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An Addled Shoemaker

One day a doctor in an insane asylum decided that one of his patients had recovered completely from his mental instability. He said to himself, "I think patient is doing very well. I should probably have him discharged from this asylum and sent home." Going to that patient, he said, "I think that you have recovered completely."

"Well, I feel very well and very calm," answered the patient.

The doctor said, "Come to my office and let me write a final report on your condition." Very pleased, the patient followed the doctor to his office. There the doctor asked "What will you do to make a living after you have been discharged?"

"I shall return to my old job as a shoemaker." After some further conversation with the doctor, the patient said, "While I am making shoes, I shall make a pair for you."

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The doctor replied, "Oh, no. That is not necessary."

"But I like you, doctor, and I shall make you an excellent pair of shoes." After the doctor had completed the necessary paperwork and given the patient a written release from the asylum, the two men shook hands and said farewell. But as the patient was going out of the main door of the asylum, he thought of something that he needed to know. He said, "Doctor, do you want your new shoes to have heels on the front or on the back?"