# SIGNS PUZZLE THE **GOOSLBONE SAGES**

CONVENTION OF FORECAST IN-TERFRETERS BREAKS UP IN DISGUST AT REPORTS.

DISCUSS WINTER OUTLOOK

Much Conflicting Evidence for Believers in the Goosebone, the Groundhog, the Wrinkled Tomato, the Thick Husk and Other Signs.

Channahon, Ill.-The local nature prophets can't quite agree on what is coming off this winter in the way of weather. There is much conflicting evidence, for believers in the goosebone, the groundhog, the wrinkled tomato, the thick corn husk and other signs supposed to give a correct forecast to consider that at a gathering of the prophets here no final forecast was risked.

One prophet had the courage to rise up and state that he had been in the habit of basing his prediction for the winter on what the weather was each September 29, but that last year all gigns failed, due, he thinks, to the disconcerting advent of Halley's comet then approaching the earth. At the finish, he had a choice lot of unfulfilled forecasts on hand.

Following this abject confession of prophecies that failed, another member of the convention announced that he pinned his faith to the appearance of tomatoes. Each autumn he digs up a tomato vine and hangs it in the cellar. After giving the tomatoes on the vine two weeks in which to line up as weather prophets, he examines them. If they are soft and wrinkled the winter will be mild. This year's test found them in that condition.

The consensus of opinion among those who have faith in worms as weather prophets is that the winter will be mild because worms have been seen everywhere, and if it was to be a cold winter the worms would be in their steam-heated flats or some other comfortable home by this time.

Some new work in crude meteorology was introduced at the convention by making the groundhog do a semi-



Some Sure Weather Signs.

annual instead of an annual stunt. has been the only time in the year everything else, the novelty will less. when the little animal had the center | wear off. of the stage, but they said at this "Women's styles year after year

to come out at noon, look for his wear it is beyond me. shadow and go back, if he can see it, for six weeks' annex to his winter's the approaches to his home.

Every groundhog with any pretensions to class has two entrances to his domicile. One of these faces the north and the other the south. As signs are observed he closes one entrance, and this year, according to those who had wandered about the woods, the northern entrance was closed, an indication that the groundhog expected a cold winter.

To offset this, another delegate reported seeing a turtle and two black snakes wandering about as if they thought It was May Instead of November. This, he insisted, was a sure sign that the winter is to be mild.

Squirrels are depended upon by many for a tip on the winter. This year the squirrels have laid in a very small supply of nuts for the winter. According to those who back the their mustaches shaved off. The mussquirrel as an authority this mean tache is a natural protection for the that the ground is to be bare and the

The moss on the trees was reported by another delegate to show conclusively that a hard winter is coming. "Go out in the woods," said the moss man, "and look at the trees. On the north side of them you will find a heavy growth of moss. That's nature's protection for the tree and a sure sign of a hard winter.

## WOMAN DESIGNS AND **WEARS TROUSER GARB**

SAYS HER SEX SHOULD DRESS MORE LIKE MEN AND BE COMFORTABLE.

New York .-- Mrs. Alma Webster Powell, a society and suffragette leader of Brooklyn, has foresworn skirts, and the picture shows her in the trouser suit she designed and wears.

Mrs. Powell, who some time ago dressed two East side girls and her maid in Paris gowns, fooled a count and a millionaire, who were among the guests she had invited to her home. Brooklyn defended her Algerian costume which startled the members of the American Legislative union at a meeting in Columbia university.

"I believe I have designed a skirt which will prove the 'comfort dress' which women have been praying for. And I also believe I have designed the skirt for which the men have been praying-the skirt which will diminish



Mrs. Powell in Trouser Costume. dressmaking bills 50 per cent." she

The shopping gown which Mrs. Powell wore at the Columbia meeting consists of three pieces. The outermost is a long military cape which reaches to the knee. Beneath this is a long, tight, but comfortable fitting coat, which runs to the ankles. In place of a skirt, Mrs. Powell's new gown has what looks like hussar's breches. The footwear consists of a pair of black riding boots,

"I feel that I have established a gown which can be worn year after year, until it wears out, because it cannot be changed by fashion. Of course I do not intend to wear the same dress all year. I am having gowns made for the different seasons, to suit the climate, but next winter I shall wear the same gown I am wearing this year. The money I save in my dressmaking bills will be used for charity.

"It is wonderful how comfortable this costume is. As a preventive to the carrying of germs which may lurk on the streets or stairs it cannot be surpassed.

"I got my idea from the Turkish women in Algeria. These women, "ou know, are the wives of the higne cials of the country, and the there would not under any ci. stances permit their wives to dre any way that might appear immo I spoke to some of these women learned that their dresses were extremely comfortable.

"I have been trying for years think of a gown which would ap- acquainted with the nature and sigproach the comfortable clothing of nificance of an oath?" men. I think women should regard it as a boon.

"Of course I realize that It will

meeting the little groundhog is just have been going from bad to worse. "How is the new fling system? Sucass reliable in the fall as he is in Feb. The hobbic skirt of the present is the cess?" asked the agent of the mermost ridiculous thing I have ever schant to whom he had sold a "system" On Candlemas day he is supposed seen. How any sensible woman can

"The style of my new gown is unchangeable. I know the Parisian dressmakers will try their best to "Good!" said the agent, rubbing his hands. "And how is business?" "Business?" echoed the merchant. nap. In the fall what he thinks about dressmakers will try their best to prospects for the winter are based on discourage it. See what it means to "Oh, we have stopped business to atthem. Each year they are making tend to the filing system. charge the cut of sleeves.

"When women dress near to the style of men," says Mrs. Powell, then, and then only, will they dress

Shaving Causes Headache.

Vienna, Austria. - Dr. Paul Klager, a Viennese physician, delivered a sensational lecture before the medical society of this place. He says the growl ing fashion of shaving the mustache is responsible for the growing number of patients suffering from headaches and diseases of the respiratory organs, Out of five hundred cases of serious headaches and diseases of the nose and throat, he had counted four hundred and twenty patients who had nose against the invasion of cold air, dust and microbes. Women, he says, are not so often in the streets, and wear veils to protect themselves, and their nostrils are narrower than those

Horse Bites Tongue; Dies. New York.-- A valuable trotting

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When It Was Rougher. Paul Withington, the Harvard coach, was praising the milder football of

"Football in the '90s was a terrible game," said Mr. Withington. "Bourget, you know, devoted a whole chapter of 'Outre Mer' to its horrors. Some of the stories of the football of '90 or '91 are, in fact, almost incred-

"A Philadelphia sporting editor returned one November Saturday from West Philadelphia with a pale, frightened face.

"'Many accidents at the game?"

police reporter asked him.
"'One frightful accident,' replied
the sporting editor. 'A powerful mule from a neighboring coal dealer's entered the field, blundered into one of the hottest scrimmages and got

Kept Umbrelia Thirty Years.

A faithful old umbrella which has shielded the family of Dr. James A. Mullican of Greenwood avenue from the storms of 30 years, was stolen on Sunday. During the rain on that day the physician lent the umbrella to E. A. Seck, and while the latter was in a store some one stole it. "The umbrella belonged to my fath-

er and has been in the family for more than thirty years," said Doctor Mullican the other night, "It has been covered several times.

"To persons who are unable to keep the same umbrella for more than thirty days this may seem incredible, but it is true," concluded Doctor Mullican with a smile.—Chicago Tribune.

The Modern Way.

A couple of young men on the Market street viaduct the other evening offered a new version of an old saw. After they had passed a couple of auburn-haired damsels one of the young men took his stand at the curb and gazed up and down the bridge. "What are you looking for?" in-

quired his companion. Pointing to the red-headed girls, the young man answered: "I'm trying to see a white automobile."—Youngstown

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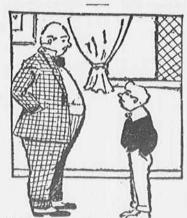
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"No tripe? Why, it's in season."

"No, ma'am, there's no tripe being shot just now."

"No tripe being shot! Why, what

are you talking about?"
"I-I should say, ma'am, that the fisheries commission won't allow tripe to be caught now." "Are you crazy, man? I don't want

I want tripe" "Well, what in thunder is tripe, ma'am?'

"Why—why, I don't know just what it is, but if you haven't got any I'll try some other place."

The Way of Life.

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Would Avoid Him.

Slopay-Here comes a man I don't care to meet. Let's cross over. DeLong-Why don't you care to meet him?

Slopay-He has a mania for collect

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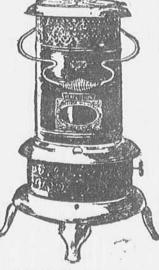
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