

SKILL OF THE ANCIENTS.

The Old Timers Apparently Did Many Things Better Than We. "We are losing all our secrets in this shabby age," an architect said.

"Take, for instance, steel. We claim to make good steel, yet the blades the Saracens turned out hundreds of years ago would cut one of our own blades in two like butter.

"Take ink. Our modern ink fades in five or ten years to rust color, yet the ink of medieval manuscripts is as black and bright today as it was 700 years ago.

"Take dyes. The beautiful blues and reds and greens of antique oriental rugs have all been lost, while in Egyptian tombs we find fabrics dyed thousands of years ago that remain today brighter and purer in hue than any of our modern fabrics.

"Take my specialty, buildings. We can't build as the ancients did. The secret of their mortar and cement is lost to us. Their mortar and cement were actually harder and more durable than the stones they bound together, whereas ours—horror!"—New York Press.

Clergymen and Shoes.

A pretty girl was buying a pair of shoes. "No," she said, "this pair won't do. They pinch. I must have a size wider."

The salesman was an elderly man, and he took a fatherly liberty in commending her determination to sacrifice her pride for the sake of greater comfort.

"As a matter of fact," he went on, "it is all nonsense to think that women as a sex are peculiarly vain of their feet. I have been in this business for twenty years, and it is my experience that men are just as likely as women to demand shoes that are too small for them.

"Take clergymen. Of all persons, whether men or women, they show the greatest vanity when it comes to buying a pair of shoes. The clergymen I have fitted in the course of my life I can number by the score, and with only a few exceptions they have all shown the greatest willingness to submit to discomfort if only their feet can be made to appear smaller. They will struggle and tug and get red in the face to squeeze their feet into shoes that nature never intended them to wear.

BLONDIN AT NIAGARA. His Famous Walk on a Slack Rope Over the Cataract.

WITH A MAN UPON HIS BACK.

The Sensations of Henry M. Colcord, Who Was Perched on the Acrobat's Body, as Described by Himself—The Severed Guy Rope Incident.

Charles Blondin, the French rope-walker, though he died in bed at a ripe old age in 1897, performed feats that no other man has ever dared emulate.

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"Look up, Harry" he said. "My arms were about his neck, while my legs were slung in hooks at his waist. Out we went over that horrible gulf. I heard the roar of the water below and the hum which ran through the crowd of 100,000 spectators.

"Blondin walked on steadily, pausing for one brief moment at each point where the guy ropes joined the main cable. The line was a trifle steeper at those places and gave him a chance to assure himself of his balance.

"Harry, you are no longer Colcord; you are Blondin. Until I clear this place be a part of me, mind, body and soul. If I sway, sway with me. Do not attempt to do any balancing yourself. If you do, we shall both go down to our death."

"I had dismounted while he was talking to me and stood with one foot on the line and both hands on his shoulders. I climbed back into my perch, and Blondin started across the unstable part of the line. I had cleared my mind of all feeling save one. I tried to think that instead of being poised in midair, with nothing but a manila rope between me and destruction, I was shut up with Blondin in a confined space where the thought of a fall was farcical.

"Blondin swung to the right and then to the left. Each time I went with him as though we were molded into one piece with immovable parts.

deaths had cut the guy rope, hoplug to hurl us to the river. "He did not dare repeat the attempt, and when the second point of connection was reached we rested safely.

"We reached the shore finally, but before we were well there we could see the people in the crowd, even at a distance from the edge of the gulf, begin to stretch out their arms as if they would draw us in from the peril.

And Other Outfits Designed For Men of Various Occupations. The man who dined always in the same restaurant might suppose that the jackets worn by the waiters there were the same as those worn everywhere.

One such establishment that issues an illustrated catalogue of its productions announces that its name is known in every public dining room and kitchen in this country and that it receives orders from Alaska, Canada, Cuba, the Hawaiian Islands and Mexico.

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There are half a dozen styles of cooks' caps and as many varieties of cooks' jackets, including jackets single breasted and double breasted, and there are trousers made for cooks' use, and for cooks and for waiters there are made aprons in many styles and sizes and of various materials.

Squirrels Eat. Squirrels do not entirely subsist on nuts, as most people suppose. They are largely fruit eaters and occasionally work big havoc in the orchards in the fall of the year.

Unscientific Good Health. Both the medical officer and the surveyor of the Tarvin (Chester) rural district council condemned a cottage at Caldecott Green, near Farndon, for demolition as insanitary.

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