

## DICE LONG KNOWN TO WORLD

Amusement Is Probably the Most Ancient Game, According to Records of Old Writers.

The oldest amusement in the world is dice-throwing.

In some form or another, dice have existed in every period of history. They are shown on early Egyptian monuments, and some dug up at Thebes recently are exactly similar to those in use today. They are mentioned in laws regulating games played in ancient Greece and Rome and most other countries in Europe.

The invention of dice is attributed to Palamedes, one of the heroes who sailed against Troy, about the year 1244 B. C., but the use of cubes with numbered sides for gambling purposes is probably much earlier.

Frequent passages in the works of ancient writers and numerous representations in marble and paintings show how popular dice-playing was among them.

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#### Poetic Farewells.

So smooth a writer as Henry Van Dyke has found a soft spot in his heart for "so long," used in parting. Although believing that it came to this country fresh and hot from the cockney dialect of London, he avers that the next time he parts from a person "not too dignified to be loved," he is going to use it. He deprecates the fact that we have no phrase similar to the German "an wiedersehen," the Italian "a rivederci," and the French "au revoir." (He might have added the Spanish "Hasta la vista," prettiest of all) each meaning "until I see you again." So he dresses up "so long" with the signification, "So long as we are parted may no harm befall you," or "Till we meet again it will seem so long." Apparently he would make it express as much as "Mizpah," which says: "May the Lord watch between thee and me while we are absent one from the other."

#### Many Mountains Nameless.

At least sixty mountains in California rise more than 13,000 feet above sea level, but they stand amid a wealth of mountain scenery so rich and varied that they are not considered sufficiently noteworthy to be named, according to the United States geological survey, department of the interior. Yet if any one of these unnamed mountain peaks were in the eastern part of the United States it would be visited annually by millions of people. But California has 70 additional mountain peaks more than 13,000 feet high that have been named, or 130 in all, as well as a dozen that rise above 14,000 feet.—Scientific American.

#### An Even Break.

"She's a girl after his own heart," Hunter says.  
"Yes, and he's a man after her money."  
"But you know it's whispered on the quiet that she hasn't any money."  
"Well, it's a notorious fact that he hasn't any heart."

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## WOULD HAND LORD DOLLAR

But Some People Will Doubt Whether Such a Man Will Ever Get Close Enough.

A young man in Missouri was collecting funds for a benevolent institution. He tried hard to get a dollar from an old gentleman who was noted for his closeness.

When the young man had stated his mission and asked for the dollar, the elderly person asked:

"Well, young man, how old are you?"

"I am twenty-five," said the youth.  
"Well," continued the old gentleman, "I am seventy-five years old, and as you are only twenty-five years, I think that I will get to see the Lord sooner than you. I will hand him the dollar myself."—Pittsburgh Dispatch.

#### To Teach Correct English.

Children should be encouraged to talk, to observe and to describe the things that interest them in the course of the day. In this way they will form the habit of the intelligent reporter who, on the way to his desk from an assignment, plans his article, eager to find the best way of telling his story. Instead of making a hateful mystery of English speech, it should be made the most natural thing in the world, worthy of the effort necessary to give it accuracy, ease and charm. The scraps of conversation I overhear every day in elevators, across counters, on the street and in trolley cars are of a nature to disturb those who view with intense satisfaction the great treasure we pour into education, believing that where the investment is so generous the dividends must be proportionately large.—Meredith Nicholson in Scribner's Magazine.

#### History as She Is Quoted.

The woman was shopping in a State street department store. She wanted a hat. There were two others at the counter, shopping, without wanting anything. The tall, thin one lifted a brown velvet tricorne shape to the light.  
"Pretty, ain't it?" she asked her portly friend, who carried a book under her arm.

"Yes, very," answered the friend; "reminds me of Napoleon."

"Napoleon?" queried the tall one, whose fluffy hair covered a vacuum.  
"How and when Napoleon?"  
"Oh," answered she of the book, with superior disdain. "Don't you know? Napoleon crossing the Delaware!"—Chicago Journal.

#### The Critic.

The brilliant Edgar Saltus of unhappy memory sat in his club one afternoon when a widower entered.

The widower, with a deep sigh, sank into a chair, pressed a black-bordered handkerchief to his eyes and groaned:

"I tell you, Saltus, old man, a chap never realizes the full value of his wife till he loses her."

"True, true," said Mr. Saltus, "and especially true if she was insured."

#### Then the Fun Began.

Voice (at the other end)—Is that you, darling?

Gouty Father—Er—yes.

Voice—Oh, good! How's the old boy's gout, my pet? I mean to say, if he still has it I'll come round tonight, but if he hasn't we'll go out to some show.

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## WOMEN ADOPT SUIT-FROCK; FAVOR LUXURIANT FURS

THE sleeveless slip-over dress, which made its entry last summer and leaped into such universal favor, gave manufacturers of dresses a useful cue. It served to show them that women are welcoming substitutes for the blouse and skirt combination, which, however good and dependable, does grow tiresome. The one-piece frock, to be worn with a separate coat or a fur piece, became the rival of the tailored suit several seasons ago, and recently some observant and imaginative creator of women's clothes introduced at the right moment the suit-frock. In this new type of costume the practical

if by this means they may indulge a luxuriant taste for furs; and this isn't by any means, poor policy on their part. A wise choice in fur pieces lasts for years (with the right kind of care) and is not subject to the sudden whims of fashion and can be repeatedly remodeled. But a wise choice includes the selection of what are known as "hard" furs—that is those in which the hairs are strong—made up into pieces that are conservative in style, as straight scarfs, capes and uncut pelts. There are degrees of "hardness" and "softness." There are soft furs that are expensive because of their rarity, and hard furs



Practical Suit-frock.

woman finds a suit and a dress combined, costing no more than a suit, and making it possible for her to be appropriately dressed either for the street or business or other ordinary occasions.

In the illustration above, one of these practical suit frocks is shown made of taupe-colored duvetyne, and worn over a tailored under-bodice. It is this under-bodice which makes it possible to retain that flavor of crisp freshness which has always been the glory of the shirtwaist, or to tone up the dress with something more fanciful—the under-bodice is varied to suit occasion. Whatever the degree of dressiness the blouse may impart, on the street the suit-frock presents the appearance of a tailored suit and meets

that are reasonable because of their plentifulness.

Of all fur garments neckpieces are the most popular and the most useful, followed by cape-scarfs, capes and coats. These styles are much varied: neckpieces range all the way from small chokers to long, wide scarfs, with uncut fox pelts in high favor. There is a very great range of prices in fox pelts, those in unusual colors selling at a premium. The silver-tipped black fox stands at the apex in price, but nothing is handsomer than the dark brown, dyed fox skins that are fairly low, as fur prices go.

The handsome and enveloping cape-coat pictured, of moleskin with squirrel collar and trimming at the arm



Luxuriant Furs.

the requirements of those women who like to be simply and quietly dressed when they go about on everyday occupations.

Another costume which just now suits the woman of affairs is made up of a pretty one-piece frock which has always with it on the street a short coat of fur or fur and fabric. These frocks are made of crepes, velvets or woolen in dark shades, and brightened with touches of bright color; they are long-sleeved and invite the companionship of dainty accessories in collars, vests, chemisettes and undersleeves.

It is said that women are willing to practice even a severe economy in the matter of frocks, and other things,

openings, is the type of long garment just now most fashionable. It is made up in other short-haired furs—as mink, kolinsky, Hudson seal, squirrel, as well as mole—the last being, of all, the least durable. Nearly all long fur garments employ contrasting furs for collars and cuffs. This season's cape-scarfs are well represented in the kolinsky model pictured. Many of these capes are lengthened at the front, and all of them designed for a graceful and casual adjustment to the figure.

Julia Bottomley

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Precedents are as often stumbling blocks as guide posts.

#### No Chance.

"So you've been speculating in the market, have you?" "Not at all; I always lose my money on sure things."—Life.

Education benefits a man but little if he is unable to recognize an opportunity when he meets it.

One man believes everything he hears; another doesn't believe anything he hears. Both are foolish.

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