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Young Women Preparing to Bathe Next Season Without Shoes or Stockings.

Every manicurist nowadays is also a pedicurist. Not a few stylish young women pay as much attention to dressing their toe nails as their finger nails. A manicurist told me all about it the other day.

"It is all due to sea bathing," she said. "The woman who has a pretty foot is not averse to exposing it even to masculine scrutiny when she can do so without incurring the censure of those fickle powers that from time to time prescribe what constitutes propriety according to the shifting usages of society."

"The beach offers superb opportunities for the display of pedal charms. It is not alone fondness for salt water that makes pretty girls go bathing. You may have noticed that many of them seem more partial to the sand than to the water when in bathing costume."

"A pretty foot as well as a pretty face is a cheering sight to see," and the pretty foot is something that can be cultivated. I can make a shapely foot a thing of beauty and a joy forever, and a foot that wasn't originally cast in a well-formed mould I can make presentable. There is one thing that is fatal to a pretty foot, and that is a tight shoe. Much of my work consists in overcoming the deformities thus created. It takes time, but it can be done."

"I have at least a dozen young women who seek my professional assistance regularly once a week, and that their time is well bestowed will be proven at several fashionable watering resorts next summer, to the admiration of their masculine friends and the envy of some of their feminine friends."

"There is nothing immodest in the idea of a woman showing her feet sans shoes and stockings, and since it involves the abandonment of tight shoes, and consequent freedom from corns and other evils that tight shoes entail, I think it is something that ought to be encouraged. If sandals were fashionable I should soon be rich. I don't doubt that pedicurists did a thriving business in the palmy days of Greece and Rome."

SOUTH SEA LEGENDS OF FIRE.

A Whale and an Air Dragon Each Believed to Have Originated Flames.

The South Sea Islanders tell a curious story of the origin of fire. If they are to be believed, says the *St. Louis Republic*, they came in possession of that useful element in the following manner: A great whale was once washed ashore upon one of their islands during the prevalence of a terrible hurricane. The monster became entangled in a grove of tall trees (a species of evergreens whose branches easily ignite), and, while gnashing his teeth in his impotent rage, struck off a spark which lighted the grove and consumed both trees and whale. Fires which are said to have been perpetuated since the day of the "great whale fire" may yet be seen burning in many parts of the island.

Another fire legend, believed in by the inhabitants of the islands to the north of the ones in which the "great whale fire" is preserved, is to the effect that a great air dragon (probably lightning) breathed upon a tall tree and set its branches on fire. From the coals left from this fire they learned of its great value, and have ever since used the element for domestic purposes and in their religious ceremonies. They also have a tradition that the time will come when the dragon will return for the fire, and that no man will be able to withstand him and save the sacred spark except he be a person born with pink eyes, fair skin, and white hair. For this reason the birth of an albino is always hailed as a good omen, and his or her person guarded with jealous care, so as to preserve life to its utmost limit. Marionette mentions seeing a "fire god" or "fire guard" (albino) while on his visit to the islands, who was believed to be at least 150 years old, and who had always been provided for by the tribe.

Refinesque, who made South Sea Island myths and legends a study for years, is of the opinion that the return of the dragon for his fire is symbolic of death and the flight of the spirit.

Roast Kid in the Desert.

The kitchen menials brought the dish to the door of the tent; the lowest retainer then took it and handed it to the next in rank, until it finally passed to El Hadj Mohammed, who alone then placed it before us. He himself ate nothing, explaining that it was a period of fasting for the faithful, when between sun and sun no food could pass their lips, not even a whiff of tobacco. Finally came the great event of the feast, the solemn act, like bringing in the plum pudding at Christmas. The flaps of the tent door were parted wide. El Hadj waved his hand, and in stalked two noble sons of the desert, bearing between them the kid that had been roasted whole in our honor. Hoofs and skull were there. He looked horribly naked with the skin off, and his sides shiny with dripping. He was spitted from end to end on a pole the size of a canoe mast, and elicited universal admiration, particularly from the fasting faithful. We seized our jackknives, and peeled off shingles of meat so succulent that we soon forgot all about what we had already consumed. It was a Homeric feast, with Homer waiting upon us.

On Even Terms.

Baron Hausmann, the celebrated French administrator, who may also be said to have made Paris a new city, used to relate the following anecdote by way of illustrating the feeling of many country gentlemen toward the prefects: One of these gentry entered the prefect's office, having some complaint to make, and proceeded to state his errand in a pretty lofty tone and without taking off his hat. The officer was equal to the occasion.

"Wait a moment," he said, and he rang a bell. A servant answered the summons.

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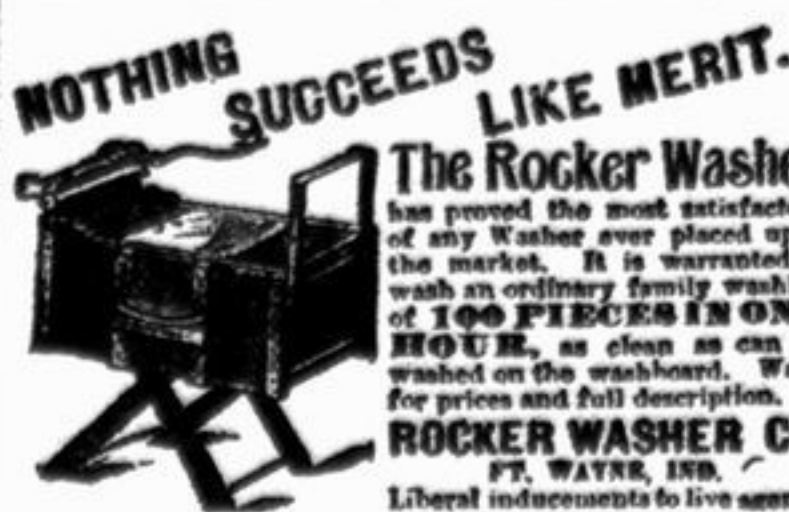
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