

RIVER MADE HIM INSURE.

Got Tired of Falling into Water and Sought Protection.

One of our men selling insurance tells of an instance where a special manifestation and a moving of the spirit and the flesh were necessary to make a New Madrid man take out a policy, says an insurance man in the St. Louis Post-Dispatch. He had a place on the river bank below the town. His little shack was perched on a bluff which jutted far out over the water. There had been a good many landslides down there, caused by the disintegration of the bank. The agent sighted the shack the first thing when he made the town and that afternoon he went up there to talk business. There was nothing doing. The old fellow was a fatalist and he didn't believe in insurance. "I go as the spirit moves me," he said, solemnly. The agent was persistent. "You might fall in the river some day," he said. "Well, I tell you all, honey, I ain't never fell in yet. When I've done fell in you can come around and see me." Five months later the agent made the town again. He sighted the shack, but it wasn't where it had been. It was a mile or so back from the bluff. But the man who lived there was waiting at the gang-plank. He grabbed the agent's hand and said: "I thought maybe you was on the boat and I came down to wait for you all." After an awkward pause he added: "I guess maybe I'll take that policy. I've done fell in three times. You'd better put a policy on the shack, too. I'm tired of fishin' it outen the river an' totin' it up the hill."

HER SENSE OF COLOR.

It Was a Happy Match and She Wanted Harmony Complete.

'Twas the first day of the honeymoon, which the happy young couple were spending at one of the quietest of seaside places, and the extent of their beatitude was immeasurable. He made it his duty that her every wish should be his; and, like a loyal little woman, she held him back in his own coin, so that their life sped on as merrily as the proverbial marriage bell. "John, dear," said the sweet little woman to her husband one day, "do me a favor to-night?" "With the greatest pleasure, love," was his instant reply. "What is it?" "I wish, darling," went on his bride, "that you would put on your red necktie for dinner." For the first time John winced, for that particular necktie, the gift of his mother-in-law, was the one trial of his flesh. "Wh—why, dearest?" he queried. "O, do, John, dearest?" he queried. "O, do, John, you to wear it. You see, I have just found out from the menu that we are to have radishes, tomatoes, strawberries and claret!"—Stray Stories.

Flowers from British Yukon.

The British Yukon, it is said, will exhibit 200 varieties of flowers at the Alaska-Yukon exposition, to be held in Seattle in 1909.

Criminals Outnumber Police.

The professional criminals of London outnumber the policemen in the proportion of three to two.

Good Repartee.

At a recent club dinner one of the guests in the course of his speech spoke of the value of repartee. He told of a handsome, well-dressed woman who got in a crowded street car. She had the attention of everyone and soon had a seat. Turning to the donor she said: "You're a jewel." "No," he replied, "I am a jeweler—I set the jewel."—London Tatler.

Elijah No Vegetarian.

Many vegetarians fall back on the bible for comfort, and it is even said that the great prophet Elijah was a vegetarian. How so? God commanded the crows to feed the old fellow, and we have it in I. Kings, xvii, 6—"the ravens brought him bread and flesh in the morning and bread and flesh in the evening; and he drank of the brook."—New York Press.

London's Poetry.

London is full of poetry, full of pictures, full of rest, if people will only believe it. The true painters and poets see none of the sights and drawbacks which complaint is made by the prosaic, nor does the really busy worker, the enthusiast, hear the noise which drives the idler away from town.—Lady's Pictorial.

The Jar of Machinery.

Though many plans to lessen the jar of machinery have been tried, annoyance from steam hammers, etc., continues. A new French remedy is to place under the machine a two-inch elastic plate, consisting of two sheets of steel with an intervening layer of coach springs surrounded by felt.

Sleeplessness.

If it is from worry, try to think as little as possible after the light is turned out. Avoid late and heavy suppers and eat a plain, light meal of nourishing food. Never go to bed hungry, as people are kept awake quite as much from hunger as they are from worry.

A Necessary Change.

Husband (to wife who is on her way with a wreath to the tomb of her mother)—"What? Carry this wreath to my mother-in-law's tomb to-day, on Easter? Are you crazy. She was cremated, so you should carry it on Ash Wednesday."

Some Crookedness.

The Mississippi river is so crooked in places, declares Judge Walter Malone, of Memphis, that a steamer going south has been known to meet itself coming north, give passing signals and narrowly escape a collision with itself.

Sermons and Horses.

"Dar is too many of us," said Uncle Eben, "dat'll git sleepy durin' de bes' kin' of a sermon, an' keep both ears wide open whenever anybody begins to talk 'bout a hoss-race."—Washington Star.

Chance for an Old Joke.

A French countess who arrived in New York the other day dresses her dog like herself. This ought to revive the old joke showing the connection between the dog's breath and his attire.

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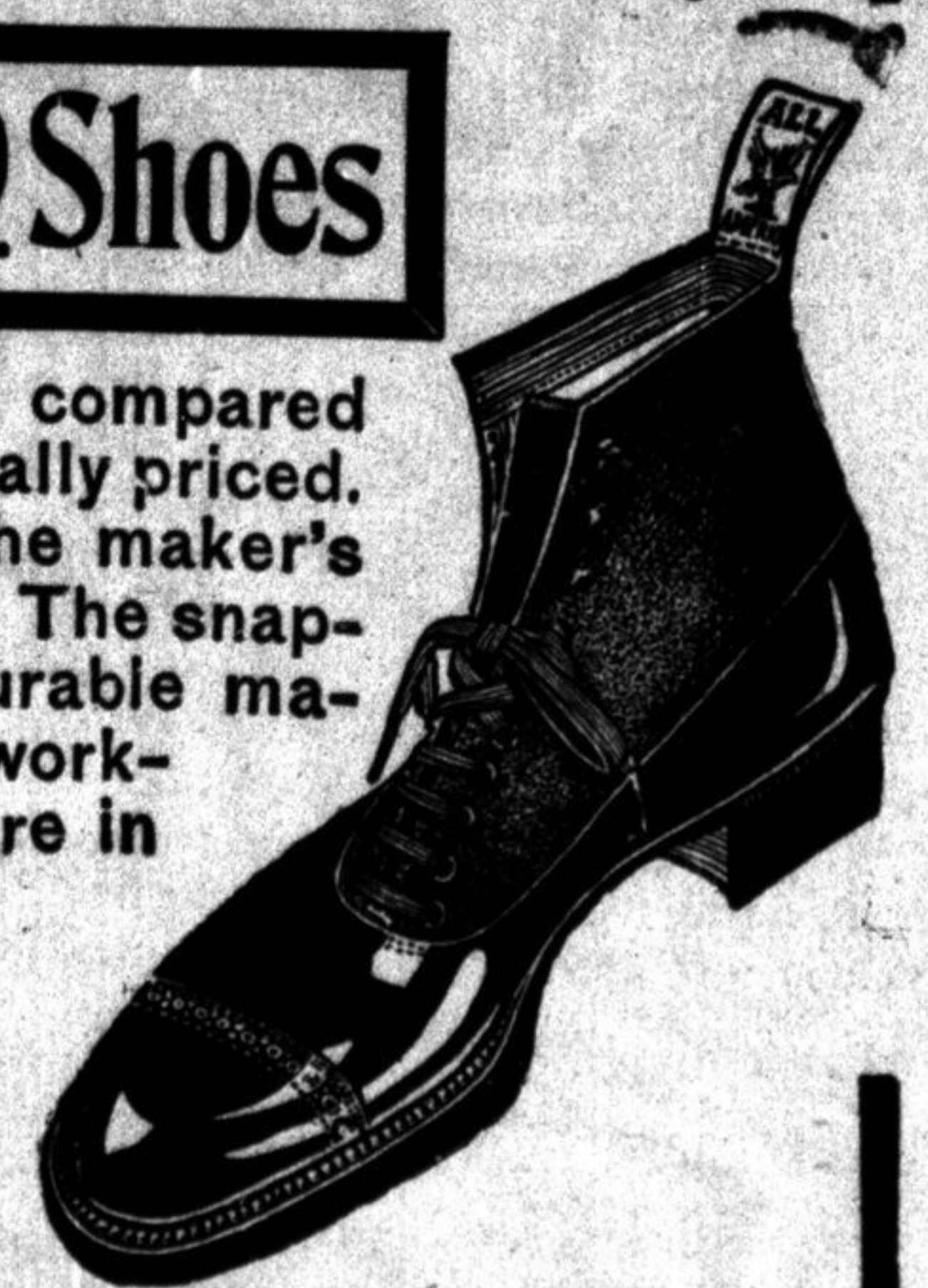
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