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The Interests of Southern Oregon Always Foremost.

The Development of our Mines, the Improvement of our Harbors, and Railroad Communication with the Interior, Specialties.

The German Emperor.

The Emperor William completed his eighty-second year last March, and is still strong enough to enjoy a good dinner, though he has at intervals every morning with His Majesty is fit to go out, or whether he must keep to his rooms.

The Emperor is, indeed, an epitome in every sense of the word—a fact which a certain Exeter Hall meeting seemed to be scarcely aware of. His relations toward his august consort are evidence of how sincerely he admires and has studied the life of his famous predecessor, Frederick the Great.

One tenet of the Epicurean philosophy he has not embraced, for the Kaiser is extremely religious. He begins every day by reading his Bible, and, smile as one may when he thinks of other facts in his life, it would be the greatest of mistakes to regard him as a crowned Pagan.

How Old is Glass?—The oldest specimen of pure glass bearing anything like a date, is a little mounted lion's head, bearing the name of an Egyptian king of the seventh century.

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Curiosities in the Mails.

Novelties are sent every day through the mails. Among the latest and strangest articles received for delivery at the New York postoffice are two live baby alligators.

"You've got them had, haven't you?" observed the reporter.

"I mean just what I say," replied Mr. Jones, with a grim smile.

"Well, you see they reached us in transit, and we have no power to destroy any mail matter under such circumstances.

"Were they venomous snakes?"

"Yes, sir; we learned afterward from Washington their villainous character.

"What shall we do with it? Oh, make a pet of it," said Mr. Jones.

"Now, let me tell you," continued the officer, "we once had a cat sent through the mails.

"Simply through the stupidity or carelessness of country postmasters. We have to keep a keen eye on all suspicious parcels, and in opening them we take the greatest care.

"Does Mrs. Eldert know who sent her the alligator?"

"I think not," said Mr. Jones.

"Well, nabbe you think so, but I don't recall the sender.

"Didn't I tell ye?" chuckled the young man as he read it.

"Hell closed for repairs," is the title of a lecture by Professor Jamieson, of Cincinnati.

Some men's manuscript is more difficult to set up than a rusty stove with ten lengths of pipe bought at auction.

Forty-nine Years Ago.

Just forty-nine years ago—that is, September 15, 1830, the first passenger railroad in England, the Liverpool and Manchester Railway, was opened with great ceremony.

On the 15th of September, 1830, the first passenger train, consisting of a single locomotive and four passenger coaches, started on its journey from Liverpool to Manchester.

The next day the railroad was opened for passenger traffic, and carried 140 persons from Liverpool to Manchester in two hours.

But though September 15, 1830, is the greatest day in railroad annals, being that on which the world's first railroad was opened complete, our own Maryland Railroad preceded the Liverpool & Manchester.

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Injuries to the Brain.

The Indianapolis Journal gives a report of a lecture upon the brain recently delivered by Dr. W. B. Fletcher in that city, in which he mentioned the following instances of recovery of persons after severe injury to the brain.

Once, about ten years ago, I was on South Mississippi street, this city, and was called upon to attend to the injuries of an Irish boy, upon whose head a piece of stone had fallen.

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Position Affects Sleep.

An English Physician, Dr. J. Mortimer Granville, in his recently-published work upon sleep, says: "A constrained or uncomfortable position will often prevent repose. Lying flat on the back, with the limbs relaxed, would seem to secure the greatest amount of rest for the muscular system.

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Uncle Andrew's Romance.

Uncle Andrew sat leaning his elbows on the table, supporting his head on his hand. Traces of fresh tears were upon his cheeks, and his eyes were fixed on the ivory miniature which lay before him, depicting, as I saw by the glimpse which I caught of it, a bright, girlish face of surpassing beauty.

"I had no thought of intruding upon Uncle Andrew's private griefs when I entered his room without warning. Indeed, I never suspected that he had any grief, he was so cheerful and pleasant, and so free from the crustiness commonly set down as the distinguishing traits of old bachelors.

"I was about to beat a hasty retreat, when Uncle Andrew stopped me. 'Don't go, Charlie,' he said, 'as though it would do me good to talk a bit just now.'

"I asked the likeness of a relative?" I asked, pointing to the miniature, which seemed to be the subject of his thought.

"No," he answered, "but I will tell you the story if you care to hear it. I think it would be a relief to tell some one this evening."

I drew up a chair in front of Uncle Andrew, who thus proceeded: "You may form some conception of how beautiful Alice Bond was from the picture you see there, though the reality was far beyond the power of any artist to reproduce.

"She was a delicate and tender flower. A hereditary tendency to heart disease—her mother had died suddenly from that cause—gave her friends much anxiety in her earlier years, but the doctors gave encouragement that she would outgrow it in time, and Mr. Bond went on making money as usual, with an eye to leaving his daughter, some day, the richest heiress in the land.

"I was a happy youth that day when I told Alice that I loved her, and she had done so ever since I knew the meaning of the word, and she leaned her darling head on my shoulder and whispered back the precious answer that satisfied my heart's longings.

"We both knew Alice's father too well to hope for his present sanction to our union. His own plan: I would go to the land of gold, then newly discovered, win a fortune, and then return and claim the hand of the rich man's daughter when he would have no right to scorn my suit as that of a mercenary adventurer.

"For two long years I toiled in that wild, far-off country, as a man only cast to the wind when he has some cherished end in view. I was among the fortunate ones, and at the end of the period named had amassed a sum beyond my most sanguine wishes. The time had come when I should no longer. The days of servitude were over, and I might now claim the prize.

"With what impatience I made the weary journey homeward. Not a line had passed between Alice and myself. It was a condition of our compact that she should hold no communication till the time came that we might ask Alice's father for his approval. The self-imposed restriction had been faithfully observed. I did not even write to tell Alice of my good success. I wished to be the bearer of the good news myself.

"The day set foot in my native town. My first greeting I resolved should come from Alice. I rather ran than walked to her house.

"Tell Miss Bond a gentleman wishes to see her, I said, excitedly, to a servant who answered my hasty ring.

"I fear you cannot see her to-day," was the response.

"Why not?" I asked impatiently.

"Do you not know she is to be married this morning?" returned the servant.

Domestic Thunder Storms.

Not many lovers, I suppose, have found that their wedded life answered quite the dream of their courtship—not quite mine don't yet who would enter a complaint with heaven because May does not quite match with October? If any experience can be of any use, I think a thunder storm—so it was not to do mischief—may clear the atmosphere under the roof about as well as it does outside.

And so sure am I of its blessing that when I hear people say that they have been together five and twenty years, and never had the least difference, I wonder if they have not had a great deal of difference. It is a lesson we have to learn, too, through our saddest and most painful bereavements.—Robert Collyer.

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