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Why They Walk in Circles.

"If you were lost in a desert or in a forest and tried to find your way out," says a well known scientist, "you would be almost sure to walk in a circle." This well known fact is due to a slight inequality in the length of the legs. Careful measurements of a series of skeletons have shown that only 10 per cent had the lower limbs equal in length, 35 per cent had the right limb longer than the left, while in 55 per cent the left limb was the longer.

The result of one limb being longer than the other will naturally be that a person will unconsciously take a longer step with the longer limb, and consequently will tend to the right or left, according as the left or right leg is the longer. The left leg being more frequently the longer, the inclination should take place more frequently to the right than to the left, and this conclusion is quite borne out by observations made on a number of persons when walking blindfolded. The inequality in the length of limb is not confined to any sex or race, but seems to be universal in all respects.

Courtesy in Business Pays.

In the American Magazine is a story by Fred C. Kelly to prove that courtesy in business pays. It has to do with George C. Boldt, manager of the Waldorf-Astoria in New York city and former manager of a Philadelphia hotel.

"One night when all the hotels in Philadelphia were crowded and it was almost impossible to obtain a room a man and his wife drove up to Boldt's hotel and asked in a tone of despair if he could not give them a place to sleep. 'Yes,' Boldt told them; 'you can take my room. That's all I have.'

"The next morning the guest told Boldt that a manager with his sense of courtesy would be an assured success in a much larger hotel.

"And," added the guest, 'I'm willing to provide you with the hotel.' "Since then that same guest has invested many millions of dollars in hotels under Boldt's direction. The guest was William Waldorf Astor."

The Silver Fox.

The silver fox is really a black fox, instead, as some persons suppose, of being almost white or a silver gray. The name is given on account of the presence of glistening white and grayish hairs which appear among the black. In the better grades the long, silky brush has a tip of pure white. About a quarter of a century ago the little animal, which weighs when full grown only about twelve pounds, became almost extinct. Because of the beauty of its fur the species was trapped until almost the last of them had disappeared. For a long time the standard price offered by the Hudson Bay company for silver fox pelts was around \$1,000, and the efforts of the French Canadians, half breeds and Indian trappers to obtain this sum, to them a fortune, can be better imagined than described.—St. Louis Post-Dispatch.

Curious Recruting Custom.

The Russian army in the early part of the nineteenth century had a curious way of raising troops. A levy of two to four men out of every 500 were selected and then medically examined at the army's headquarters, either at Moscow or St. Petersburg (now Petrograd). If the recruit successfully passed he was then turned over to an officer, who saw to it that he was correctly measured and, if the proper height, was sent into another apartment, where the front part of his head was shaved. If rejected as being medically unfit or short of the necessary height the back part of his head was then shaved off to prevent him from appearing again among new levies.

Heavy Holes.

Mrs. Newed—I would like a pound of your best cheese.
Grocer—Yes, ma'am.
Mrs. Newed (examining it)—Why, this cheese is full of holes.
Grocer—Yes, ma'am; that's the way it comes.
Mrs. Newed—Well, I don't want any of it. I'm not going to pay for a pound of cheese that contains a half pound of holes!

Quite Deliberate.

"I am glad to say," remarked Mr. Beakton, "that I never spoke a hasty word to you."
"No, Leonidas," answered his wife rather gently; "I'm willing to give you credit for not hurrying about anything."



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A Test of Philosophy.
Slewbetter is a calm man, not easily upset. On one occasion, as his motor-car had come to a sudden stop, he crawled underneath it to see what was the matter.

Somewhat or other some petrol ignited. A fierce burst of flame and smoke came forth, enveloping Slewbetter. In the midst of the excitement he walked to one side with his usual slow and regular step. His face was black, his eyebrows and eyelashes were singed, and what was left of his hair and beard was a sight to behold.

Some one brought a mirror, and he had a look at himself. As usual, however, he took matters philosophically. "Well," he said slowly and deliberately, "I was needing a shave and my hair cut anyway."—Exchange.

Our First Free School.
The first free school established in the United States was in the province of Massachusetts Bay in the year 1641 by order of the general colonial court. In 1647 the same authority declared that free schools should be established within every town having fifty householders under penalty of a fine of \$25. This fine was doubled by a declaration made in 1671 and again doubled in 1683.

Lead Soldiers.
"So you are playing with your soldiers, Willie?" said the caller.
"Yes, ma'am."
"They seem very heavy soldiers."
"Yes, ma'am. They're on their way home from the war and they've got a lot of lead in 'em."—Yonkers Statesman.

Warranted Not to Fail.
Doctor—Your wife needs outdoor exercise more than anything else. Husband—But she won't go out. What am I to do? Doctor—Give her plenty of money to shop with.

Getting in Debt.
Poverty is hard, but debt is horrible. A man might as well have a smoky house and a scolding wife, which are said to be the two worst evils of our life.—Spurgeon.

Fine Field.
Madge—Did you have anything to talk about at the club meeting? Marjorie—Lots! On account of the storm there were only three of us present.—Judge.

Two Wonderful Clocks.
One of the most wonderful clocks in the world is owned by a Frenchman, Louis Descutter. It is mounted on a Louis Seize stand and has four faces. Besides marking the hours, it shows the tides at six different parts of the world, the mean time and the solar time, the age of the moon, the movements of the planets and all eclipses. It is also a perpetual calendar. It was made by Janvier of Paris in 1789 and took eleven years to manufacture.

San Diego, Cal., has a wonderful clock with twenty dials, which tell the time simultaneously in all parts of the world, also the days of the week and the date and month. It stands twenty-one feet high, and four of its dials are each four feet in diameter. It is inclosed in plate glass, so that every action can be seen, and the whole is illuminated every night. It is jeweled with tourmaline, topaz, agate and jade and required fifteen months to build. The motive power is a 200 pound weight. The cost of the clock was \$2,000.—People's Home Journal.

Styles in Indian Names.
Although among the Indians there are not so many Deerslayers as there were in the days of James Fenimore Cooper, yet many of the names still possess strong individuality. This is shown by examining the names that were prominent in a recent sale of Indian lands in the Standing Rock reservation, in the Dakotas.

Here, for instance, was found Barney Two Bears, an amiable neighbor to Miss Katie Good Crow, Melde Crowghost and Mary Yellow Fat have adjoining tracts, and these are also Mrs. Crazy Walking and Jack Elk Ghost in the same section. It is not to be wondered at that Mary Lean Dog looks enviously from her door when Agatha Big Shield goes by with her aristocratic name, nor could any one blame Jennie Dog Man and Mary Shave Head if they fall all over themselves to assume on short notice the heroic name borne by Mowis Thundershield, heir apparent to Long Stop Thundershield.—New York Times.

Not Too Thick.
"Are the fish thick here?"
"Well, not too thick, sir," answered the native. "We have to use this lake partly for navigation."—Louisville Courier-Journal.