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In every country which has a written language and a system of coinage the abbreviation for the unit of value precedes the figures. In England the pound mark (£) is used in the same manner that the dolkir mark is used in this country, while the same peculiarity is noticeable in Germany, where the abbreviation m. (for mark) appears preceding the number, just as the French abbreviation fr. (for franc) is used in France.

If abbreviations are not used, the legend is more apt to be correct. We find that in Mexico they have a "2½ pesos" instead of "p. 214," as one might expect, and in Newfoundland they have a plain 2 dollar piece. So, too, in France, where the abbreviation is not used we find such pieces as "10 francs," "20 francs" and "40 frames." In Germany they have a piece marked "X thaler," which is all very plain, but the moment a clerk, book keeper or other person makes an entry or jots down a memorandum he tells you that it is a "th. X."

The English pound sign, which is be-lieved to be the oldest monetary abbrevia-tion now in use, is the old initial letter by which the Romans expressed "pounds," just as we use the "lbs." It has been suggested that we use our money abbreviation backward because the Romans in expressing "pounds" always said "libra decem" instead of "decem libra," the first being "pounds ten" and the latter "ten pounds." When their initial letter or character was used, it always preceded the figures, thus "£10," instead of the reverse. Thus the whole world has gotten in the habit of doing these things backward.— St. Louis Republic.

CHARACTER IN FEET.

It Can Be Accurately Read Every Time, According to a Chiropodist. Nobody thinks of Trilby without thinking of Trilby's foot. After having been slighted for centuries, it was left for the genius of Du Maurier to draw attention to this much abused member of the human body. Why hadn't somebody thought of

"Why, do you know," said a gentleman who is looked up to as one of the leading intellectual lights, "I have a friend who is a chiropodist in the metropolis, a gentleman of unquestioned learning and veracity, who has made a study of the matter for years, and he tells me that the human foot is one of the surest indexes to character that has ever been discovered. 'People say they can detect character in the countenance, but let me examine a man's foot and I will tell you what manner of a man he is,' says my friend. In every instance where I have taken the trouble to follow out his instructions I have found them to

be absolutely accurate. "You can tell a fiery tempered man by the shape of his foot as easy as you can tell a rhinoceros by his hide. As there are all sorts of temperaments, so there are all varieties of feet. Each temperament leaves its foot mark, and if the scientists would spend their time in investigating this matter instead of weighing the planets we should have some practical data from which we could determine in a few moments whether a man could be intrusted to landle large sums of money and thus do away entirely with the necessity of giv-ing bonds. If a merchant wanted a sales-man, he would not need to ask for recommendations; he would merely request to see the applicant's foot, when he would know instantly whether or not he was the man he wanted. I tell you, now that Du Maurier has popularized feet so that scientists will not consider the matter too humble a one upon which to expend their energies, you may expect some wonderful discoveries to result from the study in a few years."-Rochester Herald.

A Dog Mimic. Rev. Frank M. Downing of Moore county, Tenn., is the owner of a most remarkable dog called Bench. In appearance the animal is not prepossessing, his color being a dirty yellow, his hair coarse and wiry, his legs short and his body rather unwieldy. In his eyes, however, there gleams an intelligence almost human. At the word of command Bench will crow like a Shanghai rooster, neigh like a horse, low like a cow, grunt and squeal in imitation of pigs, mew like a cat and repeat the various voices incident to farm life. He could give all the yelps of a pack of hounds in pursuit of a fox and in so realistic a manner that you could scarcely help believing that a hunt was in prog-

This dog was never trained to do this, but as a puppy picked up the cries of the farmyard and has added to them the creaking of wagons and the whirring of machinery as made by a thrasher. Mr. Downing has been offered fabulous sums for the wonderful dog, but refuses to part with him. Trained animal keepers who have examined Bench and become familiar with his powers of mimicry say that it would be an easy matter to teach the dog to articulate words, perhaps even to talk connectedly.—Chicago Times-Herald.

Eating, Rest and Recreation. A physician once said, "It does not so much matter what we cat as how we cat it." While this is only partly true, it certainly is true that most healthful food, hurriedly eaten and immediately followed by work which engages the entire available physical and mental forces, is much worse than a meal of poor food, or what is usually termed indigestible food, which is eaten leisurely and followed by an interval of rest. While the quality and quantity of foods have much to do with health, the manner of eating has quite as much, if not more, to do with keeping up the tone of the system to a natural, healthful point. All meals, but especially dinner, should be followed by a short rest. A short rest will keep the tone of the body better during the day, and it is always best to be on the safe side. After supper there should be not work, but recreation.—Hall's Jour-

Sharpened Senses. In showing how one sense is sharpened to supply the loss of another, Dr. S. Millington Miller writes that Mr. Alexander Hunter of the land office at Washington, take 150 words read to him from the dictionary. He has become able to read the motion of the lips of those addressing him. This faculty is not rare among the deal, and by means of it some of them, like Mitchell, the chemist of the United States patent office, have been able to understand the lectures necessary for their graduation nt college.—Philadelphia Ledger.

L'Enfant Terrible. Mr. Courtney (flatteringly)-I had the blues when I came here tonight, Miss Fisher, but they are all gone now. You are as good as medicine. Miss Fisher's Little Brother-Yes, father himself says she'll be a drug in the market if she doesn't catch on to some fellow soon.—Philadelphia Times.

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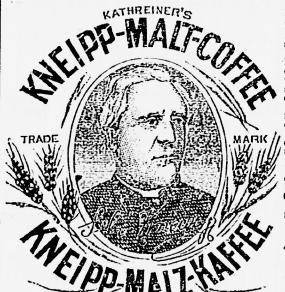
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Enked In a Trench, It Was a Feast For Many Villages. I had been ten years on Savage island and meant to come to England on a visit, but before leaving went to each village to tay goodby to the people. We had been three weeks from home when we got to a ittle villago called Liku.

The evening after our arrival there was terrible commotion. Men, women and children were running about, some carrying sticks, some logs of wood and some

The men began digging a long shallow rench with their sharp pointed sticks. The boys brought big stones and firewood. These were piled up all along one side of the trench. The wood was then set fire to and was soon blazing, while the stones on the top were getting hot.

While the fire was burning one side lit-tle bundles of something white and soft were being undone from the clean leaves that contained them. This was the paste out of which the pudding was to be made, There was no flour, suet, eggs, milk, plums or currants in it. It was the paste of a native vegetable called tare and old cocoanut, both grated very fine and mixed together. A long pudding cloth was laid along the side of the trench, and in it the nlong the side of the trench, and in it the pudding was carefully wrapped. It was not calico or linen, but nice clean banana leaves. Over this long cocoanut leaves were plaited.

When the stones were hot enough, some were quickly laid along the bottom of the trench; then the long pudding was laid on the top of them and then some more stones

at the sides and on the top.

Some girls had brought heaps of leaves to lay over the top to keep the heat and steam in, and the earth which had been dug out of the trench was thrown over

The cooks and pudding makers all went to sleep and left the stars to watch their cookery. Next morning at 8 the whole villago was astir, men, women and children all in holiday attire. It was soon uncovered and was found to be well done. Long poles were brought and laid the whole length. These were fastened to the pudding by small vines, canes, etc. It was then rolled out of the

ready for taking up. About 100 men and boys then raised it on their shoulders, and with one tremendous shout started toward my house, accompanied by the whole village. I measured it before carving and found it was 204 feet long—two feet longer than the monument of London is high. It measured 13 inches in circumference. It

trench on one side, short sticks were made

fast crosswise to the poles, and all was

was soon carved into pieces four vards long, and these were distributed all over the land, men carrying as much pudding as their strength would allow to distant. illages.—English Exchange

A Joke on the Proprietor. A young newspaper man working his way east from Denver tells of some amus ing incidents of his experience in a city which is one of Denver's rivals. The news-

paper on which he worked was owned by an old fellow who had worked his way from poverty to proprietorship and whose proprietorship of a newspaper was acquired under a mortgage foreclosure. As soon as the old man got hold of the property he began to look around to find out where he could save a few dollars in the running expenses. Several weeks passed before he ventured a suggestion. Said he: "Do you know that fellow in the little room up stairs-the fellow who

"Why, yes; that is Tompkins, the exchange editor," said the manager. "Tompkins? Yes, that's his name. Well. you want to keep your eye on him. In fact, if you take my advice you'll give him the grand bounce next pay day."
"Why? He is one of the best men on the

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"Don't you believe it. I have been watchin him unbeknownst for days, and I give you my word in honor he don't do a with his feet cocked up and rend newspapers. Fire him! He is soldiering, an you

can bet on it." With great difficulty the manager made the irate proprietor understand that it was the business of the exchange editor to read newspapers and that the more he read the better his work was likely to be.-Chicago Times-Herald.

How One Should Shake Hands. Few of those who shake the hands of public men on occasions of receptions held FIRE-PLACE HEATERS in their honor realize the effect of this process if long continued upon the person who coloring to the continued upon the person process. who submits to it. Inquiry of them would often elicit the fact that there were swollen hands or strained muscles and badly afflicted nerves as its result. President Polk had an experience of this kind which led him to study into the art of shaking hands for his own protection, and this is his conclusion with regard to it, set down

in his private diary: "If a man surrendered his hand to be shaken by one horizontally, by another perpendicularly and by another with a perpendicularly and by another with a strong grip, he could not fail to suffer se-verely from it, but if he would shake and not be shaken, grip and not be gripped, taking care always to squeeze the hand of his adversary as hard as the adversary squeezes him, he would suffer no inconvenience from it. I can generally anticipate a strong grip from a stronger man, and I then take advantage of him by being quicker than he and seizing him by the tip of his fingers."

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The Good Descon. "I once ran for highway commissioner," observed Deacon Ironside, "and the other man and I got exactly the same vote." "How did you settle it?" asked Elder

"He offered to decide the matter by tossing up a copper cent, but I said that was gambling, and I wouldn't gamble if I never got an office in the world. So we pulled straws for it, and I got the right one. There's a little trick at pulling straws," added the good deacon with a twinkle in his eye, "that everybody doesn't know. I'm generally pretty lucky at pull'n straws."—Chicago Tribune.

Modest Chicago. Here is a modest allusion to Chicago in The News of that city: "She has been burned out of existence in a day and fattened on the ashes. She has builded a dreamland for the world to play in and thought little of the achievement. She has essayed a drainage canal, and before he people barely know of it the the gigantic enterprise is completed and the glorification exercises are over. This is not boasting; it is a modest recording of a glittering, sparkling, radiating fact. It is a measly testimonial of the grand, whooperup, ripsnorting vastness of the greatest aggregation of human souls ever prought together under one municipal

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