THE SECOND HAND SHOE TRADE.

How They Are Made Over and Sold—Secrets of the Trade.

Said the shoemaker: "You would be surprised to see the class of men who purchase second hand shoes. I have among my customers an elderly gentleman who comes here regularly every three months and buys a pair of shoes for $1.50. He is wealthy, but a miser. Many men whom I might name and who are well able to buy new shoes prefer second hand ones for economy's sake. When a pair of shoes are cast off they are worthless to the original purchaser and can be bought for a song. When business is dull I sometimes go out on a collecting tour, and in a couple of hours will obtain enough shoes and boots to keep me employed for a month. Boots are much more valuable than shoes, because they contain more leather. I find that they are not worn much nowadays, and those I occasionally come across are made of the finest leather."

"What means are taken to burnish up old shoes?" was asked.

"The uppers of second hand shoes are always good, whether the lowers are worn or not. If the body of the shoe is not in a patchable condition I must put on an entire new instep. Usually the upper part of the heel to the curve of the foot remains in good condition. Sometimes it becomes necessary to entirely renovate old shoes, so that when finished they are like new ones, with this difference, that the leather used is not as good as the original. Soles and heels always have to be rebuilt and the toes capped. In all these repairs the cheapest of sole leather is used. When finished the shoes can be sold from seventy-five cents to $1.50. A shoe must be of the finest leather and be but little worn to bring $2."

"Who are your customers?"

"Poor people, who can afford to pay but little for their shoes. I supply whole families with shoes, from the father and mother to the baby. I do but little business in women's shoes. Women usually wear their shoes in the street until they become shabby, when they are cut down and used in the house as slippers. And then, besides, women's shoes are now so cheap that it would not pay to make them over."

While the reporter was listening to the cobbler's chatter there entered the store a laboring man who, after much dickering, bought a pair of brogans three size too large for him for ninety cents.

"Those shoes which I have just sold," continued the shoemaker, "will wear the man nearly a year. You know what he paid for them, and can estimate about what shoe leather costs some poor people who know where to purchase."—Brooklyn Eagle.

ROUMANIA'S CUPID JIG.

A Wedding Dance That Tests Wind and Limb of Jolly Participants.

A Roumanian wedding party is one of the neatest and jolliest gatherings that can be imagined. The chief feature of the celebration is the dance held after the tying of the nuptial knot. A reporter was present for a short time at a dance of this description held at a hall on the Bowery. The couple had been united at the synagogue in the afternoon.

The wedding feast was eaten shortly after at the home of the bride. Everybody, including the children, then proceeded to the hall and the dancing went on continuously until 2 o'clock the next day.

At about 11 o'clock the fun was at its height. The favorite national dance was on. It is called a jig, though bearing little resemblance to a good old Irish dance of that name. The orchestra struck up a monotonous but not unpleasing one two tum-tum melody. The dancers formed in a circle, the men and women being placed alternately, and joining their outstretched arms, the hands of each person clasping the shoulder of his partners on the right and left.

The components of the living ring or circle thus formed then began stepping time to the music, slowly at first, but with increasing speed, the circle moving now to the right, now to the left, the step now becoming all the time more lively and less regular until it was a hop backward, a skip forward and a jump sideways. This was continued until some link of the human endless chain abruptly broke off from exhaustion.

The bride, a very pretty girl of about 20, was attired in an old gold-bronze dress, walking length, and elaborately flounced and embellished. Over her head she wore a white fichu. The groom was in regulation full dress.

A peculiar feature of the affair was that one of the waiters, attired in a uniform of short white coat and long apron was the bride's brother. He danced the jig with great gusto and was said to be the best Roumanian jigger in this country.—New York Journal.

Gen. Van Alen's Use of Negroes.

Immediately after the evacuation of Yorktown by the Confederates the place was filled to overflow by negro refugees, and their care and disposition was one of the important questions of the period. They were installed in the vacant cabins of the old Confederate camp and made as comfortable as possible, and at the same time kept under strict discipline by the provost guard. When McClellan became straitened for troops and laborers before Richmond he drew every able bodied man away from the garrison. One morning a steamer on its way to the army with troops was detained several hours because the quartermaster had no men to transfer coal from the barges. To meet the emergency Gen. Van Alen, without authority or advice from anyone, ordered the provost marshal to select a gang of negroes from the camp and set them at work. The ice was broken, and from that time negroes did all the manual labor of the command. The quartermaster and commissary department had regular details every day; all the graves were dug and the dead from the hospital buried by squads selected for the purpose, and finally more than 1,000 picked men went up the James river to work in the trenches with McClellan's army. There were some adverse criticisms by a few "red-hot" newspapers upon the general's action, but it was sustained by the government and thanked by the general-in-chief.—Cor. Boston Journal.

The Goddess On the Dome.

There is said to be a superstition attached to the Goddess of Liberty that stands silently on the dome of the Capitol. Though it is not widespread, it is said to be deeply rooted in some minds. Had congress decided to gild the goddess, it would perhaps have been found difficult to get any one to undertake the task. It is well known that when the dome was thoroughly painted, several years ago, the painter who worked about the goddess lost his reason, declaring that she had life and was possessed of the spirit of the Virgin. At a certain hour in the morning, very near the moment of sunrise, there is one point in the head-dress of the statue that reflects back the light, appearing as a star. It is only for a short time that it can be seen. Every morning this enamored painter would kneel in front of the Capitol and worship the star-crowned goddess as long as the star was visible. Others are said to have come under the influence of this bronzed goddess, and have imagined that she exercised some mysterious power over them. Some imagine, it is said, that should they look too often at the star that shines on her forehead at morn, they might suffer the fate of the poor painter.—Washington Star.

Brace Up.

You are feeling depressed, your appetite is poor, you are bothered with headache, you are fidgety, nervous and generally out of sorts, and want to brace up. Brace up, but not with stimulants, spring medicines, or bitters, which have for their basis very cheap, bad whisky, and which stimulate you for an hour and then leave you in worse condition than before. What you want is an alterative that will purify your blood, start healthy action of the Liver and Kidneys, restore your vitality, and give renewed health and strength. Such a medicine you will find in Electric Bitters, and only 50 cents a bottle, at Watkins' Bros. Drug Store.

Mining Application No. 129.

United States Land Office,
Prescott, Arizona,
May 7th, 1887.

Notice is hereby given that Lemson is Walton and William F. Grouser, whose postoffice address is Mineral Park, Mohave County, Arizona, have this day filed their application for a patent for fifteen hundred linear feet of the "Cordelia" mine of ven bearing silver, gold and other precious metals with surface ground six hundred feet in width, situated in the Wallapai Mining district, County of Mohave, Territory of Arizona, and designated by the field notes and official plat on file in this office as Lot No. 40 in sections 7 and 12, township 22 N., range 18 W., Gila and Salt River meridian.

And lot No. 40 being described as follows, to wit:

Beginning at a post two (2) by four (4) inches two and one-half (2½) feet high, marked 1 in mound of stones on south side of claim, from which quarter section stake of section 7, range 17 W., section 12, range 18 W., township 22 N., bears S. 16 degrees 23 minutes, E. 661 feet, and N. E. corner of Todd mine bears S. 37 degrees 4 minutes, E. 1278 feet, and initial point of original location, same monument and other monument in which situated on north side of main shaft 6 feet deep, bears S. 16 degrees 30 minutes W. 40 feet to final location from Bobtail Basin to Food Basin 200 feet to initial monument; thence from said post marked 1, N. 71 degrees 30 minutes W. 1,500 feet to a post two (2) by four (4) inches, two and one-half (2½) feet high marked 2 in mound of stones on S. E. corner of claim, in which a shaft 30 feet deep on upper side of lode, bears N. 16 degrees 13 minutes W. 250½ feet; thence from said post and monument S. 71 degrees 30 minutes W. 1,500 feet to a post two (2) by four (4) inches, two and one-half (2½) feet high and marked IV in mound of stones on N. W. corner of claim, from which top of monument on Mineral Park Nugget Head bears N. 30 degrees 7 minutes W.; thence from said post and monument S. 19 degrees 30 minutes E. 1,700 feet to a post two (2) by four (4) inches, two and one-half (2½) feet high, marked V in mound of stones on S. W. corner of claim, from which a prospect shaft fifteen (15) feet deep on lower side of lode bears N. 7 degrees 55 minutes E. 336 feet and the chimney of a stone house bears N. 66 degrees 35 minutes W.; thence from said post and monument N. 71 degrees 30 minutes E. 300 feet to a post marked 1, and place of beginning.

Containing twenty (20) and sixty-six one hundredths (66.100) acres of land, more or less, and embracing fifteen hundred (1500) linear feet of said Cordelia mine as represented by plat.

A duplicate of this mine is recorded in the Recorder's office of said county of Mohave, Territory of Arizona, in Book D, pages 522 and 523, of Mining Records of said county.

Any and all persons claiming adversely any portion of said "Cordelia" mine or surface ground are required to file their adverse claims with the Register of the United States Land Office at Prescott, in the Territory of Arizona, during the sixty days period of publication hereof, or they will be barred by virtue of the provisions of the statute.

J. L. Camp,
Register.

It is hereby ordered that the foregoing Notice of Application for Patent be published for the period of ten consecutive weeks in the Mohave County Miner, a weekly newspaper published at Kingman, Mohave County, Arizona, which is hereby designated as the newspaper most likely to give notice to any and all persons claiming title to said Cordelia Mining Claim.

J. L. Camp,
Register.

Dated at Prescott this 28th day of May, 1887.

James J. Hyde,
Attorney for applicants.

Proposals for Military Supplies at Road Stations.

Headquarters Department of Arizona,
Office of the Chief Quartermaster.
Los Angeles, California, May 12, 1887.

Sealed proposals, in duplicate, will be received at this office, until 10 o'clock a. m. on Monday, the 13th day of June, 1887, at which time and place they will be opened in presence of attending bidders, for furnishing Fuel, Forage and Water at Road Stations in the Department of Arizona to passing public teams, or detachments of troops during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1888.

Blank forms for proposals, containing particulars of the supplies required, will be furnished on application to this office, or to the Quartermasters at Forts Apache, Bowie, Grant, Huachuca, Lowell, McDowell, Mojave, Thomas and Verde, and San Carlos, Whipple Barracks and Tucson, A. T., and Forts Bayard, Selden, Stanton, Union and Wingate, and Santa Fe, N. M.

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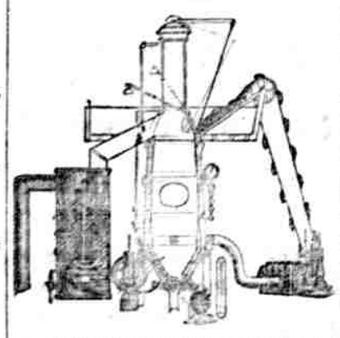

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