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Mary had a lamb that she spoiled by overfeeding and cuddling. She took it to school with her one day and the lamb bothered the spelling class, so the teacher kicked it out of the front door. Not having any sense of direction, it blatted around the schoolyard until finally the teacher sent Mary home with it and told her if she ever brought it again there would be trouble. Next spring Mary's father sold the lamb on the rising market.

### Who Knows?

A boy in a Chicago school refused to sew, evidently considering it beneath the dignity of a ten-year-old man. George Washington sewed," said the principal, taking it for granted that a soldier must; "and do you consider yourself better than George Washington?" "I don't know, time will tell," said he, serenely.—Popular Education.

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## THE FIRST LIGHTNING ROD

Bohemian Priest Antedated Franklin in Experiments With Conductor for Lightning.

Though Franklin will continue to receive the honor that is his due as the inventor of the first practical lightning rod, the study of atmospheric electricity goes back at least to the time of Tullius Hostilius, who perished in an attempt to "draw fire from the sky." Cicero, in one of his orations against Catline, calls attention to the destruction of the gilded statue of Romulus by lightning as an evil omen. A lightning bolt vividly described by Virgil in the eighth book of the Aeneid damaged the hind legs of the bronze Capitoline Wolf, and the visitor to the Capitoline Museum today can still discern the marks upon the metal. A learned priest by the name of Divisch is said to have erected the first lightning conductor in Europe. He set it up at Prendis, Bohemia, in 1754, and it was 130 feet high. Though the Emperor Stephen and the Empress Maria Theresa publicly proclaimed their confidence in the inventor, a most disastrous drought that afflicted the country a year later was ascribed by the superstitious populace to the new fangled device, and Divisch was compelled to take it down. It is not probable that Franklin was acquainted with Divisch's experiment.

## FASHION HINTS



This afternoon gown of velvet, which is quite the thing for dressy wear, shows a pretty waist effect. The lapels are of satin, put on wrong-side-up fashion. The overskirt arrangement is also novel.

Mean Trick to Play on Rival. A characteristic anecdote is told of Cherubini, the most jealous of the irritable genus of composers. He had been prevailed upon to be present at the first representation of the work of a confrere, and, during the first acts, which were much applauded by the public, he had kept a gloomy silence. The third act was less favorably received, and a certain passage especially seemed to cast a cold blanket over the spectators, when the old maestro, to the astonishment of his friends, was seen to applaud heartily. "Do you really like that duo?" asked one of them; "I should have thought it was one of the poorest and coldest in the whole opera." "You idiot," answered the maestro, with genuine naïvete, "don't you see that if I did not applaud 't he might possibly cut it out?"

Too Quick With Scorn. That marvelous story of the British expedition to New Guinea, with its discovery of a new pygmy race, reminds a writer that in the past stay-at-home people have sometimes erred in treating travelers' tales with scorn. There was, for instance, the description by James Bruce in 1770 of the barbarous Abyssinian custom of eating raw meat cut from the living animal which was ridiculed by everybody. Yet Bruce has even recently been proved right. When Paul Du Chafflu explored equatorial Africa in 1861 and described the wonderful gorillas and also the nation of dwarfs there he was discredited none too politely by the British Royal Geographical society. Yet subsequent explorers amply vindicated his veracity.

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