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"He was told that the field of view was to be made gradually under the King of the South and lighter by turning on a flame be-North, Assa." As this king was hind and he was to tell how the the last but one of the fifth dynas- lines behaved. As the gas was ty, Ptah-hotep, who flourished in turned slowly on he described vathe reign of this Pharaoh and held rious changes in the lines. Finally the distinguished office of "Perfect" he said he saw a slant line he had must have compiled his work about, not imagined before. It appeared just about as black as the horizon Divided into forty-four para- tal line, and blacker than any of

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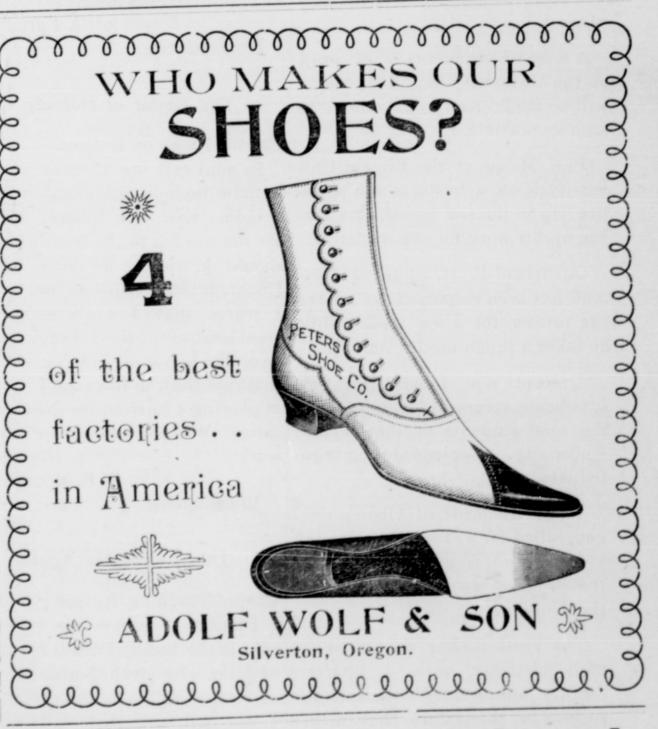
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