publisher last month: "'Please send a check in advance

of royalties. I want to buy a new hat for a June wedding." "The accommodating publisher sent the lady a check for \$50. She as-

knowledged it indignantly. "'I said,' she wrote, 'that I wanted a hat, not a vell."

# Art "Criticism."

Robert Henri, the well-known New York painter, was condemning a stu-

pid critic. "His interpretations are always wrong," Mr. Henri said. "He always misunderstands totally an artist's conception. He reminds me of the Cin-

"When the 'Angelus' was on exhibition at Earle's in Philadelphia, a Cinnaminson woman dropped into see it. She gazed with lively interest at the two peasants standing reverently in the sunset glow in the quiet meadow. Then she said: "'A courtin' couple, hey. Seem a

bit shy, don't they?"

# Young Worker's Tragic Death.

The sweep's boy-the "ramoneur," has still to work his tortuous way through the chimneys in France and an accident which has just occurred at Fleury-sur-Andelles calls attention to the necessity of putting a stop to the practice, A little Savoyard, named Charles Ravoise, fourteen years of age, was sent up the chimney of a baker and at the end of three-quarters of an hour he had not descended. The alarm was given and the boy was perceived blocked in the chimney, which had to be demolished before his dead body could be freed. He was hanging by the neck, having been caught in a portion of the chimney measuring less than six inches across and asphyxiated.

# Birds for Mosquitoes.

Experience of the past few days has convinced everybody that the scientific war on the mosquito is a flat failure. Insectivorous birds are the only remedy, and not all of them like mosquitoes. The swallow, which does, is not a street dweller; the night hawk flies high and is a rarity, and the bat is promptly driven out of every house he enters. What's Another feature is that each child left but to slap and scratch?-Brooklyn Citizen.

Going Back Into the Past. A tracer is sent out by the Westhas become of the old-fashioned country "lisum" in which one of the important debates every year was, "Resolved. That the signs of the times indicate the downfall of the repub-



# TWO GOOD GAMES FOR BOYS

"Aunt Sally" and "Frere, On Me Bat," Can Be Played by Any Number of Persons.

"Aunt Sally" is a game that can be played by any number of persons; she herself is a block of wood made in the shape of an old colored woman's head, and painted black. She is placed on the top of a pole set in the ground, and her head is decorated with a frilled cap. You can also dress her with a cape and a ruff, as the picture shows; and do not forget Aunt Sally's pipe. In fact, you may stick several pipes in her mouth, and also in her ears, if you wish for that is part of the game.

The players stand off about twenty feet and throw sticks from twenty inches to two feet in length, trying break the pipes. Each player throws in turn, and each side pipe broken scores one point, each front pipe two points. Another good game for boys is one

that comes from the French, and is called "Frere, on me bat," which, translated, means "Brother, some one strikes me." Here we will call it "Brother, I am bobbed."

It is a game and a trick combined and can be played on the green or



days boys want such a game. Two boys are selected as brothers, one of whom must know the game, and the other must never have played it be-

"Aunt Sally."

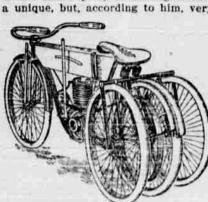
The two brothers are blindfolded. and must stand back to back but not close together. The one who does not know the game is told that one of the other players, who all stand around the brothers in a ring, will hit one of "I, for one, am in favor of the bill them with a knotted handkerchief rectly, the hitter takes his place.

Now, this is the trick: As soon as the game begins, the brother who un-"The cost of these aigrettes and derstands the game removes' the banparadise plumes is a dreadful thing dage from his eyes, and quickly knotting it he strikes his brother with it. When he asks "Who bobbed you?" he gets the wrong answer, of course, and so the game goes on until the victim begins to realize that he is being tricked. To throw him off the scent, the other brother must say now and then "Brother, I am bobbed." The players in the ring have the fun of the laugh.

# MAKES CYCLE LOOK UNIQUE

Two Wheels Attached to Rear of Machine Gives It Rather Peculiar Appearance.

An inventor in Camden, Maine, has attached two extra wheels to the rear of his motorcycle, converting it into a unique, but, according to him, very



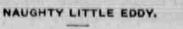
Four-Wheeled Motorcycle.

practical four-wheeled motorcycle. says the Popular Mechanics. The two extra wheels are held half an inch above the central wheel, so that, when on a level, smooth stretch, they do not come in contact with the road. In rounding corners, two rear wheels and the frent wheel, of course, ly's noise, could get the bird to go to carry the machine, and on rough or soft roads, all three rear wheels come into action.

Inspiration From a Fly.

Whether or not the traveler is right who contends that 50 words are enough for man's practical needs, his theory of an abridged vocabulary for every-day use is in line with the tendency of speech in this country. We are simplifying the language to the extent of preferring the simpler forms of expression, both in our writing and our speaking. It is purifying our speech and improving our diction. The master of simple English who can write or speak in terms of the most commonplace language is the most effective. Even eloquence may be well defined as simplicity.

A great New York minister has recently published a series of discourses in book form) and one may read half way through the volume before he comes upon a word that is not ern School Journal to ascertain what common to the simplest speech. Yet the book in its diction is powerful. There is such a thing as working for the language, and such a thing as letting the language work for you. The his mother asked him if he knew master of English does the latter .-Omaha Bee.





Didn't know his lesson; Playing with a teddy All the morning session.

Naughty little Eddy Wouldn't mind his teacher; Never could be ready— Poky little creature!

Naughty little Eddy Ought to have a dunce cap On his little headie, Or else a little slap. Naughty little Eddy, Some time he'll be a man; Better be more steady, And study all be can.

# PENHOLDER IS QUITE NOVEL

Enables User to Draw Two or Three Lines at Same Time-Good for Fancy Penmanship.

for ledger work or for fancy penman- choose their places of residence. ship, such as is indulged in by the gentlemen who inscribe visiting eards on the street, has been devised by a New Jersey man. The implement will enable the user to draw two or three, or even four lines simultaneously. The penholder has a Y-shaped end and holds two pens, but the extra one or two lings are achieved by the use of one or two double pens. The holder is also made of resilient metal, so that it will give and prevent any scratching or spluttering, as the lines



Very Novel Penholder.

are being made. Any bookkeeper will appreciate at a glance the convenience of this device for ledger work. A man can draw divisions for dates. figures or other details with one sweep of his pen, or pens, and save the time and trouble of ruling each line separately.

The Parrot Scolded. If parrots seem ill-natured, it is not always their fault. They say ill-natured things, but they say say noth ing that has not been taught to them. So, Mrs. Watkins' parrot must not be blamed for speaking ill-naturedly to the burglar. The burglar got in Mrs. Watkins' house one night and was trying to steal something or other that Mrs. Watkins would have preferred to keep, and in looking around the house he woke up the parrot. You know how grumpy you feel if you are awakened before you have had enough sleep. It was just the same way with the parrot, and she scolded the burglar. She told him that he was a bad man and that he must get out as quickly as he could. He probably thought that he had been visiting a ghost. However that may have been, it was quite half an hour before the family, who had been aroused by Polsleep again.

Why Papa Should Be Glad.

Willie, a five-year-old youngster. was in the habit of complaining of his dinner, and one day his father said: Willie, you should not find fault with what is set before you. When I was your age I was thankful to get enough dry bread to eat." Willie finished his dinner in silence, but, as he climbed down from his chair he said: "Papa, ain't you awful glad you come to board with us?"

"I spy" is an old game, and is found with a few variations in nearly every country in the civilized world. Blind man's buff is almost universal. The name varies, but that is the only difference in most cases. In Norway it is called "Blind thief," in Spain "Blind hen" and in Italy "Blind cat.

He Was All Right. A little four-year-old occupied an upper berth in the sleeping car. Awaking one in the middle of the night, where he was. "Tourse I do," he replied. "I'm in the cop drawer."

# Home Town C!

BEAUTY CHIEF CITIC ASSET

Venetians Take Great Pains to Mantain Historic Interest and Physical Attractiveness of City.

In Venice, a city of about 160,000 or 170,000 inhabitants, good authorities say that not less than 12,000 live by catering to foreigners and other tourists and to outsiders who remain too long to be classed with the summer visitors. There are 75 hotels in Venice and many restaurants, and their business is about the most profitable and flourishing in the city. All this is so well understood by the Venetians that they take great pains to maintain the historic interest and physical attractiveness of their city. They never forget that its beauty and charm are valuable civic as-

The same conditions exist in many other cities. Nice, Florence, Rome, Athens, Baden, Paris are samples of the class of big towns that live, in no small degree, on their beauty, their charm and their historic interest.

America is not too young or too busy with the production of the necessaries of life to have illustrations of the importance, in a business sense, of the attractiveness which comes to cities as much by development as it does by the favor of fortune, as a birthright. Quebec makes its living. in large degree, by entertaining sum-mer tourists. Los Angeles, at the other side of the continent, has grown mightly on its climate and its fruits and flowers as much as on its oil and mining interests and its general commercial activities.

The census is sure to show, when all the returns are in, that places which are wholly pleasure resorts, such as Atlantic City, stand well to the front in the rate per cent. of their increase of population. More than ever before, Americans of wealth or independent means are inclined to A double penholder, which is useful look for beauty in cities when they

# BEAUTY SPOTS THAT COUNT

No Place Where Garden is More Appreciated Than at a Rallway Station.

There is probably no place where a garden is more appreciated by the public than at a railway station. Folks when out traveling have their eyes with them; they are open to all kinds of impression, and such as at home would in passing be barely noticed and even remain entirely unobserved, if met on travels, are welcomed with an interest highly profitable. The beautiful has added beauty; the partly hidden and insignificant becomes obvious; the eye searches greedily for new impressions, when we are out a-traveling.

This, then, is probably the fundamental reason for the railroad gardens. Culture has been given to otherwise ugly situations; trees have been planted along right-of-way fences: vacant spots have been transformed from barren cinders into beauty spots of lawns and flowers; hot platforms and sidewalks have had the spotted shadows of trees thrown over them; the cheerless has been transformed into jubilant symphonies of colors and cool shadows, inviting, indeed, when summer burns the traveler's back.

Practical Side of School Gardening. Some time ago the writer was called in to admire a small garden almost choked with a profusion of ornamental plants and flowers. It was learned that but two years ago the yard was nearly devoid of vegetation, but that the little boy of the family commenced planting seeds and cuttings from the school garden supply. Soon the slumbering taste of the mother was awakened and now she tenderly cares, with the help of her enthusiastic boy, for this wilderness of beauty. If this school garden had accomplished no more, this one case would be sufficient recompense for all time and labor expended. Truly it is a beautiful and philanthropic work.-Los Angeles Times.

Flowers on Lamp Posts. Ornamental lamps, gorgeous with real floral decorations, kept green and fragrant perpetually in flower boxes suspended midway between top and bottom of the lamp standards, will be erected on Kearny street, from Market

to Pacific About three manths will be required to put up the lamps, and work will be commenced unmediately. The flowers which will adorn the lamp standards will be watered and cared for by an automatic arrangement, the mere pressing of a button being sufficient to perform the deed .- San Francisco Chronicle.

As to Art In City Building. Today there is a growing demand that our cities should be not only sensibly planned but beautiful, the Art Journal says. Simultaneous with this demand there is a revival of interest in the history of pageants. May not artists, by the exercise of a little cunning, see that these things are pushed to their logical conclusion, and that they are followed by a call for the beautiful decoration of our public buildings, not only with sculpture, but with paintings of an historical character?

# Deciduous Street Trees.

It is truly a glorious sight, to see a woodland or forest bursting into leaf and blossom in the early spring. The great variety of shades and colors are truly wonderful, and each, when contrasted with those surrounding, seems to be the most attractive. But turn your gaze to a single tree, or line of trees, away from their natural settling, in a climate unsuited to their perfect development, surrounded by foliage and growth totally different and "the dream is o'er."



# CHURCH LIGHTED BY WIND

Novel Method Employed to Illuminate Sacred Edifice Near Birmingham, England.

Probably one of the most novel methods of providing lighting for a church is that employed at the old Cosely church, situated a few miles

out from Birmingham, England. About 600 feet from the church is the mouth of a disused coal mine, around which are huge piles of tailings. Upon one of these a steel tower 60 feet high is erected and a windmill 18 feet in diameter installed. At the base of the tower in a small house is an electric generator which is run by the mill. The current thus generated feeds 27 lamps in the church, two in the chapel, two in the vestry; operates a motor for pumping the pipe organ, and also lights 30 lamps in the rectory is a part of this unique lighting plant.

CLOSE TO FINISH.



His-Is he a finished musician? Dix-He came near being one last night. The neighbors chased him nearly ten blocks.

Burglar Befriended Him.

A burglar was arrested for robbing house up the state some time since. and the next morning the victim rushed wildly into the magistrate's office. As soon as he could get his breath to working again he told the official that he had come to see about the pris-

"Glad you came down," was the affable response of the magistrate, "I

suppose you want to appear against "Well, guess not!" exclaimed the victim with a glad smile. "I want to kiss him on the brow and give him \$10. Among other things that he stole from the house was a package of love letters that I wrote to my wife before

we were married." Would Try Another. There was going to be a picnic that morning, says the Cleveland Plain Dealer. The little boy prayed before he retired at night that it might be a fine day. And when he looked out

of the window at the peep of dawn, it was raining. In the evening the little boy wouldn't say his prayers. "Mamma," he asked, as he was going to bed, "where do they sell idols? I want to get one to worship."

# Extravagant.

Ada-Cholly Saphedde was in a brown study the other day, and I offered him a penny for his thoughts. Edith-You spendthrift! You never did know the value of money!

The devil is proud of the man who

is mean to his wife.

# To The Last Mouthful

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