

Spain, and it is said that Henry VIII. considered a pair of silk Spanish stockings a great luxury and wore them on state occasions. In 1570 Queen Elizabeth was presented with a pair of silk stockings by her tire-woman, and afterward never wore any other kind.

The stocking frame was invented by William Lee in the reign of Queen Elizabeth, about 1589.

Doctors

The term "doctor" was invented in the twelfth century, about the time of the first establishment of universities. The first person upon whom this title was conferred was Irnerius, a professor of law at Bologna University.

The title was created by Emperor Lohaire II., but was suggested by Irnerius himself. The term extended to the faculty of theology, and was given first by the University of Paris to Peter Lombard the famous theologian. In 1329 the college of Asti conferred the first title of doctor of medicine upon William Gordenio.

Matches

Friction matches are a comparatively modern invention. They were first made in the United States in 1836 by L. C. Allin of Springfield, Mass. Before this time a clumsy form of match was imported from France, which had to be dipped into a bottle

of sulphuric acid before it was lighted.

This took a great deal of time and trouble, and Allin, seeing the necessity of friction matches, set about to make them, and succeeded. He neglected to patent them however, and on finally applying for a patent, found that a man named Phillips, who was a peddler, had discovered through a third person the secret of making the matches and had already obtained a patent. Allin, though the real inventor, was forced to become a mere manufacturer under another man's patent.

Lighthouses

The first lighthouse ever erected for the benefit of mariners is believed to be that built by the famous architect Sostratus, by command of Ptolemy Philadelphus, king of Egypt. It was built near Alexandria, on an island called Pharos, and there was expended upon it eight hundred talents, or over a million of dollars.

Ptolemy has been much commended by some ancient writers for his liberality in allowing the architect to inscribe his name instead of his own. The inscription reads:

"Sostratus, son of Dexiphanes, to the protecting deities, for the use of seafaring people."

This tower was deemed one of the seven wonders of the world and was thought of sufficient grandeur to immortalize the builder.

It appears from Lucian, however, that Ptolemy does not deserve any praise for disinterestedness on this score, or Sostratus any great praise for his honesty, as it is stated that the latter, to engross in after times the glory of the structure, caused the inscription with his own name to be carved in the marble, which he afterward covered with lime and thereon put the king's name. In process of time the lime decayed, and the inscription on the marble alone remained.

A Heip to the Home Laundress

A recent invention that should prove a boon to the women who do light laundry work in their own rooms is a simple arrangement for washing clothes without rubbing all the skin from one's knuckles.

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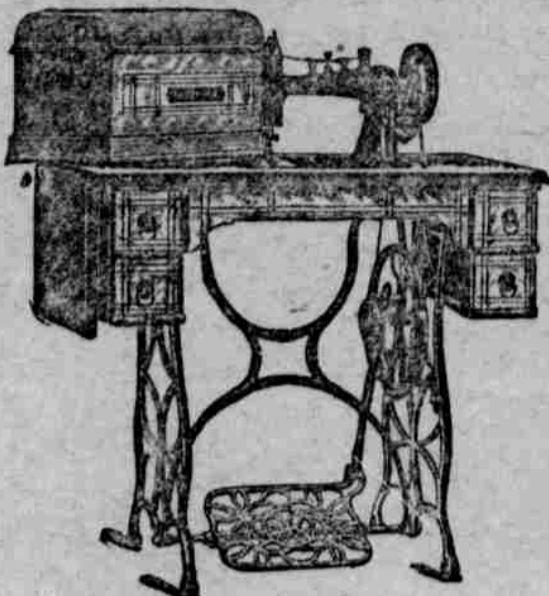
These rollers come in all sizes, from the tiny ones like a child's toy—just the thing to wash out stocks, handkerchiefs and stockings in a basin or stationary washstand—to those for a full family wash.

The process is very simple. Soak the clothes over night, then put a piece at a time, folded in several thicknesses, on the board. Soap it well, and run the roller over it in short, quick strokes, as if making pastry. The dirt is quickly removed, without half the wear and tear of the ordinary rubbing.

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After the Banquet

"Whew!" exclaimed Rounder, as he came down to breakfast blowing the tips of his fingers. "I tell you it is an outrage the way they are running cold cars in Chicago. Why, I had to stand outside on one last night and I almost froze to death getting home from the club."

"I don't doubt it," snapped Mrs. Rounder. "I stood at the window and saw you stepping off a snowplow."

Without another word Rounder grabbed his hat and started for the office. —Chicago News.

LONGING FOR COUNTRY LIFE

A strange thing is the universal longing of professional men and others who have come to the city and have prospered as they advance in life to get back to the country. It is seldom that they do return, and when they do there is often disappointment and things do not appear as they did long ago. The change is in the man himself, but he thinks it is in the country. Nevertheless, the desire to get back to the old country place to end one's days is very general. Sir Wal-

ter Scott refers to it and compares the course of a man through the world to that of the hare which started from her lair and after a long chase and making a large circle ends by returning to the nest from which she started.—Baltimore Sun.

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