

WORSE THAN ANCIENT FORMS

Oldtime Ordeal by Fire and Water
Declared Eclipsed by That of
Modern Travel.

Those who opine that the widely advertised ordeals and trials of the olden days were the only almost pure specimens have another opine coming to them. Their opiners, I may say, are badly out of kilter, writes Kenneth L. Roberts in the Saturday Evening Post. There was a time when I could shudder as with the palsy at some of the trials upon which mankind deliberately embarked before the old world had become as shopworn as it now is; but now that I have looked more deeply into the matter I can't get a shudder out of any of them.

They weren't genuine, blown-in-the-glass articles at all. Anybody could beat the game. There was always a little shop up an alley where for a certain consideration one could buy fireproofing material guaranteed to carry him safely through trial by fire, or an imitation stomach which could be lowered cunningly down the throat so that trial by poison could be safely negotiated, or asbestos paint of such potency that after three coats had been applied to the soles of the feet the owner of the feet could not only skip lightly across nine red-hot plowshares, but could even do a marathon on them if the occasion demanded it.

No; the gentlemen back in the dark ages who went through fire and water in order to demonstrate their worthiness to tall willowy blonds who lived in unheated stone castles and were therefore subject to inflammatory rheumatism were not so hardy and reckless as some people suppose. And there is a present-day trial which makes those cleverly pressed agent trials of the moldy past look rickety and undernourished and nauseated. I refer to that celebrated European ordeal known as trial by travel.

FORCED TO RENEW LEARNING

Mrs. Minerva Jones and Her Unfortunate Instructor Both Played in
Hard Luck.

In attending the Americanization class Mrs. Minerva Jones had one object, and one only. She wanted to learn to write her name. For a time all effort seemed futile, and the painstaking and conscientious teacher was on the verge of despair; but at last patience had its reward, and toward the end of the course Minerva was able to trace laboriously but proudly the magic symbols. Then she rested on her laurels. The exasperated teacher heaved a sigh of relief as the door closed on Minerva's portly form.

"I feel that I have not acted in vain, but I should hate to go through that again," she said to one of the assistants.

At the beginning of the next term, much to the astonishment of all, Minerva again presented herself, bland and smiling as usual.

"Well, Minerva, what can we do for you?"

The instructor endeavored to speak cheerfully.

"I've done come to learn to write my name, Miss Mary," announced Minerva complacently.

"But you learned how to do that last term, Minerva. You surely haven't forgotten so soon."

Minerva smiled broadly. "No, I ain't forgot, Miss Mary, but I've done changed my name since then. I'm Mrs. Ephraim Jackson now."—Youth's Companion.

When Laundry Traveled Far.

No present-day washing bills reach the figures attained by such documents in the days when people went far afield to ensure good laundry work. French exquisites of the court of Henry III had their washing done in Holland, where the soft water of the dykes was supposed to impart a special gloss to linen.

Apparently this practice lasted until the close of the eighteenth century, for Sebastien Mercier, in his "Tableau de Paris," published shortly before the French revolution, protests against the patronage by rich people of the Dutch, to the exclusion of native, laundresses. Still more remarkable is the fact, mentioned in the "Memoirs du Comte de Vaublanc," that wealthy merchants in Bordeaux used to send their linen all the way to San Domingo to be washed.

The Philosopher.

Those who belong to this small class have tasted how sweet and blessed a possession philosophy is and have also seen and been satisfied of the madness of the multitude and know that there is no one who acts honestly in the administration of states, nor any helper who will save anyone who maintains the cause of the just. And he reflects upon all this and holds his peace and does his own business. He is content if only he can live his own life and be pure from evil or unrighteousness and depart in peace and good will with bright hopes.—Plato.

Sex of an Egg.

Various methods have been tried, and according to the Paris Academy of Science the sex of eggs laid by pure-bred fowls may be determined by weight and size. A test well known in the north of Scotland is to hold the egg in the left hand in the sun or close to an electric or gas light. Shade the end of the egg with the right hand, and look for the air space or "setting" (a dark watery spot larger than a dime); if this is found on the top it is a male, but if lower down the side it is a female egg.

SPRING APPAREL EXHIBIT

The recent arrival of an extra large shipment of absolutely the latest in woman's wearing apparel makes it now possible to show for the first time Springtimes newest styles and modes for Milady's wardrobe. These beautiful creations have been selected for La Vogue Stores with the greatest of care and judgment by our own resident buyer in New York who's years of experience in the selection of ladies wear gives those who buy their spring attire here the certainty of being dressed in accordance with Dame Fashion's last words both with regards to style and materials.

We most cordially call your attention to the low prices that have been placed upon this merchandise and assure you that the policy of Lower Prices and better values is always followed in our stores. We suggest that you call and inspect our stock, which is as beautiful as it is varied, while it is complete. Delay might mean disappointment.

DRESSES

The Paris edict for Spring says Dresses must follow the "straight and narrow" path to be ultra-smart. In other words straight and narrow lines will prevail in the most popular silhouette. The new styles are graphically illustrated in this feature showing. Lines are generally straight and narrow but there are enough variations and a multitude of individual touches to suit every taste. You will be surprised at these extraordinary values at the very start of the season.

SUITS

For Spring we present a line of suits that are sure of attracting the attention of the particular woman. Their artistry of finish and exquisite design are the acme of perfection. Serges, Tricotine and Puori Twills, and Gaberdines are the materials most used—Tans and the Rookie Shades are the smartest colors, but blues and browns are being shown by many of the great designers. We particularly invite your inspection of our suit department.

BLOUSES

Our Blouses for Spring present many novel colors and designs. Particularly beautiful are those imported from France from the famous delineator Adair. Such charming array of colors is seldom seen. China Blue, Camilla, Peach, Maze, Tan, Bisque, and Nile, beside the standard shades are shown. In trimmings—beads, lace, and embroidery predominate.

HOSE

We have just included in our line a full and complete assortment of the very finest silk hose. These come in plain and fancy silk. Some in beautiful lace and embroidered.

PETTICOATS

Our stock of petticoats and underskirts is the most complete in the city. The new spring models have many novel features which have not been shown heretofore. Knife pleated ruffles and beautifully styled flounces are the most desired. They come in silk, satins and jerseys in most any shade or color desired.

HATS

Our hats for Spring and Summer wear were skillfully selected to represent only the best of accepted new modes. Care, too, has been taken that no desirable mode be omitted.

In rich shades these hats sound the color note of the new season's favored fashions. They are delightfully trimmed with flowers, long flowing feathers and ribbons which are the dictates of this spring's millinery. Our prices are much lower than can be found at the leading milliners of the larger cities.

SKIRTS

You are certain to find just the skirt you desire in our exceptionally large stock. Silks and both heavy and light wool materials are shown for Spring and Summer wear. Plaids and stripes are most fashionable, box pleating, tucks and bands, and knife pleating describe the newest in this line.

These garments are exceedingly well made by the finest exclusive petticoat manufacturers in the East, and were selected for our stock by Mr. Blotcky on his recent trip to the Eastern markets.

—La Vogue—
CALIF. STORES OREGON

RADIO OPERATORS
MAKE SPEED RECORD

SAN FRANCISCO, March 7.—Operators at the Sitka, Alaska, navy radio station established a record recently in handling 39,200 words in one day, received and transmitted. Radio service men said this was a record for a single station, the average work for a station not equipped for duplex work being approximately 22,000 words.

Volume of business handled by the navy radio stations is indicated by the number of words sent and received in duplex at the Yerba Buena station here, one of the largest Pacific coast stations. Recently Yerba Buena handled something over 60,000 words in one day in trans-Pacific business.

Many radio states on the Pacific are equipped with distant control apparatus which enable them to send and receive simultaneously.

TRAPS OWN NECKPIECE
PUYALLUP, Wash., March 7.—Mrs. W. Calavan, a Puyallup school

teacher, is wearing a neckpiece made from skins of moles she caught recently. The stole, estimated worth \$250, was made from the skins of 92 moles. Mrs. Calavan has 300 more skins she intends to have made into a coat.

SPRUCE FOR ALASKA
JUNEAU, Alaska, March 7.—Alaska will be represented in the Forest of States being laid out in Los Angeles by the Chamber of Commerce of that city. Governor Thomas Riggs, Jr., announced recently. A tree, probably an Alaska spruce, will be sent south to represent the territory.

NO DATE SET FOR NEXT
SESSION OF CONGRESS

WASHINGTON, March 5.—Senator Lodge and Representative Mondell conferred today with President Harding regarding a special session of congress. They said later that no date was set, and indicated that another conference would be held soon.

TRY SULPHUR ON
AN ECZEMA SKIN

Costs Little and Overcomes Trouble
Almost Over Night

Any breaking out of the skin, even fiery, itching eczema, can be quickly overcome by applying Mentho-Sulphur, declares a noted skin specialist. Because of its germ destroying properties, this sulphur preparation instantly brings ease from skin irritation, soothes and heals the eczema right up and leaves the skin clear and smooth.

It seldom fails to relieve the torment without delay. Sufferers from skin trouble should obtain a small jar of Mentho-Sulphur from any good druggist and use it like cold cream.—Adv.

A classified ad in The Herald will find what you have lost.

HOT WATER FOR
SICK HEADACHES

Tells Why Everyone Should Drink
Hot Water With Phosphate
In It Before Breakfast

Headaches are caused by auto-intoxication—which means self-poisoning. Liver and bowel poisons called toxins, sucked into the blood excite the heart which pumps the blood so fast that it congests in the smaller arteries and veins of the head, producing violent, throbbing pain and distress, called headache. You become nervous, despondent, sick, feverish and miserable, your meals sour and almost nauseate you. Then you resort to acetanilid, aspirin or the bromides, which temporarily relieve but do not rid the blood of these irritating toxins.

A glass of hot water with a teaspoonful of limestone phosphate in it, drank before breakfast will not only wash these poisons from your system and cure you of headache, but will cleanse, purify and freshen the alimentary canal.

Ask your pharmacist for a quarter pound of limestone phosphate. It is inexpensive, harmless as sugar.

If you aren't feeling your best, if tongue is coated or you wake up with bad taste, foul breath or have colds, indigestion, biliousness, constipation or sour, acid stomach, begin the phosphated hot water cure to rid your system of toxins and poisons.—Adv.

CREAM CLEARS A
STUFFED-UP HEAD

Instantly Opens Every Air
Passage—Clears Throat Too.

Men and women are urged to use each morning, before breakfast, a glass of hot water with a teaspoonful of limestone phosphate in it, as a harmless means of helping to wash from the stomach, liver kidneys and bowels the previous day's indigestible material, poisons, sour bile and toxins; thus cleansing, sweetening and purifying the alimentary canal before eating more food.