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Long Range Weather Forecasts.

In the early ages, when the masses of even the leading nations of the earth were ignorant, the belief was general that certain so called sages or wise men had a knowledge of coming events. As most people did not understand the natural phenomena by which they were surrounded, they readily believed the assumptions of a schrewd observer whose knowledge, exceeded their own, enabled him to forecast some events in a way that seemed to them wonderful.

In later days, with the increased education of the masses, the procuring of a living by the profession of a seer or wise man has been relegated to the semi-civilized and barbarous peoples. But even in civilized countries charlatans in various professional and scientific fields, fortune tellers and long range weather forecasters have a lucrative following. Although many patrons profess to doubt the value of the purchase, they do not appear to realize the danger of encouraging such parasites on the community.

Science is making rapid progress and it is sometimes difficult for the average person to distinguish between the claims of charlatans and the accomplishments of scientific men. Many people are too busy with their own special line of work to attempt to separate the possible from the impossible in other lines. For it often requires much study and careful investigation to intelligently decide such a question. It would therefore seem wise for specialists of unquestioned attainments, after careful investigation, to denounce charlatans and expose their methods, thus aiding in educating the public, advancing civilization, and preventing in many instances substantial pecuniary loss to the nation.

Such tests as have been outlined have been applied by meteorologists the world over to long range weather forecasts, with the result that no meteorologists of standing has been able to endorse either the basis upon which the forecasts are made as worthy of consideration from a scientific standpoint or the results attained as of any practical value. The principle upon which long range weather forecasts can be based is yet to be determined.

The importance of weather forecasts is now recognized in all civilized countries, and most governments maintain a corps of scientists to devote their time to forecasting and to study of meteorology with a purpose to increase the accuracy of forecasts and extend the period for which they can be issued. These scientists investigate the work of those claiming to make long range forecasts and would only too gladly aid the development of any theory that seemed to promise the advancement of forecasting. It would seem that the universal condemnation of long range weather forecasts by meteorologists would determine their value among thinking men, but in spite of this fact some reputable newspapers publish them, probably without much consideration, thereby apparently giving them sanction and misleading the readers who have not had opportunity to acquaint themselves with the progress that has been made in meteorology, and so presume they are worthy of consideration. It is not profitable, within the limits of this article, to attempt to point out the errors of principle involved in long range weather forecasts. A careful study of meteorology would be necessary to understand the reasons. But anyone can test the results by careful, systematic observation, a work requiring little time. Enter on a calendar each day for a month or more in advance the weather predicted for the locality of the observer. For the days the forecast appears to be indefinite, so state. Then day by day enter on the calendar whether the forecast is verified or not. To be fair to all sides keep this up for a year or more; then carefully compute three items, the number of days the forecast was correct enough to be of value, the number incorrect, and the number of days for which no forecast could be determined. Then there is a basis to determine whether the results justify a use of the forecast or not. The result of such a test would

undoubtedly lead to the conclusion that the publication of these unwarranted forecasts, especially of severe storms, floods, droughts, etc., should be prevented by law in order to protect that portion of the community liable to injury in a way similar to that which prevents uneducated, irresponsible persons from practicing law, medicine, etc. Let all prove their ability to forecast by a trial before a competent tribunal, as the employees of the United States Weather Bureau must do before being allowed to spread their forecasts before the public.

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CHRISTMAS GAMES.

How to Amuse the Children During the Holidays.

Christmas day games for the children are as necessary as a plum pudding, and the following will please them and are welcome to many grown-ups, says the Chicago Tribune:

Santa Claus Pack.—All form in line and march to a lively strain on the piano to the next room, where a table holds the contents of Santa Claus' pack. They look at every object on the table and then march back. The company now divides in half, one-half leaving the room, the table and its contents having been covered. Those remaining choose some object which they remember seeing; the piano begins to play again and the others return. The leader gives to the returning party a word which rhymes with the object chosen. Thus, if it was a ball, he might mention the word "hall." The returning party now proceed to guess what object has been chosen, and they express their guess by acting in pantomime. They do not all suggest the object in the same way, but each according to his individual fancy, but they must all agree upon the object they will guess. If wrong they go out for another trial and so on until guessed, when the other half of the company goes out, and they remain and select the object for the others to guess.

Hiding the Mistletoe.—All form in line, single file, and march about the room or several rooms until the music stops. They then proceed to hunt the mistletoe, which the leader carried in his hand and concealed somewhere during the march. The finder must effect return to the starting point without being touched by the leader.

Santa Claus' Sleigh.—Six girls are harnessed to a little sleigh or sled, and the white ribbon reins are held by a seventh. The sled is filled with small parcels in colored papers containing Christmas crackers or any trifles as favors. The party goes round the room several times, dispensing the favors to the young men, who proceed to select partners and dance until a signal from the leader calls all to march around the room and back to their places.

Snowball.—A large white ball of tissue paper is suspended well out of the way of bric-a-brac. The young girls take turns at shooting at this ball with a small rubber ball. When hit with sufficient force it breaks and out falls a shower of smaller white balls, perhaps popcorn balls, which are gathered and presented as favors for the next march or dance. As there should be only about half as many balls as there are couples dancing, this will cause a scramble among the small boys who gather them up and who, for fair dealing, should be kept behind a certain line until the ball receives the shot that bursts it.

How to Make a Friendship Calendar.

The friendship pad calendar is especially nice to give elderly people or the "shut in" on Christmas. Either fifty-two or 365 squares of bristol board 2½ by 3½ inches distributed to friends of the intended recipient to write a message signed with that friend's name and date are taken to the printer, who puts the consecutive dates on in red ink and gums the slips into a pad, which can then be mounted on a decorated board or put into a leather case to stand on the table.

How to Roast a Small Pig.

If you are going to have a small pig for your Christmas dinner here is a splendid way to roast it. Of course your butcher will prepare the pig, so far as cleaning is concerned. When the pig reaches you wipe him inside and out with a damp cloth. Make a stuffing of a cupful of breadcrumbs, a half chopped onion, two heaping tablespoonfuls of melted butter, a scant tablespoonful of sage, a little grated nutmeg, a saltspoonful of salt and two well beaten eggs. Stuff the pig with this, sewing him up, then bend his front legs backward under him and his hind legs forward, also under him, and tie them with stout twine close to the body. Dredge with flour, put into the dripping pan, pour a cupful of water over and around the pig, rub with butter and roast, basting frequently for about two hours or longer if the pig be a good sized one.

How to Make Christmas Squares.

To four well beaten eggs add four ounces of sugar and beat for twenty minutes. Mix three ounces of seedless raisins with five ounces slightly browned flour, and add gradually the eggs and sugar. Pour into a flat, square tin, lined with buttered paper, and bake a quarter of an hour in a hot oven. Take from the oven and cut into squares while still hot.

How to Thaw Frozen Greens.

It often happens that Christmas greens are frozen in transit. In such cases put them at once into a very cool, dark cellar where they can thaw out very gradually. The temperature should not be allowed to exceed 45 degrees F. Frozen holly is very little damaged if intelligently treated, but a single night in a warm express car may cause it to turn black. Mistletoe and wild smilax are much more susceptible to frost injury. The California holly is not a member of the holly but of the rose family. It is not hardy in New England, but is worth cultivating in all parts of the south.

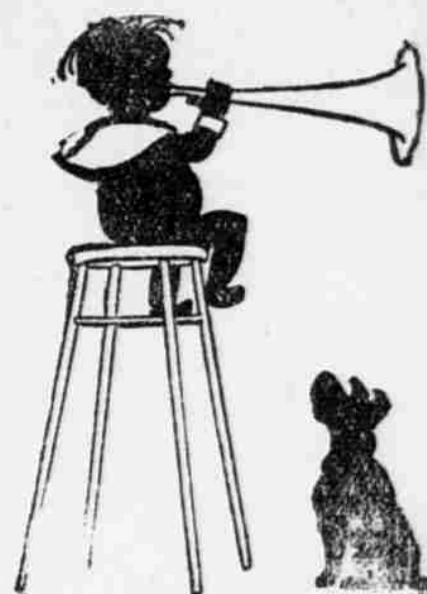
How to Clean Worn Slippers.

To clean worn slippers or shoes such as are worn by invalids, in the bedroom, on the steamer and as a protection over dainty satin or kid evening slippers remove the soles and bows and immerse the slippers in gasoline. Shake out thoroughly on taking from the jar and put in the air to dry.

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