

'Tis for Sore Feet

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The time honored and more or less efficient remedies for "sore feet," alum and tannin are the essential constituents of a much advertised nostrum called "Tiz." This in brief, is the result of an analysis made in the chemical laboratory of the American Medical Association (J.A.M.A., Dec. 3, 1911, p. 1853). The laboratory's report contains the following amusing account of a testimonial for the nostrum:

"Of course, testimonials are used in true 'patent medicine' style. We learn, for instance, that Mrs. Crockett of Jeffersonville (state not mentioned), had been unable to walk downstairs for five years, 'except by stepping down on each step with one foot at a time'—the intimation being, apparently, that most people walk downstairs with both feet at a time. In any case, we learn that 'after the second treatment she walked downstairs one foot at a time.' The lady's husband, who sends in this testimo-



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nal, closes by saying: "This is remarkable. Send five more boxes." Doubtless by the time the fifth box is used Mrs. Crockett will be spry enough to slide down the bannisters."

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