

DESIRE FOR SILK HOSE NOT MODERN

Much Appreciated by Royalty, Centuries Ago.

There is a popular notion that silk stockings are a recent vogue, and one sometimes hears them compared rather depreciatingly with the fashions of our grandmothers.

But if critics would take the trouble to dip into the social history of the past, they would find that silk stockings, far from being an invention of the moderns, were really in popular use before even worsted stockings were thought of.

Until the reign of Henry VIII stockings were made out of ordinary cloth, his majesty's own hose being of yard-wide taffets.

Long before this, however, silk stockings were largely worn on the continent, and in Henry VIII's own time they were indispensable to the attire of Spanish courtiers, and indeed of the general aristocracy of Spain.

They had, of course, been heard of in England, and were greatly coveted. What is spoken of by the famous chronicler, Stow, as "a very great present" was in reality, a gift of Spanish silk stockings from Sir Thomas Gresham to Edward VI, King Henry's son. Later, King Henry himself evinced a decided weakness for these mether garments of "stinky texture," and he lost no opportunity of getting a pair across when circumstances were favorable.

Again in 1560 we find the same Sir Thomas Gresham writing thus from Antwerp to the celebrated Elizabethan minister, Sir William Cecil: "I have written into Spain for silk hose both for you and my lady, your wife; to whom it may please you I may be remembered." The black silk stockings, Gresham's biographer tells us, duly arrived, much to the gratification of the recipients.

Subsequent troubles with Spain made it impossible to get the dainty hosiery across, and when Queen Elizabeth came to the throne silk stockings were not to be had. But the queen's silkwoman, Mrs. Montague, was not content that her royal mistress should go with unsatisfied wants, so she secretly knitted a pair of black silk hose and presented them to her majesty as a New Year's gift.

The queen, of course, was overjoyed. Mrs. Montague was immediately sent for, courteously thanked, and commissioned to keep her majesty regularly supplied. "I like stockings so well," she said, "because they are pleasant, fine, and durable, that henceforth I will wear no more cloth stockings." And, according to the contemporary gossipers, she never did.

It was thus that the fashion was set, and the manufacture of silk stockings in England started. But at first the price was prohibitive, and it was long before any but the highest in the land could afford to wear them. What they originally cost cannot very well be ascertained. But the diary of Philip Henslowe tells us that whereas as little as £4 was paid for a pair in later Elizabethan days, as much as £4 14s. was paid for a pair of silk hose for one of the actors!

Crawled Into Telescope

The arrival of a new 21-inch lens at Wesleyan university for the giant telescope in the Van Vleck observatory recently presented the problem of how it was to be inserted in the long barrel of the telescope, the New York World states. Prof. Frederick C. Stoen, head of the astronomy department, undertook to crawl 11 feet into the telescope and adjust the lens.

Members of the department awaited with bated breath the outcome of Professor Stoen's nuffled efforts. On receiving his signal the wiggling of his toes—he was pulled out, looking none the worse for his experience. He took occasion to remind his conferees that being the thinnest man on the faculty had its advantages. He is of Cape Cod Yankee stock.

Big-Hearted Bachelor

An old bachelor, who is fond of children, especially penniless ones who know the treat that a dish of ice cream on a warm evening brings, while strolling about a northern suburb recently made a score of youngsters happy when he rounded them up and took them in a body to a church lawn social. The youngsters didn't wait for a second invitation to be his guests and none of them backed away from the tables when the food deland and cake came around their way. They left the tables with three cheers for the philanthropist, feeling that the church society was gratified by the acquisition of several quarters to its treasury, made possible by his generosity. —New York Tribune News

Caught Crows Napping

Mark Twain's famous use of a trap and other devices to catch crows and at the same time to get a good profit in collecting the money of Parsons (Karl) is being revived at New York World states, as a trap was set at this city's parks, and with 250 crows a flock of 100 was caught and held for a day. The trap was a wire cage with a door that opened only when a crow stepped on a lever.

Lower set the trap door open, however, when he had fired on the got the crow in two shots. He explained he had expended two charges of dynamite beneath two trees where the crows perched at night, and it literally rained dead crows several minutes.

Navajo Monument in Northwestern Arizona

The Navajo national monument is within the great and little known Navajo Indian reservation in northeastern Arizona. It comprises tracts of land, each of which contains the ruins of a remarkable prehistoric cave public or cliff dwelling in a good state of preservation. These are known as Betankin (the Navajo name of side-hill house), Kiltsh (meaning broken pottery) and Inscription house. The latter ruin derives its name from an inscription scratched into the clay plaster of a wall. It reads: "Shupetro An-Don 1891."

Betankin is situated at an elevation of 7,000 feet in a great cave 150 feet long with a maximum depth of 150 feet, in the side of a soft red sandstone cliff, which forms the walls of a most picturesque and beautiful canyon, says the Detroit News. The cave roof projects far out over the village, which originally contained 120 rooms and occupied every foot of building space, but is so high that swirling storms have caused shrubbery to grow up to the very foundations of the ancient homes.

Kiltsh is the largest of the cave pueblos and is appropriately named, as the open spaces between the apartments are strewn with broken pottery of the finest type produced by the ancient cliff dwellers. The village completely fills a cave 350 feet long and 50 feet deep. There are 148 rooms in all. Similar circular ceremonial chambers or kivas at the front of the cave and below the level of its floor indicate that the tribe occupying it was different from the clan that lived at Betankin, as in the latter there are no rooms of this type. Kiltsh is situated in a wooded canyon, the walls of which are warmly colored.

Dairymen of Jutland Find Co-operation Pays

Randers is a city of 27,000 inhabitants situated in the east central part of Jutland, writes E. F. Finzier in the Southern Workman. The cooperative dairy located there is an excellent example of how producers and consumers can meet in cooperative enterprises.

This dairy was established in 1913. At present it receives about 11,000,000 pounds of milk from 400 members living within a radius of between six and seven miles of the city. Each member pays an entrance fee of \$10 per cow. The society owns 12 retail stores in the city and supplies 12 besides its own. Besides the annual dividend from the surplus each member receives three-fifths of a cent more per kilogram (22 pounds) than is offered by the privately owned dairies. The dairy supplies 65 per cent of the city's consumption, besides exporting 2,000 pounds of cream and 8,000 pounds of butter daily to be sold in its stores in England. In 1922 the society was able to pay its members a dividend of 17 cents on each 160 pounds of milk brought to the dairy.

By such an organization of production the smallest producer is afforded the same advantages as the largest, and all consumers are guaranteed a standard product.

Elephants Increasing

The elephant is a very useful animal, both for draft purposes and for ivory. A few years ago 70,000 were slaughtered annually for their tusks, so that it seemed as though there was a good chance of the big animals becoming extinct. Wise laws, however, have checked the destruction so that the number is increasing. The war have the elephants their chance and the British authorities in East Africa have also protected them. South of Zambesi the elephant is virtually extinct and the Cape market for ivory has ceased to exist. At present Mozambique is the center of the ivory trade. Oddly enough the Portuguese, through whose hands it comes, send nearly all the ivory across to Bombay, where it is sorted and cut and distributed to the European markets. The world's supply of real elephant ivory is now about 250 tons a year. —Scientific American

Winter Wheat in France

If experiments now being made in Brittany are satisfactory, France will soon be growing American wheat. Brittany, one of the important wheat-growing districts of France, needs hardier and sturdier wheat. The crops there have been good only every other year, and the co-operation of the local government officials, experiments have been made in testing samples of hard winter wheat. These samples, grown by the United States Department of Agriculture, were from the same wheat nation, which was known as same variety as Brittany.

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JUDGE TAYLOR RESIGNS

Florida Chief Justice Native of This State—Married Camden Lady

Tallahassee, Fla., Feb. 28.—Chief Justice Robert Fenwick Taylor, for thirty-four years a justice of the supreme court of Florida, late today submitted his resignation to Governor John W. Martin and will retire to private life, with full pay under provisions of an act of the legislature passed at the 1923 session.

Justice Taylor had been on the supreme court bench continuously since January 1891, giving him thirty-four years of service as a justice of the state's court of last resort. He was appointed to the bench by Governor Francis P. Fleming, was elected in 1892 and subsequently re-elected in 1898, 1904, 1910, 1916 and 1922 each time without opposition. During his long term he had served twenty years as chief justice, his elevation to that position being by a sort of lottery peculiar to this court, by which any one of the six justices has an equal chance to win the coveted position.

The retiring justice has a record on the bench that is perhaps unparalleled in the annals of American courts. He has, according to figures compiled about two years ago by friends interested in his service on the bench, actually participated in the rendering of more than 6,620

opinions written by the Florida supreme court, out of a total number of a few less than 9,000 made by that body since the beginning of the court until the end of the last bound volume of its decisions.

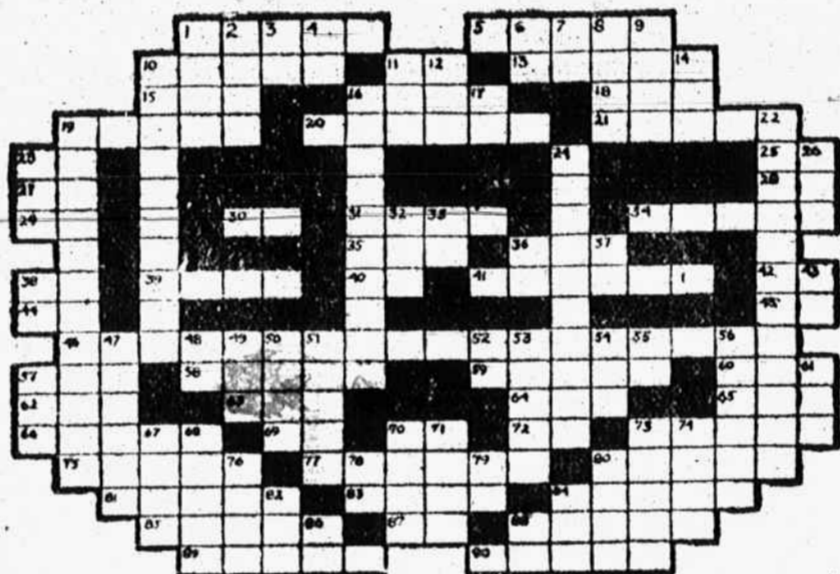
In addition to that, it was shown that from the beginning of the court until the end of the last bound volume, there have been more than 1,450 memorandum opinions handed down, and in more than 1,150 of them Judge Taylor participated, equalling about 75 per cent of all decisions made by the court.

Justice Taylor delivered many notable opinions during his service on the supreme court bench, some of them on mandamus and equity points having been cited extensively by other courts and incorporated in text books. Among these, one most frequently referred to, is the famous case of Northrup against Anderson, found in the thirtieth Florida report, wherein Justice Taylor, thirty-three years ago, held that "xxx the onus of proving knowledge and notice of illegal and fraudulent acts is upon the party who sets up the defense of laches, in the institution of proceedings to avoid fraud" and "that the time begins to run against a trust only from the time when it is openly disavowed by the trustee, who insists upon an adverse right and interest which is fully and unequivocally made known to the cestui que

THIS WEEK'S CROSS WORD PUZZLE

This cross-word puzzle was arranged in Great Bend, Kansas. We do not have the name of the originator. However, as it is an exceptionally fine design, and contains some excellent words, we are passing it along to our readers.

Few of the words are really difficult. However, there are some real testers in the puzzle, just to arouse your interest, and the cross-word puzzle fan should get a great deal of enjoyment out of solving it. Look at No. 46 horizontal. It is an 18 letter word. Oboy!



HORIZONTAL

- 1. One who wonders
5. To brown.
10. King of Psalms.
11. Famous pres. (Init.)
13. To kill
15. Before.
16. Tame, fondled animals.
18. Preposition.
19. To deduce.
20. Time of year.
21. Excuse.
23. Preposition.
25. Negative.
27. Pertaining to. (abbr)
28. Indefinite article.
29. Implement (hewing)
30. Personal pronoun.
31. Scent.
34. A definite spot
35. A boy's name.
36. Little devil.
38. Conjunction
39. A separate entry in an account.
40. Preposition.
41. In spite of.
42. Editor (abbr.)
44. An eastern state (abbr.)
45. Thus.
46. Members of a church body.
47. To talk
48. A European black bird.
49. Short letters.
60. A curved bone.
62. Nickname of famous Press
63. An eagle
64. Boy's nickname.
65. Same as 62 horizontal
66. A girl's name.
69. Army order (abbr.)
70. Boys' name (abbr.)
72. Boy's name (abbr.)
73. A step.
75. Possessive form of a girl's name
77. To be able
80. To cure, as herring, by salting and smoking.
81. Cuts
83. Allowance made for waste
84. A lock of human hair
85. To shun
87. Main thoroughfare (abbr)
88. Large quantities
89. Wide-mouth water pitcher
90. At an angle.

Answer to Last Week's Puzzle



VERTICAL

- 1. Unusual
2. Adverb
3. Six (Rom. num)
4. Boy's name (abbr)
5. A bone
6. An exclamation

having married into the old South Carolina family of Morgan-Dollar. Justice Taylor's great grandfather on his mother's side was Rev. Richard Furman, founder of Furman university at Greenville, S. C., and one of the most famous Baptist divines of the Revolutionary period. Patrick Henry is quoted as having said of him that he was the greatest orator living or dead in or out of the pulpit. He was pastor of the Baptist church at Charleston, S. C., for forty years, and Lord Cornwallis, commander of British forces during the Revolution, is said to have offered a reward of 500 pounds sterling for him living or dead, for his work in rallying the American forces of South Carolina in opposition to the British.

Dr. Charles Muller, aged 75 years, died at his home near Wallburg, Thursday, March 11th.

James T. Williams, Jr., former president of Greenville and for many years editor of the Boston Transcript, is being mentioned as ambassador to Germany.

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