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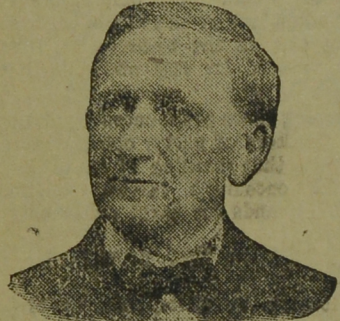
Washington, D.C., Feb. 3.—With members in attendance from many cities of the United States and Canada, the thirty-fourth annual convention of the International Custom Cutters' Association of America began its sessions today at the New Willard Hotel. The sessions will last four days and will be devoted to practical talks on matters of interest to the tailoring trade. In connection with the convention there is a private exhibition of garments by the great cutters of America.

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Wild Turkey in Ontario Extinct—Barnyard Fowl Came From Mexico Via England

Sixty or seventy years ago, in the Niagara Peninsula and all up along Lake Erie's shore, wild turkeys were very plentiful. What happened to them? Shot out—trapped out—decimated; taking his size and rare flavor into consideration—once the King of Canadian game birds! For those magnificent creatures were often three and a half feet long and five feet in wing spread, and weighing over twenty pounds—almost the exact counterpart in appearance of our highest valued barnyard fowls.

When the young wild turkeys were hatched, beside some close-hidden log or in the seclusion of the deepest thickets, ten—sometimes fifteen—went to the brood. The mother bird made them the objects of her most constant solicitude and care, the little ones following close as she crept stealthily about among the densest available growth, where the grasses, plants and fruits that they fed on most abounded. Seeds and buds, too, they loved, and could never resist such delicacies as beetles, tadpoles, and small lizards. The only audible sign of the advance would be the mother's low, tender piping. Any danger ahead, and—at her instant change of tone—every toddler of them disappeared, only to emerge at the cautious parent's soft cluck.

They were very rarely caught sight of on the ground, but a dog could always flush them into the lower branches of the nearest trees, which was where the guns could flame their deadly work. Oftener, however, "trapping" was resorted to, for the wild turkey was swift in addition to its wariness, and like as not ended its flight in the tallest tree instead.

The early settlers of Ontario, when they emigrated, were thoroughly well acquainted with the domestic turkey, for it was introduced into England, in 1541 and popularly given its present name from the idea that sailors trading back and forth with the land of the crescent moon had brought it hence, and, when the English farmer emigrated to Canada, naturally, he brought the bird—among other handy small live stock—with him. It is easy to picture his amazement when, roaming the woods of his section, he came across wild turkeys—and the wonderment with which he realized that he had been "carrying coals to Newcastle."

But the domestic turkey of England had not come from Canada. Away back when Cortez effected the Spanish conquest of Mexico—and history records it—than the store of gold then found in possession of the highly civilized natives nothing struck the imagination of the Spaniards more than the extensive, most complete menageries of the Mexican emperor—special mention being made of the fact that turkeys were largely fed to the beasts of prey. The Mexicans, in fact, had domesticated the wild turkey, and habitually reared it for the table. In 1526 it had been transported in a domestic state to the West Indies and the Spanish Main, which furnishes the clue to its arrival in England fifteen years later—not from Turkey—but originally from the wild stock of Mexico.

The barnyard beauty of to-day—his every feather proves it—is the lineal descendant of the Mexican turkey, and not of its cousin, the bird that was trapped and shot to destruction in earlier Ontario days—the magnificent creature which at a pinch

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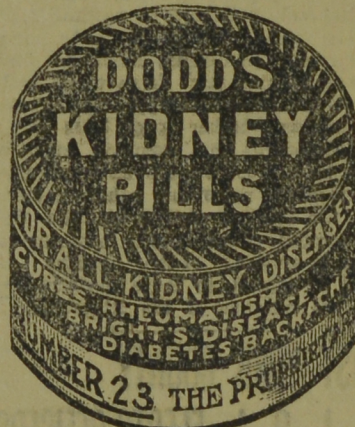
could fly a mile-wide river. Sometimes a well-bred specimen of the Mexican stock has been known to attain the weight of forty-five pounds

INVISIBLE LIGHT

Ultra-Violet Rays Cause Colors to Fade

Scarcely a day passes without some new marvel accomplished by ultra-violet rays—invisible light. If a room were flooded with ultra-violet rays taken from sunlight, and all the other rays of the sun were shut out, that room would to our eyes appear to be in darkness. Yet most of the blame for fading colors and similar sunlight effects is now placed on the invisible light and the article which filled that room would be just as likely to fade as if it were left out in the sun day after day.

A glass is now being perfected that will shut out ultra-violet rays without excluding the other elements of sunlight, with the idea of using the glass on museum cases so as to prevent the fading of exhibits.



The superabundance of herrings on the coast of British Columbia has been recognized from early times, but, as the local demand was insignificant, no herring fishery can be said to have existed, until about thirty years ago. At intervals, and in a desultory way, various parties engaged in the herring industry, and quantities were converted into oil and guano. Within the last ten years, however, the value of this fishery resource has been realized. Herring occur all along the coast as far as Alaska, though in sheltered areas, like the waters near Nanaimo, Ucluelet, Barkley Sound, Virgo Sound, and Queen Charlotte Islands, the schools appear to form solid phalanxes.

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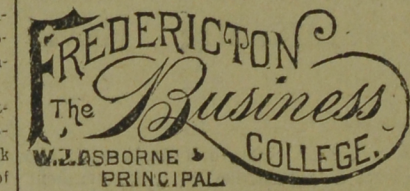
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