

#### KISSED HER BEFORE THE CEREMONY.

A well-known Kentuckian justice of the peace was hurriedly called upon to perform a marriage ceremony one day. The bridegroom, a big mountaineer, had brought his prospective bride with him to the office of the clerk of the court, thinking to secure his license and have the ceremony performed at one visit. When his license had been duly granted, the mountaineer asked if there was a justice of the peace then in the court house who could tie the knot. Upon being advised by the clerk that he himself was a justice, the bridegroom said:

"Waal, then, we're ready; go ahead."

"But you'll have to secure two witnesses," smilingly observed the clerk and justice, "before I can proceed."

At this the mountaineer demurred, saying that he did not care for witnesses. He was convinced, however, that this formality was an indispensa-

mony began. When the couple had promised to love, obey, etc., together with the rest of the service, the justice of the peace quite innocently observed that the bridegroom should "kiss the bride."

Thereupon the mountaineer exhibited fresh impatience at the exactions of the official. "Look here!" he exclaimed, angrily. "It seems to me that you're draggin' in a lot of funny business in this weddin'. Why, I kissed her before we came in!"

#### Snap for Amateurs.

Amateur photographers who wish to turn their art to a commercial account by selling snapshots to their human victims have discovered a new field of endeavor. They haunt riding academies and the equestrian paths in the parks and photograph the riders. Men on horseback have a weakness for being photographed. Many a rider who could not be persuaded to pose for a photograph in conventional attitude or garb is quite willing to be taken astride a fine horse and any photographer who can snap him successfully is sure of a market for his pictures.

#### Thought Picture a Ghost.

Once Dr. Grenfell visited Ramah and exhibited to the astonished Eskimos some stereopticon views—photographs that he had taken there in the previous year. It so happened that one of the pictures was that of an old woman who had died since the photograph was made, and when it appeared upon the screen terror struck the hearts of the simple-minded people. They believed it was her spirit returned to earth, and for a long time afterward imagined that they saw it floating about at night, visiting the woman's old haunts.—Outing.

#### Ghost Plant of Oregon.

While picking berries at East Twentieth and Skidmore streets Sunday Miss Charlotte Lindsay came upon a ghost plant. This plant is of rare occurrence in western Oregon, and this is the first time that it is known to have been found in or near Portland. The ghost plant was known and much praised by the Indians of Oregon in times past, and is sometimes known as the Indian pipe plant. It is said the Indians believed that it had great remedial qualities and made from it a lotion which they considered curative for the eye. It is a tall, waxlike plant about eight inches high and its bloom resembles a waxen cup.

#### A Real One.

"Now we've come to a hitch in the proceedings," as the horse remarked when his master tied him to the blacksmith's post.

#### A Sacred Office-Cat.

A correspondent, writing from Egypt, says at Assuit a little while ago a German lady was much pleased at having secured for a considerable sum the mummy of a sacred cat. She was delighted with her bargain, and the Arab dealer was quite satisfied with the sum he received. But with the curiosity inherited from our first poor mother, she began to examine her mummy. She looked at it closely and even picked a hole in it. Then, encouraged by what she saw she proceeded to rip it open. Her mummy was stuffed with an English newspaper.

#### Scriptures Reversed.

The hobo who had been sleeping under a tree on the roadside awoke and irritably began scratching himself. "The good book is full of truths," he said, "but things have changed slightly. Nowadays it is the ant that goes to the sluggard." After which it was a case of not yet a little slumber, not yet a little sleep.

#### Grown Timid.

"I don't exactly," answered the other. "But I don't think it's best to interfere with the great financiers, as the first thing some of them think of when they are annoyed is putting up the price to the consumer."

#### Rock Salt Preserves Ice.

A cheap mixture to put around an ice chest to keep it cold is pounded rock salt in the proportion of one part to two parts of pounded ice.

#### They'd All Quit Practicing.

If baseball were made a regular part of the studies of the American youth the national game would soon die out for lack of players.

#### Message from Marie.

America is God's own crucible. Time only can tell the civilization he will make out of your country.—Marie Corelli.

#### Keenest Disappointment.

The worst disappointment that comes to a woman is to have a man fail to disappoint her when she expected him to.—Florida Times-Union.

#### Heredity and Environment.

Heredity and environment—the molders of our destinies! Heredity is what a man blames his mother for. Environment is what he blames his wife and children for.

#### 'Twould Come High.

If personal magnetism could be bought and sold it would be the highest priced commodity in the world.

#### Teach Students Horticulture.

Austrian schools cultivate 8,000 gardens. The students receive practical instruction in horticulture and tree growing.

#### Valuable Souvenir.

Dr. Warre, late headmaster of Eton college has been presented with an album containing the signed photographs of nearly every master and boy who was at Eton at the time of his resignation.

#### Measure of Success.

No man is sent into the world to be a lasting failure. Every man who is doing his best according to the light that is in him and the opportunities offered him is a success.—Vaughan.

#### To Mend Granite Ware.

Fuse together equal parts of sulphur and black lead, and melt a portion of this in the hole with a hot iron as in soldering.



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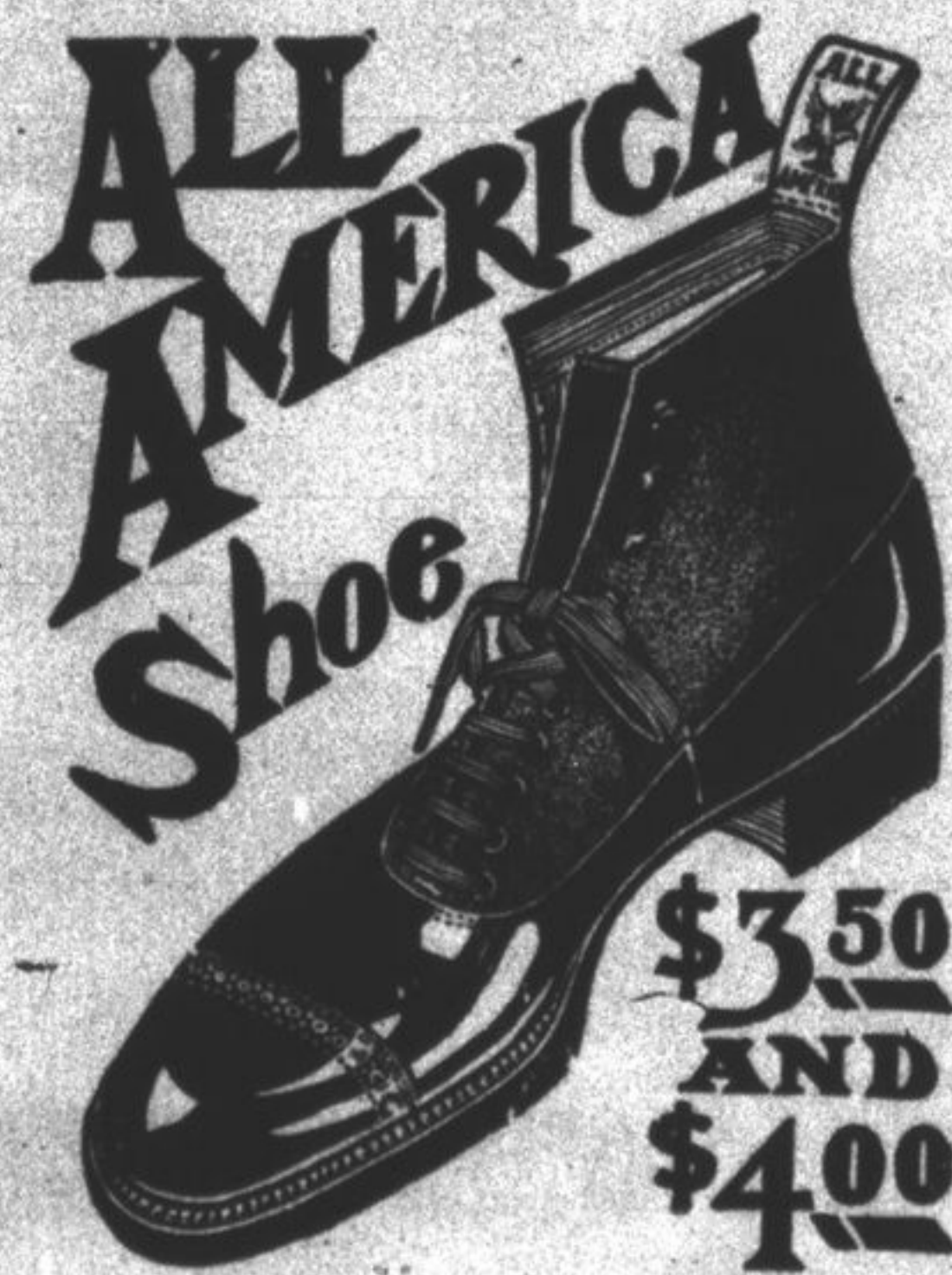
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