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light so many of the rovers, so many of tury ago.

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lutionized our ideas of Congo hypro- ocean.

met had ever seen a white man before had breakfast in a farmhouse. markable power.

The first words that Grenfell wished the water. never harmed a native in his life.

wait till they were convinced nearly an hour. that he meant them no harm. Then he Ballast was thrown overboard, and position at Harvard University. would parley with them, learn all he at last the big balloon began to conthem presents and, on his departure,

It was Grenfell who brought to light wind was still blowing a gale.he dwarf tribes of the middle Congo. overhanging the water to fire their ar- fortable proximity to the tree tops.

great southern tributaries were wrong, south and flowed almost due north, trees. Chuapa, Lulongo and other great streams rise in the east and flow far to the west before joining the Congo.

ern affluents on our atlas sheets. One day Grenfell was ascending the islands that concealed the mouth of the largest Congo tributary. It came from

and the Danube. was found later that the Ubangi is the seventeen years earlier by Schwlinfurth and supposed to flow northwest feet below. to Lake Chad, on the edge of the Sa-

miles between Stanley Pool and Stansurveying along the shores of the river their escape from death. and of the islands that often divide it

eports of his many discoveries were his balloon was ever found. published at length in the geographical periodicals. Years ago he married a far north of the Congo.

When Stanley was last in this country tion, the priest went to see him. he told of "Grenfell's two beautiful" "Pat," said the priest, "if you've no

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Aeronaut Went 1000 Miles in Nineteen Hours in 1859. From the Philadelphia North Ameri-

While aeronauts, reveling in their had visited his home in England only selves and the public over "recordtwice. While white men were dropping breaking" trips, a voice from the past all around him he seemed to bear a reminds them that startling teats in

disease that carried off many of his co- For instance the recent trip of 225 speech, was a leader among Congo ex- sor John Wise of this city and Lan-

discoveries but in the long run the pared with a triip by Professor Wise kept out, not let out. laurels were with Grenfell. Stanley's and three companions in July, 1859, and his discoveries extended from Vic-|covered in nineteen hours, this recent feat fades into insignificance.

Stanley's greatest geographical dis- Professor Wise was the most noted maker. tinctions in the Congo basin were his aeronaut of the country. He made miles of its course, his exploration of few of which exceeded 300 miles in the Aruwimie and his dramatic jour-length, and on one of which he finally

est. But in working out the details of | His most memorable feat, however, this second greatest hydrographic systhe establishment of a record which tem in the world both Grenfell and Del- has never been approached by any other aeronaut, and to equal which Dr.

Stanley never saw. Grenfell's field With Professor Wise on this journey was the north and south tributaries were two other aeronauts and a reof the middle Congo in the 900 miles porter from a St. Louis newspaper. between Stanley Pool and Stanley The trip was made to demonstrate the feasibility of Professor's Wise's dream It was here that he completely revo- of a balloon voyage across the Atlantic

graphy. In his little missionary steam- | Leaving St. Louis at 6:30 o'clock in er Peace he pushed up one of these the evening, the four voyagers sailed great tributaries after another, explor- all night through the air. In the morning them as far as he could force his ing they made a temporary landing hear a small town in Ohio and anchor-None of the thousands of natives he ed their balloon to a post while they

and the most remarkable thing about During the day they had thrilling ed down to the ankles, to show the him, they thought, were his white skin experiences. Travelling at expressand his gold bowed spectacles, which train speed, they sailed out over Lake seemed to them a fetich charm of re- Erie at about 8 o'clock in the morning, and for nearly four hours were above

o learn in any language or dialect | While they were still more than 100 peace." He was a man of peace and miles from shore they were overtaken steamer was attacked by showers of was accompanied by a wind of terrible poisoned arrows and all the time Gren- velocity. When the storm struck them fell would stand behind the wire net-the balloon was hurled almost on its work that protected the roof and deck side, the big gasbag offering more recalling out "friends" and "peace" to er the lake. In the descent shifting tire world. the infuriated natives on the banks. | currents drove the balloon down to the He never ran away from them. He water, in which the basket dragged for this line, she is distinctive in being

From a point high in the air the party Years before Schweinfurth had found a could see Niagara Falls. By this time pygmy group hundreds of miles to the the ballast was running short, and the northeast, but Grenfell was the first to balloon began to descend.

See the much larger groups of dwarfs

Everything that could be spared of London. She is the first American on the southern tributaries of the Con- was thrown overboard, but rapid con- woman and the fifted of her sex to re-

go, and as he steamed up the river densation of gas overcame all efforts ceive such honor. many of the nimble little fellows would to rise again, and the balloon rushed clamber out on the branches of trees along above a great forest in uncom-Then the coats, hats and even shoes

He discovered that our ideas of the of the balloonists were thrown out as for Stanley's inferences had led us to elements. Finally the car of the balsuppose that they came from the far loon was dragging in the tops of the

After nearly an hour of terryfylng experiences the balloon reached small place which was partially clear-It was his maps of their courses that ed of trees, and descended. Skimming rectified the delineation of the south along over the brushwood, it made its way rapidly toward a large tree on the opposite side of the clearing, and the longo when he got amoung a group of last hope of the aeronauts was gone. Seeming to howl with joy over the

destruction it was causing, the wind the north, is called the Ubangi and it is caught the balloon up and hurled it known to astronomers as belonging 1,500 miles long and larger than any into a giant oak, while its human European river excepting the Volga freight, clutching blindiy at the ropes, resigned themselves to their fate Held tightly by the tree and unable Grenfell ascended it 400 miles where to go any farther, the gas bag was flat- Brahe, only fourteen of them are ache was stopped by the Zombo Falls. It tened by the force of the wind, and in a moment exploded with a roar like a lower part of the Welle, discovered cannon, allowing the car with its oc- ing has been adding to Harvard's

The big gas envelope was ripped and of that university. torn into fragments and the pieces Grenfell's greatest scientific work were carried high in the air by the was his mapping of the Congo for 900 tornado, while the aeronauts untangled themselves from the wreckage of neiley Falls. It was the result of years of work and congratulated each other on

Professor Wise made his last ascen- negatives. sion in 1879, starting from St. Louis. He took infinite pains to assure ac- The wind at the time was blowing curacy, and it will probably be many strong, and the balloon floated toward our atlases. The map was published about a week later the body of his comin six large sheets by the Royal Geog- panion was found on the shore of Lake Michigan at the edge of the Michigan Grenfell never wrote a book, but his forests. No trace of the professor or

A plg belonging to a widow named oright young negro woman who had Murphy mysteriously vanished one peen well educated at the mission night, and Pat Hennessy, a ne'er-doschool at Accra, on the Atlantic coast well, was suspected of having had something to do with its disappear-She accompanied him on many of his ance. He denied all knowledge of the geographical expeditions and has been pig, however, and as there was no evireferred to by those who knew her as dence against him he was allowed to a competent and faithful helpmeet. go free; but at Mrs. Murphy's instiga-

fear of the law in this world, at least of the scientific world. In his long African career Grenfell give a thought to the hereafter. When did much good to the Congo people, you're before the judgement seat, what and he will always be rembered as one of the pioneers of discovery in this "Sure, I dunno," replied Pat. "Will astronomer." Were it not for her they be after askin' about th' pig in

purgatory, per riverince?"
"They will," said the priest. "Will Mrs. Murphy be there, yer riv-"Yes, Pat."

"An' th' pig?" "Shure, I'll wait an' give it to her

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ANCIENT SHOES.

The First Footwear Was Probably of

Reeds or Skins. Nobody knows who was the first shoemaker. There must have been a time when everybody went barefooted, and the first shoes were probably tury on the Congo. In all that time he rediscovered sport, are exciting them made of woven reeds or skins. The original shoemaker doubtless sought comfort more than style.

The Celt, who at times wondered over moor or moorass, at others over mountains, invented a shoe that suitmiles by Dr. Julian P. Thomas of New ed his purpose exactly. A sole of hea-This little man, modest and slow of York was halled as a record. Profest vy hides protecting his feet from the snarp stones, while uppers or legs plorers. No other man ever brought to caster for outstripped this half a cen- of lighter skins protected his ankles anl legs from the thorns and bushes. the tribes, so much of the country as Dr. Thomas and Knabenshue, start- The buskin was so constructed that ing Sunday, August 5, from New York, the water exuded from it as soon as Alexander Delcommune supposed traveled to Brant Rock, Mass., and the foot ceased to be immersed. In him for a while in the extent of his were eighteen hours in the air. Com- the modern shoe the idea is that water

The Celtic buskin was tough and elastic and could be replaced wherever there were untanned skins at hand. Every Celt was in his own shoe-

With the Norman conquest came the introduction into the British Isles of tanned leather, which had long been in use in Normandy, where it had been introduced by the Romans.

Shoes then began to take on style and the styles have never been depulicated in later days. From close fitting shoes fashion went to long, point-Delcommune's work was chiefly the Thomas and Knabenshue would nave ed toes, which in time grew so long exploration of the upper part of the had to travel some 775 miles further, that they had to be lastened to the wearer's knees.

Shoes were gorgeous affairs in the middle ages. King Richard, the lion hearted, had his boots stamped with gold. John Lackland, his brother, wore boots spotted with golden circles, while Henry II wore boots checked which was enriched with a lion. Cardinal Wolsey's shoes were "Of gold and stone precious

Costing many thousand pounds." Sir Walter Raleigh wore shoes studded with diamonds said to have cost £80,000. The gallants in Charles II's time wore their high boot tops turn gorgeous lace with wnich they were lined.-Indianapolis News.

Mrs. Fleming, of Harvard, Is one of St Louis Republic.

To be accredited as the discoverer by a thunderstorm, which had been of more stars than any other living Scores of times his puffing little following them for hours, and which astronomer must be gratifying. Especially should this be the case when the lucky discoverer is a woman. Such distinction belongs to Mrs.

Williamina Paton Fleming, of Harof his vessel holding aloft strings of sistance to the gale than the car, and vard Observatory. The results of her beads and lengths of brass wire and it was thought safer to descend near-investigations have interested the en-In addition to her achievements in

Eight hitherto unobserved stars in could about their life and habits, give quer the force of the storm, rising the novae have been discovered by her slowly and travelling at the rate of 60 Of fifth-type stars she has found eightymiles an hour before the wind. In four, as compared with fifteen located a short time land was sighted, and the by her compeers in science. Incidentally she has found 200 new va-

> riables. In recognition of her work Mrs.

"More star discoveries are accredit ed to Mrs. Fleming than to any other person in the history of science," is remarkable assertion recently made concerning the work of this woballast in a last effort to defeat the man. And the assertion appears to be true.

For that reason she attracted the at ention of the savants of the Royal Astronomical Society of London. Members of that body as a rule are cold-blooded. They do not admit anyone to equality with themselves unless the right to comradeship has been clearly established.

One September night last year Mrs Fleming, examining negatives of pic tures of the sky just taken, discovered a new star of the transient variety to the novae. This was her latest discovery in that line.

Since 1572, when the first discovery of such a star was made by Tycho credited to Mrs. Fleming.

cupants to drop to the ground, fifteen reputation in astronomy by her studies feet below. Mrs. Fleming discovered her first star in 1887. Since then her method has been the same-a recognition of

peculiar spectrum lines on a negative shows the spectra of the stars, and then verification from the regular star With the modesty that usually animates pioneers in any field, Mrs. Fleming has persizted in disavowing

years before the map of this long tue north. Nothing was ever heard of any person credit for herseuf, alstretch of the river is supplanted in the master aeronaut after that day, and though such credit has been freely given from other sources. She asserts that every encomium should be passed upon the late Doctor Henry Draper, who invented the

process by which the discoveries were made, and that credit should also hest with Mrs. Draper, whose munificence made possible the work of keeping nightly records of the skies by means of photographs.

To hear Mrs. Fleming tell the story of new stars discovered inclines one to the belief that it is the simplest thing in the world. Discovery of still other stars must come, she thinks. Such progression in astronomical

knowledge, to her, is only another step friends, her fame, perhaps, would never

have reached the outside world.

Mrs. Fleming has passed the fortieth milestone of life's journey, but, unlike many persons who devote themselves to scientific ends, is affable and charming of personality. In her pronunciation of words a

light burr reminds the hearer that she FRIGHTFULLY BURNED.

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is a Scot—in fact, she is a native of Dundee in the land of estates. She Dundee, in the land of oatcakes. She was educated there are taught school

there for five years. Her father, Robert Stevens, a man whose inclination leads to scientific researches, and he was the first in that section to take an interest in the whose inclination leads to scientific researches, and he was the first in that section to take an interest in the then new daguerrentype process of photography.

The daughter, however, was not content to remain amid the rigid environments of the Old World. More than twenty years ago she came to America and soon obtained a position at Harvard observatory as computer to For some time her work there was

of the simplest character, but, as the value of her serivces was recognized, she was quickly advanced from one post to another. In 1897 she was appointed curator of the astronomical records of the university and since then her work has

been directed to a study of the heavens. At present she has in charge more than 150,000 glass plates, each covered with almost countless images of stars, and which make a complete record of the heavens since 1886. Every night when the weather permits the Harvard observatory scans he heavens, both in the Northern and

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Southern hemispheres.

From all parts of the south there comes a protest against Mr. Richard Cheatham serving longer as secretary of the southern cotton association because of his gambling proclivities. A movement has been started in North Carolina to have Mr. C. C. Moore of Charlotte succeed him, and we heartily endorse the suggestion. Mr. Moore has as much, if not more ability than Mr. Cheatham, he is enthusiastic to a degree, and, besides, he is not a gamoler.—Greensboro Telegram.

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