

THE FORT SHERIDAN PARK.

It is evident that the managers of the Fort Sheridan park, fully intends giving their patrons nothing but the best in the high-class vaudeville line. This weeks bill is truly a very excellent one.

Louie Dacre makes a hit in her witty monologue and clever parodies. She is fair, fat and funny and she pleases her audience immensely.

A number which is attracting much attention is Zara and Zara, the lightning change artists, in their unique novelty, "Soldiers and Peasants of the World." They make twenty-seven changes of costume in full view of the audience, impersonating soldiers and peasants of the different nations in the costumes of their country. Those of Roosevelt Rough Riders, Gen. Cronje and George and Martha Washington are especially fine.

Spencer and Sartelli gained a liberal amount of applause and hold the audience laughing during the entire progress of their act.

The Everett Sisters present one of the best singing and dancing acts in vaudeville. Their success was a solid and sure one and they deserved every bit of it.

A highly pleasing and artistic illustrated song act is presented by Lewis and DeGrey. The young lady sings very sweetly and the pictures presented are truly works of art.

A special feature is promised for the 4th of July. Beatrice will be seen in her beautiful electrical transformation butterfly and fire dances.

SAMOAN COSTUMES.

Made with a Hatchet, a Club, and a Pot of Paint.

In the south seas dresses are made with a hatchet, a club and a pot of paint. Every housewife is her own robe and habit maker. When she feels the need of a new gown, she goes and chops down a tree. When her husband needs a new suit, she chops down another tree. That is easy, men and women are clad exactly alike — a plain fold of cloth caught about the waist and hanging loosely to the knee or shin. The races inhabiting the islands of the tropical Pacific are almost alone in having no idea of the loom and the various arts of the spinner and the weaver. This undoubtedly is due to the natural provision of material which renders a woven cloth

unnecessary to this primitive people. The only fabric used in that part of the world is a crude, tough paper made of bast. The tree from which the material derived is the paper mulberry, or Broussonetia papyrifera, which is grown in plantations under the sole charge of women and is also found wild in all parts of the islands. In archipelagos so highly advanced as Samoa and Tonga, where women they have none of the coarser work to do entire care of the mulberry plantations rests with the women of each village.

The trees are planted closely to insure a spindling growth without lateral branches. The plant will grow from seed. In such a climate there is no difficulty about getting things to grow, but experience has shown that better results follow the planting of twigs from the sturdier wild trees. In about three years from planting the tree will be in the best condition for the clothmaker. In that time it will attain a height of twelve feet or more, and the trunk will have a uniform diameter of rather less than two inches. About four feet of the trunk is waste and not available for the particular purpose for which the tree is grown; the first two feet from the base is too tough to work well, and the two feet at the top is too soft. If the tree is properly grown and left to mature, there will be available for the clothmaker a stick of eight feet in the clear and as straight as a measuring rod, without knots or branch and of uniform girth throughout.

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