### April Fools and Other Fools.

The custom of playing a joke upon one's neighbor upon the first of April is of very ancient origin, dating so far back in the past that we are unable to tell just when or with what nation it had its birth.

Among the Hindoos there is a which is still observed, called the "Huli, which, continuing several days, termin-ates on the thirty-first of March. One of the distinctive features of this feast is that every one endeavors to send his neighbor upon some errand to some maginary person, or to persons whom he knows are not at home; and then all enjoy a good laugh at the disappointment of the messenger. The observance of this custom by this peculiar people seems to indicate that it had a very early origin among mankind. In fact, it is not im possible that the manner in which the day is observed by us may have been suggested by some pagan custom. But whatever or whenever its origin may have been, we find it so widely prevalent over the earth, and with so very near a coincidence of day, as to be proof of its great antiquity.

In England, the custom of April-fooling is practiced very much as it is in the United States. "A knowing boy will dispatch a younger brother to see a publie statue descend from its pedestal at a particular appointed hour. A crew of giggling servant-maids will get held of some simple swain, and send him to a bookseller's shop for the 'History Eve's Grandmother,' or to a chemist's for a pennyworth of 'pigeon's milk,' or to the cobbler's for a little 'strap-oil,' in which last case the messenger secures hearty application of the strap to his shoulders, and is sent home in a state of hewilderment as to what the affair means The urchins in the street make a sport o calling to some passing beau to look to his coat skirts; when he either finds them with a piece of paper pinned to them or not; in either of which cases he is saluted as an 'April-fool.'

It has been said that "what com pound is to simple addition, so Scatch to English April fooling." The people living in Scotland are not content with making a neighbor believe som single piece of absurdity, but practic jokes upon him ad infinitum. Havin some unsuspecting person, th individual playing the joke sends him way with a letter to some friend residing two or three miles off, for the professed purpose of asking for som useful information, or requesting the loan of some article, while in reality the letter contains only the words;

"This is the first day of April. Hunt the gook another mile."

The person to whom the letter is sent a ne catches the idea of the person send ing it, and informs the carrier with very grave face that he is unable to grant his friend the jfavor asked, but i he will take a second note to Mr. So and-so, he will get what was wanted The obliging, yet unsuspecting, carried receives the note, and trudges off to th person designated, only to be treated b him in the same manner; and so h goes from one to another, until som one, taking pity on him, gives him gentle hint of the trick that has been practiced upon him. A successful affair of this kind will furnish great arouse ment to an entire neighborhood for week at a time, during which time th person who has been victimized car hardly show his fase. The Scotch en having show its law. The score rough ploy the term "gowk" to express a fool in general, but more especially to an April-fool: and among them the prac-tice which we have described is called "hunting the gowk.

sometimes the first of April has been employed by persons wishing to perpe-trate an extensive joke upon society Among those which have come to on knowledge, the mest remarkable one o curred in the city of London, in 1866 Towards the close of March, a large num her of persons received through the post office a card, upon which the following was printed :

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# FOR THE FAIR SEX.

The Fashions. A New York paper says: The cut of spring suits is, with some changes, much like that of the garments worn during the winter. The Louis XIII, and Louis XV, are still the lending styles. Ma-

terials are made in designs of these periods. Vests and trimmings are of a kind of Pompadour satin, or of cotton nd linen goods, matching the dress, and covered with embroidery. The buttons intended for these toilets are perfect works of art. They are mother of pearl. nameled and ceramic, painted by hand, with as much care as fans, in all styles and designs. Among them are the Wat-teau, Pompadour, Japanese and Byzantine patterns. All the antique designs are now beautifully imitated by manufacturers.

The new demi-saison garments have just appeared. The greatest novelty at present is the silk of which many of these garments are made. It is called "cuir Louvre." This slik is like a kind of serge with a slightly raised surface.

shapes. e worn, only wider than it has been, to and was at full speed when the lady who protect from the heat of the sun. It will had taken passage suddenly arose, and be trimmed with bouquets of many- walking suddenly to the door, sprang olored flowers in the colors of the suit, out into the darkness. In due time the These flowers are in the most deficate lady again appeared at Belmont, having units. Crape flowers are among the new walking back along the track. She had tyles. Some flower honnets are now suffered no injury, but was evidently made for demi-saison wear. These honets form wreaths. One of them is com- she was from the South, and was under posed of pink jacinthes, with garnet rel-n marriage engagement, but that her ret hows in the back. The strings are also of garnet-colored velvet. Another is of red flowers, with black the and distant place for the performance of the ace covering the flowers and forming marriage erremony. A place on the the barbes. Another bonnet in this line of the railroad had been selected, tyle is in many-colored roses, with white ulle placed over the flowers, like the peared, however, that the grandfather

of her near proximity. She caught ichn is of ream-colored erept lisse, em-woldered with a garland of flowers in the car and jumped. After the train ichu is of cream-colored crepe lisse, em-broidered with a gariand of flowers in eale natural shades. It is trimmed around with a plaiting of bretonne lace. The great beauty of this fichu consists in man having heard of the circumstance the way in which it is draped. Instead of failing from the shoulders straight I failing from the shoulders straight own to the waist, it is turned over near and he took the first train back to Bel-mont. Before he got there the lady had the shoulder, which makes the drapery full full and gracefully. The small caps for morning wear change continually in shape and trimming. Sometimes they friends, form a kind of "ealotte many squ", anities i hape and trimming. Sometimes they from a kind of "eatoff mann-squ", and of brighteeolored silk, trimmed the fit end direction with a started off in the wrong direction. with gift and silver sequins, and sometimes they are formed of a twisted scarf. surah and muslin are used for thes

They are generally trimmed with bre-Fans are now made to correspond with he spring suits. Some are of "rokin in all shades, trimmed on the upper border with a very narrow galembroidered with different flowers. Another style, called the "sphinx," has ist appeared, and meets with great suc-It is of blinck satin and gauge 1755 mbroidered with shaded slik.

Shoes and gaiters are made in all fancy tyles. They are of kid, stitched with hite, and are very narrow on the end. These gaiters are made of colored cloths, uch as brown, gray, or beige with black ops stitched with white, and lacing on Slippers are of the side, or on the top. Slippers are of give kid, embroidered at the end of the foot with flowers of every lane, and trimmed with a resette made of satin noise in all the shades of the embroidery, Black slik hose are worn with these linears. "Then, "Thi try half a dozen of the congregation then looked toward phases." Then, "Thi try half a dozen of the congregation then looked toward ot with flowers of every laue, and Black slik hose are worn with these dippers, which are embroidered on the

they trained with plaitings or ruchings they are, however, cut like other dresses. It for any how set to the funny man, the continued to say, in a very to conclinatory voice, "How do you do who was up in Beloit, Wisconsin, but he anyhow?" "Sir.r.r." "I-ain't you the girt that bowed to me across the plying that "you didn't spell it at all.

but which he felt in his heart must have been a half-baked hunk of cake constructed on the Peavine pattern .-San Francisco News Letter

Why Lace is so Costly. The finest specimen of Brussels lace is

so complicated as to require the labor of seven persons on one piece, and each operative is employed at distinct features of the work. The thread used is of exquisite fineness, which is spun in dark underground rooms, where it is sufficiently moist to keep the thread from sepbe seen, and the room is so arranged that all the light admitted shall fail upon the work. It is such material that renders the genuine Brussels lace so costly. On wide, from two to three hundred bobwidth as many as many as 800.

## Would Be a Bride.

An exciting incident occurred on the of serge with a slightly raised surface a recent Saturday night. At means a recent Saturday night. At means a lady of fine personal appearance and handsomely attired purchased a ticket to back greasy. The Directoire style will again \$.50. The train had run about a mile, slack tulle of the above-described bon- was in close pursuit, and was even on the same train from Belmont with the Neckties and fichus are made of bre- fleeing lady, although he was not aware had yun a few miles it was found that the lady was missing. The old gentlemade known the circumstance, and one so determined to carry out her purpose as she was had no trouble in finding Watch was kept for the expected lover,

the following story: It was at dusk Friday afternson,  $\Lambda$  young man with a black monstache and a blue seal ring stood on the sidewalk of a certain Louisville street and attempted a handker-chief flictation with a pretty girl in a store more the way. She timidly answered his ardent signals, and, sorewing up his courage, he crossed over and enples," he absently observed. "Yes, sir," dippers, which are embroidered on the top of the foot and up part of the log with nany-colored flowers. I holicyc," and, "well, a the proofreader, who said he was quite dozen oranges," and so on, till he had contained so on the he had the was summaned from the he had. By this time, encouraged by the aniable manner of the girl and he ways. They are not draped, neither are hey trimmed with plattings or ruchings.

diver jewels being reserved for half street?" She broke into a ripple of nourning. A walking suit for deep laughter. "I bowed to a young man The foreman was sent for, and on hi nouraing is trimmed on the lower part of the skirt with a deep band of craje. This same trimming extends up the and walked to the back part of the store. In answer to the telegram sent him, front, forming points turning upward to toil the other clerks about it. The the editor-in-chief replied from the cap-

Eloping from the Farm.

they took the train for Grenville.

and the old man showed his blessing

The Dangerous Fishing Grounds. Of Georges shoal, where in a recent gale fourteen vessels from Gloucester, Mass., with one hundred and fifty-five men were lost, the Boston Herald says:

Georges shoal is situated about one hun-dred and twenty miles east-southwest of Cape Ann, on the edge of the Gulf stream, which runs past it with so strong a tide that vessels have been known to be carried eastward by it in the teeth of a strong opposing breeze. In some sections of this shoal there is little water-in one place, it is said, not over arating. It is so delicate as scarcely to be seen, and the room is so arranged that have seen it at times above water. At other places the shoal has only eight fathoms of water. It is at the edges of the shoal that the fish are found. a piece of Valenciennes, not two inches in the warm waters of the Gulf stream or their vicinity, and the vessels, when bins are sometimes used; and for a larger they encounter them, drop their anchors

The properties of Parador. It has been suid that "the blood is the source of of life." It is as truly the source of disease and death. No life, that is to say, no healthy tis-sue can be generated from impure blood, no organ of the body can normally perform its functions where samplind with impure blood. The finit that should earry life and health to every part entries only weakness and disease. Blood is the source of life only when it is pure. If it has become diseased, it must be cleanased by proper medication, else every pulsation of the human heart sends a wave of disease the human heart sends a mark of the disease the discovery and Pleasant Purgative Pellets, the most effectual alterative, tonic and caluative remedy yet discovered. They are especially efficient in servicion diseases. When usglectful of the duy assigned to it by and put out their lines with baited hooks, and find lively work in landing the fish on deck. When one vessel strikes a school of fish the others draw near and cast anchor close by. In this way a number of vessels are often anchored together, which is a dangerou situation if a storm should arise and one officient in scrofblous discass. When neglectful of the duty assigned to it by nature, that of secreting the bile, the liver should be disciplined with Dr. Mott's Vegeta-ble Liver Pills, which will specify remedy its inaction and simulate it to a vigorous perform-ance of its secretive function. Constigution, which is an invariable accompaniment of liver disorder, is alwaysovercourse by this great anti-bilous catherite, and indigestion, chronic and neute, is completely cured by it. All druggists sell it. of them part her cable. In such an event, to avoid collision and certain destruction, the other vessels in her track would have to cut their cables, which is always a dangerous resort in a storm, for if the vessel broaches-to, with her side to the coming wave, she is most likely to be crushed by its tremendous force. sell it. The cables used are made of the best sell it. Franz Liszt is among the most distinguished of musicians in the world. He uses and prizes a Masen and Hamin Cabinet Organ, and pro-monoes it - matchloss," nurvinel, "styling it " this magnificent and to use so previous in strument." There could hastfly be higher praise, or from more summent authority. CHEW The Celebrated "Material East" Wood Lag Plug The Constrate Constrater, New York, Beston, and Chinage, A Pavorous Nortometry.— Dis good remhemp, from two to three and one-halt inches in diameter, according to the size of the vessel. With each lifting bound of the vessel in a storm, with her head to the sea, these cables stretch and give. and then contract again for the similar movement. The waves in a storm on Georges banks are short, chop-; ing. but sometimes irresistible. If a vessel, with flush deck and strong bulwarks, ships one of those seas -three of those heavy waves, it is said, follow one A FAVORABLE NOTOBELTY -The good rep-tation of "Brown's Bronchial Troches" for

another in quick succession - she is weighed down so as to be almost under water, and before she can discharge the nov 15-Ar-dive cents new Jackson 's Best noke Pagne's "Sinting Bull 1-. THE MARKETS. SAW TONK Darks Canter Mc1. Safety (1997) Safety (2010) Safety body of water on her deck the other two seas are upon her, and she sinks to rise no more, with no trace of her or her crew to be seen again. Nobody has ever seen a Georges vessel lost, but it is sup-posed that she gets into what is called the wash on the shoals, and is turned over and tossed about till she breaks into pieces and her remains are covered sand or drawn into the volum of the Gulf stream and carried away to the unknown depths of the ocean."

#### The Word That Bothered Them All.

The other day the office boy came up times they are formed of a twisted scarf in a pale shade with flowers intermixed. All material, such as veivet, sain, his arrival the two were united legally. He gazed thoughtfully around the room He gazed thoughtfully around the room for a moment and then asked:

A Bad Investment. "How do you spell 'end?'" "What kind of end?" somebody ask-ed, in a careloss, uninterested manney.

"Well," the boy replied, "the kind that a cow chews. Cud; how do you spell it ?" The city editor looked up, paused, and glanced auxiously over toward the managing editor.

That isn't local, is it, Mr. Waite?"

he asked, "Yes," was the reply, and the effy mon after a little hesitation, remarked terest the store. Once in the presence of that he had never seen the word in print, the manden he began to feel mock and but he believed it was spelled "cudd." low y, and at a loss for something to  $\Lambda$  long silence ensued, and the managery  $^{-1}$ -believe I'll take a dozen apping editor feeling that the question had not been answered to the general satisshe replied, in silvery tones. The ap-faction, and focing that all eyes were ples were connted out, paid for and the upon him, said that he believed that it

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To give the card an official appearance there was a scal placed at one corner of it marked by an inverted sixpence. There were but few persons receiving the card who saw through the trick, and hence was highly successful. As soon as the first streaks of gray were seen in the cast cabs began to rattle about Tower Hill and continued to do so all that Sunda morning, vainly endeavoring to discove the "White Gate," the joke being that there was no such gate -J. F. Packard in Wide Awake.

#### The Pedo-Motor.

From the parlor or roller skate has been evolved a curious device called a pedo motor. The apparatus is practically a sandal shoal with wheels, and is designed to assist the lame and halt in walking and the ordinary walker in making good time. The sandal is provided with four wooden wheels bound with rubber, two on each side, and when strapped to the host gives the wearer a firm footing. From the toe projects a point or supple montary toe, shod with rubber, and at the heel is a similar projection almost touching the ground and shod with leather. In using these wheeled sambals the ordinary walking step is taken, one foot giving the body a slight push with the pusher, or toe, while the other foot rests flat on the four wheels. The result obtained is a greatly lengthened stride as the sandal rolls forward under the fluence of the push, and the walker practically gets over much more ground and with less exertion than in ordinary shoes. The pedo-motor is reported to give a good walker a speed of twelve miles an hour over good sidewalks, and the flour, and stir in a little corn meal mess they have all gone, while the apparatus may be regarded as and sweet off to give it consistency ?" a mechanical curiosity, it is worthy some attention on account of its promises for the future. The roller skate was the result of innumerable inventions and patents before it was perfected, and, in like manner, this wheeled sandal may

vith straight bands of crape side. The basque is trimmed with bands ing his \$11.25, his fruit and some ugly case c. words behind him. t crape to match.

A mourning dress for in-door wear is with a plain skirt of woolen goods shited in one large plait in the middle of the back, and trimmed with two bands a crape band. The sleeves are ight-fitting, and finished at the wrist daughter, Elva by name, is a clear-eyed, with a deep cuff. A dress of half mourn-plump maiden, with a wealth of red ing may be of fancy armure do laine, buir, but fair withal, especially to the rimmed with pekin or "armure de soie." The skirt is trimmed with two narrow-plaited floinces. The overskirt Samuel and Elva fell deeply in love, and is draped in large plaits, and the back is when he asked for her hand the father ouffed and trimmed with a band of pekin stoutly objected. The young man was

which extends up the sides, the waist ins a long basque, opening in the neckin a point, showing a vest; it then closes own to the middle of the basine, where it turns back, forming revers lined with pekin. The neck-trimming consists of a deep, turned-down collar and revers, o to keep alwad, although they traveled by deep, turned-down collar and revers, o the same material.

#### An Enraged Woman.

"Household Departments" are very cool adjuncts to a newspaper in their ax, when edited by a woman but the way, when edited by a woman, but the man reached the city soon after their male journalist who dabbles with the inde journalist who mouses who hadness arrival, and ay in war resently an oper heaven-inspired mysteries of cooking of the public squares. Presently an oper runs a frightful risk. The editor of the sleigh came from the direction of St arrival, and lay in wait for them in one Workly' Petahana Porciac started a Maurice street, and from the dark and column of that kind recently, and a few cory recesses of innumerable buffalodays afterwards a flores-booking female rates he heard a well-known, timil rame into the office, carefully concealing value. He seized the horse by the head, one object behind her apron. " Are you the man that published that and then began to swear at the runaway.

"Are you the man that published that pair. After awhile his wrath cooled new and improved way to make currant. The party of three returned to the hotel. ake?

#### He said he was.

You said to mix washing sola with the wedded pair. Back to the wilder-

" I-I-believe so."

"And to add fifteen eggs and som molasses, and two ounces of gum arabic, and set in a cool place to bake?"

Seribser. dignant housewife knocked him down bents, and be quality is pronounced bet-seribser.

on either youth unceremoniously departed, leav- ital that it was spelled with a lower The pressman came up in response to

a subporna and said that his father kept a stock-farm, and he knew he spelled it

The Gatineau courses through the wil-derness and pours its flood into the pic-The investigation closed with the tes of crape. The basque waist is bordered turesque Ottawa. On the banks of this timony of this last witness, and the office boy went down stairs and resumed stream lives a sturdy farmer whose eldest the duties of his honorable and respon sible office.

But he couldn't clearly make out whether he had or had not learned how to spell " cud."- Durlington Hawkeye.

#### Puzzled.

The woman who doubts entered a De troit fish store the other day with hesitating step, and after looking around took the girl with him. The old man lost no time in pursuing them. Jump-ing into the soldle he was close behind upon various piles of the finny tribe sh turned to the proprietor and asked : 'Do you keep fish here?"

"No, madam," was his prompt reply "We keep hardware and groeeries here but you will find a fish store four doors stage. After being on the road four days they reached the railroad, where below. Come to the door and I will Here

> She looked from him to the fish and "Can I sell you anything in the line of

stoves to-day? She shook her head and walked out She didn't call at four doors below which is a tobacco store, but she looked into the windows at the display of pipes. then back to the fish store, and somehow or other something puzzled her.-De He seized the horse by the head, rait Free Press.

It is stated that a German-American was forbidden to beture in the city of where matters were amicably arranged. Berlin on the prosperous condition of the United States, lest it should promote emigration to this country.

People who cannot heartily love and American coal is sold in Switzerland, hate will never command the first or going from Philadelphia by sailing know the craring influence of the latter ships to Marseilles and thence by rail to

"Now, grandpa," said the little girl. Geneva, where it costs about \$10 per "I think that was it." "Well, take that then" and the in-German and French coal at the same tied a bright new one under her chin, "I'm almost as old as you are. See, I've reached my second child hood."



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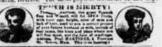
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