

Fire Signals.

At a meeting of Hope Hook and Ladder Co. No. 1, held on July 9, 1901, the town was divided into Fire Districts and a Code of Signals was adopted in order to facilitate the location of fires in the future. The town was divided as follows:

District No. 1—All that portion of town bounded north by Bellevue street, west by Union street, south and east by corporation line.

District No. 2—All that portion of town bounded by Bellevue street on the south, Union street on the west, and corporation line on the north and east.

District No. 3—The portion of town lying west of Union street, and south of Bellevue street, with the corporation line as the south and west boundary.

District No. 4—The portion of town bounded on the south by Bellevue, east by Union, north and west by corporation line.

The Signals adopted were short taps to indicate the district in which the fire is located, followed by a rapid alarm, same to be repeated until general alarm is given.

To illustrate, should an alarm be sounded for District No. 3, first three taps, one, two, three, followed by rapid alarm, and repeat.

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A MILLION-DOLLAR CLOAK.

By R. I. GEARE.

FROM the standpoint of uniqueness the Hawaiian war cloak shown in the accompanying illustration, which is valued at \$1,000,000, and is now on exhibition in the National Museum, can hardly be surpassed. It is certainly without a superior in ethnologic interest and excellence of workmanship. In 1839 this remarkable object (technically called "Mamo") was in the possession of His Majesty, Kamehameha, who inherited it from his father, the celebrated Kamehameha, in whose reign it was completed.

At one time it belonged to Kekuia-kaua, one of the highest chieftains of the Sandwich Islands. After the abolition of idolatry in 1819, he rebelled against the King and attempted to re-establish the ancient religions. In a bloody battle the chieftain was slain and this cloak, which he was then

were counted among the most precious of the royal treasures of the kings of the Sandwich Islands, but since European dress has been adopted, they are now rarely or never seen.

The cloak which forms the subject of this article has been deposited in the United States National Museum by Mr. Richmond Ogston Aulick, of New York City.

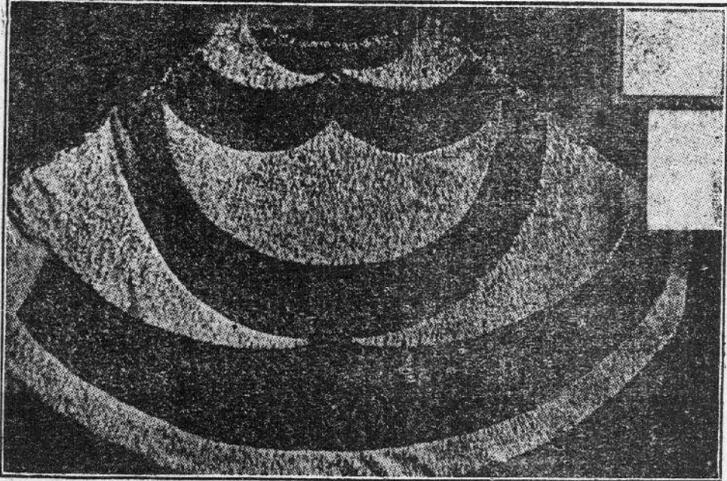
The Girl and the Sweater. Indiana school girls may wear "sweaters" to school, provided they tuck the garment inside the skirt, according to a decision of the school trustees of Jeffersonville. It is encouraging to see this grave educational problem grappled and roped and tied at last. The sweater has flouted itself too long in the face of intellectual progress. No girl can master the mysteries of quadratic equations or elucidate the business of the pons asinorum when her mind is struggling with the question of whether she shall wear her sweater habitually, or gathered at the waist with two rows of pleats and a shir at the collar, or wherever they put shirrs. If this ruling, that sweaters shall be tucked into the skirt, does not at once result in a tremendous advance in the intellectuality of Indiana womanhood, the school authorities should meet again and come to a final conclusion as to whether the

How to Protect the Bluebirds.

A few years ago there was general lamentation over what seemed to be



THE CATS CAN NOT REACH IT. A total disappearance of our bluebird, writes Julian Burroughs, in Country Life in America. Since then they have regained something like their former numbers. But we do not have half enough! It is impossible to have too



HAWAIIAN WAR CLOAK OF FEATHERS. VALUE \$1,000,000.

wearing, fell into the hands of the conquerors and thus passed into the possession of King Kamehameha III. (The Solitary or Lonely), by whom it was presented to Captain J. H. Aulick, of the United States Navy.

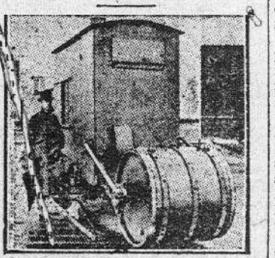
Some idea of the amount of work expended in making this war cloak may be gathered from the fact that the time required for its manufacture extended through the eight reigns preceding that of King Kamehameha. It is four feet long, and has a spread of eleven and a half feet. The ground work is coarse netting, made of olona, a native hemp from the fibres of the hau tree, and to this the feathers, which are exceedingly delicate and very small, are skillfully attached, overlapping each other and forming a perfectly smooth surface. The feathers around the border are reverted, and the whole presents a bright and beautiful appearance, as of a mantle of gold. The upper and lateral borders of the cloak, which are decorated with alternate tufts of red, black and yellow feathers. The body is decorated with alternate figures, generally crescent shaped, composed of either red or yellow feathers. The inner surface is without lining and shows the olona network and the quill ends of the feathers. The cord of the upper margin is prolonged to form a fastening at the throat.

The yellow feathers are those of the rare bird Oo, or Uho, Mohoa nobilis, while the red feathers are taken from the body and neck of the Drepanis coccinea, one of the most abundant birds inhabiting these islands. It is the yellow feathers, however, that are of such great value. They were at one time used by the natives in payment of a poll tax to the King. Only two of these yellow feathers are obtained from under the wings of each bird, so that the number of birds captured from which sufficient feathers could be obtained to make this cloak must have been very great.

The capture of these birds is effected with great care and toil. Long poles, smeared with some adhesive substance and well baited, are placed in the vicinity of their haunts. The bird alights on the pole, and, being unable to disengage itself, is caught. The two or three desired feathers are plucked, and the bird is then set at liberty. At one time three of these feathers were worth seven and a half francs, and it is upon this basis that the value of this particular cloak has been estimated. Until recent years cloaks of this kind

sweater shall go over the head or be stepped into.—Chicago Tribune.

An Ice Locomotive.



SPIKES IN THE LARGE WHEEL GIVE THE ENGINE A GRIP ON THE ICE. —From the World's Work.

Five Yards of Rain. The Gray watershed, in Wales, which gives Swansea its water, must come very near to being the wettest spot on the globe. Exactly 175.54 inches of rain, or nearly five yards, were registered there between January 1 last and October 24. In October alone twenty-seven inches fell on the watershed.



RATTLE SNAKE HEAD, SHOWING FANGS. —From the Scientific American.

The first importation of live cattle to England from America took place in 1861, but the regular trade did not begin until 1876.

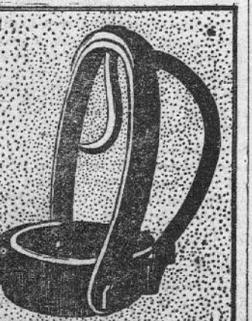
many. From every point of view the bluebird is most desirable. He has no faults; he does not even take toll of our fruit. But he needs protection. Nearly every nest is robbed. Not one egg in four hatches and produces a mature bluebird.

The way to protect bluebirds is to provide a nesting place that is safe from cats, mice and squirrels. The red squirrel is the worst offender. In May and June he scours every tree in the woods, and even comes around the houses. The bluebirds are hard pressed to find any kind of nesting place at all, and when they do the chances are against them. The bird-house shown here is perfectly safe, and within two hours after I made it the bluebirds were making their nest in it.

It is a very simple matter. Get a hollow limb or make a box of weather-bent boards, close both ends, rain-tight, and make a two-inch opening near the top. The cavity inside should be about three inches across and four or five inches deep. Nail or wire the box to a post set securely in the open where no squirrel or cat can jump down on it from above. Then stop everything from coming up the post by a sheet of tin or an old pan that encircles the post. This result is best accomplished by cutting an "X" in the tin and shoving the post through; then nail down the flaps of the "X" to the post.

Old English Gag.

The old English gag, many of which are still preserved in the museums, was an important instrument of justice in its day. From the accompanying illustration one may gain some idea of the cruelty with which sentences were carried out a century or more ago. It is well known that the walls of torture chambers were made to project and recede in such a manner as



to cause the cries or groans of the tortured to be thrown back from wall to wall, that the sounds might not be heard without. In addition to this humane precaution gags were brought into use to prevent the victims from making any noise which might annoy their jailers. These gags were made of steel, with leather straps. The gag illustrated herewith bears the date 1676.—Mirror-Farmer.

The Height of the Breeze. The breeze that daily sweeps landward from the ocean has only a moderate height. A British meteorologist notes that very few measurements have been made, and that a captive blizzard used at Coney Island some years ago passed from the cool inland current to the warm outward one at a height of 500 feet and that at Tonlon, in 1893, the sea breeze was found up to about 1300 feet, the offshore current being distinct at 1900 to 2000 feet. Last year, on the west coast of Scotland, Dines found that kites would not rise above 1500 feet on sunny afternoons, when the onshore breeze was blowing.

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Why "Can Not" is Popular. "Have you ever noticed," said the man who finds fault, "how many people avoid the contraction 'can't' nowadays, and make use of the two words 'can not'?" I have been so much struck by the prevalence of the latter expression that I took pains to inquire into the cause of it.

"I find that many people have adopted the double term because, having been brought up in a locality where the short sound of 'a' prevailed, they find it almost impossible to twist their tongues around 'can't,' and since they believe that plain, every-day 'can't' stamps them as being of inferior origin, they cultivate 'can not.'"

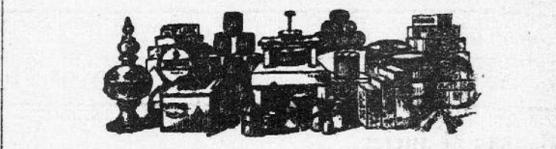
"That requires no short 'a,' and although its persistent use may savor of affectation, it strikes the persons who are not yet around 'can't' as a great improvement on the short 'a' contract."

His Debt to the Bible. A frivolous visitor to the Fiji Islands said to a Fijian chief: "It is really pity you have been so foolish as to listen to these missionaries. No one nowadays believes in the Bible." The chief's eyes flashed as he said: "The yeh see that stone? There we killed our victims. Do you see that oval? There we roasted their bodies for our feasts. If it hadn't been for the missionaries and the Bible you would have met the same fate."

Fires Came Down Chimney. A new entrance for house flies has been discovered by a Franklin, N. H., man into whose home the flies had been coming in spite of well-screened doors and windows. A careful inspection brought to light the fact that the flies came down the fireplace chimney, a pipe in the fireplace warming them up, and starting them into the living room in swarms. The discovery led to a fly-screen being placed over the top of the chimney and since then not a fly has been seen in the house.

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