

## NATURE'S FREAKS.

The Devil's Pump in California and McSwain's Gun in Ireland.

One of the greatest combinations of natural and artificial curiosities on the coast of California is called the Devil's Pump. The phobos, or shell miners, species of mollusk which excavate immense caverns in the very hardest stone, have tunneled the entire coast in the vicinity of the pump. Water rushes into these caverns with each succeeding tide flow, and in this particular case finds vent through a cylindrical opening some distance from the water's edge. It is estimated that this hole, which connects with the sea cavern, is seventy-five to one hundred feet in depth. Every time the tide rushes into the cavern beneath, the "pump" throws water to the height of a full one hundred feet above the mouth of the opening. The Indians formerly called it by a name which signified "fairly water gun," but the irreverent white men have given it the title of the "Devil's Pump," and by that name it will be probably known to future generations. There is a similar curiosity near Horn Head, county Donegal, Ireland, where a hole in the rocks is called "McSwain's Gun." Like the California oddity, it is on the seacoast, and has connections with a submarine cavern. When the north wind blows and the sea is at "half flood," the wind and waves enter the cavern and send up immense columns of water through the "gun." Travelers who have visited Horn Head and vicinity say that each charge of water sent from the "gun" is accompanied by an explosion that can be heard for miles.

## JOHN JUMPED OFF.

But He Didn't Have the Knack of Allighting from Electric Cars.

Chinamen are great imitators. On a Ninth street electric car coming downtown, says the Washington Post, was seated one of these child-like and bland celestial, with a pensive far-away look on his face, but the sad expression would give way occasionally as the motorman turned on more electricity and an expansive grin would show his features as the car leaped forward as though conscious of the admiration of pedestrians, and the laundryman remarked to the passenger on his left: "We just zippe light long."

Between H and I streets one of the passengers stepped out on the footboard, and as the conductor made a motion to catch hold of the bell cord the man shook his head. Taking hold of the side bar he swung out with his face toward the forward end of the car, dropped off lightly, and walked away.

Down between G and H streets the Chinaman stepped out on the footboard and again the conductor put his hand to the bell cord.

"Don't ling! Don't ling!" said the grinning celestial. "I jumpee off just likee other man."

Taking an extra reef in his blouse with both hands, he hopped off at a right angle to the car, landed first on both feet and then on his left shoulder and ear, and as the car bowed along in the darkness the passengers could hear in a high falsetto wail from the gutter:

"Allee samee dam foollee."

Mr. I. Ten Bosch writes from Rochelle park, N. J., to Garden and Forest, saying: "Whenever I see a tree in the embrace of a poison ivy, I take my knife and cut the vine. On the grounds of a few friends, and on my own, I have cut vines from one and a half to two and a half inches thick, sometimes at the root, and sometimes as far up as I could reach, and then tearing down the stems, have uprooted them with my hands. I have done this at all seasons. This spring I have already cut out two dozen vines, and have pulled up many others by the roots, when my hands were torn with blackberry thorns, but I never had a trace of poisoning. A friend to whom I mentioned my immunity said: 'Of course you are not poisoned because you are dark.' Since then I have been thinking that in the cases of poisoning which had come to my knowledge, the victims had been light-skinned. A younger brother of mine, who is very fair, has been severely poisoned."



## Fifty Years Ago.

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## 50 Years of Cures.

## PACIFIC COAST NEWS.

Walla Walla, Wash., now has a free library.

Santa Ana is to have a steam motor on the street railway.

Good crops are predicted all over Humboldt county this year.

Pasadena will have a new Methodist Episcopal church, to cost \$25,000.

The population of Southern California is estimated at 320,000, comprising 44,000 families.

It is said that there are already a dozen applications for saloon licenses at Pomona.

The orange and lemon trees in the Porterville country are one mass of bloom.

Many people from Humboldt county intend going to the mines this summer, prospecting.

There are 1000 acres of bearing lemon trees within five miles of Pasadena.

The Humboldt county pioneers will celebrate the anniversary of their society with a big picnic on May 12th.

Exceedingly rich strikes are reported from the Golden Dream and Noonday mines in Arizona.

J. D. Bendell has nearly completed the large ice plant at Petaluma. The building is of brick and 200 by 60 feet in dimensions.

Four shingle mills are in operation at Snohomish, Wash. With the four being built the total output will be 650,000 shingles a day.

All the mills and camps in the northern part of Humboldt county are now in operation, except the Riverside. A large number of men are employed.

Nearly 3000 acres have already been planted to beets in the Chico country this year, and this acreage will be more than doubled.

A petition is being circulated at Sebastopol, Cal., by the members of the Methodist Episcopal church to secure funds for the building of a fine new church. The plans call for a \$25,000 edifice.

The Santa Ana valley is being looked over for canals for the factory at Rialto. The plant grows wild throughout Orange county, and a goodly supply of the root is guaranteed for the beginning of the new industry.

The San Diego county spring wool clip will, it is estimated, exceed in weight that of any spring clip during the past ten years. Many fleeces will yield five pounds each. Growers are holding their wool, awaiting congressional action on the tariff bill. Between 40,000 and 50,000 sheep are to be clipped.

Last Friday was an unlucky day at Jones' sawmill, near Cottage Grove, Or. W. J. Smith was caught between a slab and one of the rollers, and both bones of one leg were broken, and a few minutes later Willard Johnson was struck his knee with a hand ax, inflicting a dangerous wound.

First Lieutenant S. A. Coleman, fifteenth infantry, has been detailed as military instructor at the University of California, Berkeley.

One of the largest conventions ever held in Los Angeles will assemble May 11th, when the twenty-sixth session of the National Order of Railroad Conductors meet. It is expected that 3000 visitors will be present.

A frightful accident occurred on the electric railway running from Mount Tabor to Portland, Or., last week. While a car was crossing a trestle it jumped the track and fell into a ravine twenty feet below. W. S. Blanchard, Newton Hansen and Miss Katherine Baile were killed and nearly a score badly injured. Michael Benninger died from the effects of injuries the day following the accident.

It is reported that an English syndicate is about to purchase 75,000 acres of land in Merced county.

A Randaburg man advertises for sale a town lot, cooking utensils and bedding, "together with a lady that goes with the outfit," all for \$18.

The Winters ranch in Lassen county was lately sold for \$72,000.

The steamship Empress of China arrived at Victoria from China last week with two cases of smallpox on board.

The steamer Victoria left Tacoma last Friday for Japan, carrying 200,000 feet of fir lumber, to be used by the Japs in making tea chests. This was the first lumber shipped there for that purpose.

Reports received from all fruit-growing sections of California are to the effect that fruit prospects were never better. The indications are for both a large yield and a fine quality.

'August Keiffer living near Redwood city, Cal., was thrown from the seat of his wagon and run over and killed.

Thomas Thompson, the man who picked a watch from Senator Mahoney at San Francisco last November, has been sentenced to serve six years in San Quentin.

James Brooks, a ranch laborer living in Fresno county, shot with murderous intent Mrs. David Qualls and her step-daughter, Miss Lulu, and set fire to their home. He then went to a barn, locked himself in, and set it afire, burning himself to a crisp. He was desperately in love with the girl, and went crazy brooding out her refusal to marry him.

The flour mill at Collis, Cal., and the ware house run in connection with it were destroyed by fire a few days ago; loss \$16,000.

Dr. J. C. McCall and Frank Boley, a carpenter, both of Stockton, were found dead in the same room of a steamer that had arrived at San Francisco from Stockton. They ended a spree by committing suicide.

## President McKinley opened the Tennessee Centennial Exposition May 1st.

A deposit of \$1000 had been placed by the manager of Joe Chynowski to secure a match with Rob Fitzsimmons for the championship of the world.

Thomas M. Jewett, who has been clerk in the United States district attorney's office for forty years, is dying in Mexico.

Jerome A. Bacon of the Bacon Paper company of Boston, Mass., has assigned.

Joseph R. Dunlop, proprietor of the Chicago Dispatch, was taken into custody by a United States marshal, and will be taken to Joliet, under a two years sentence for using the mails, for obscene matter.

The farm of Knute Hillstead, near Larimore, N. D., was a scene of a perfect carnival of atrocious outrage and murder. As a result two of Hillstead's children are dead, two will probably die, and Mrs. Hillstead is in a condition bordering on insanity. The fiend who is responsible for it all is August Norman, a young man who has been in the habit of making his home at the Hillstead farm. About one o'clock Saturday morning he sought to gain admission to Mrs. Hillstead's room, knowing her husband was absent. She bolted the door, whereupon he declared that if she did not admit him he would kill the entire family. His subsequent actions proved that it was no empty threat.

At the late municipal election in Philadelphia five women were chosen to serve on the school board. There are now twelve in all.

Fire in a little frame building at Detroit caused the death of Lizzie and Anny Sinig, aged 30 and 5 years, respectively; and Lena Sinig, aged 17, and Nicholas, aged 9, were badly burned.

Governor Adams issued a proclamation forbidding the importation into the State of Colorado any sheep, except upon the certificate of the state veterinary board or its duly authorized inspectors and have been found to be free from sheep scab or any infectious or contagious disease.

John W. Wall, of the Farmers' National bank of Portsmouth, O., convicted of concealing the personality of George Davis, late president of the bank, has been sent to the penitentiary for five years.

The Pennsylvania railroad declared its regular semi-annual dividend of 2 1/2 per cent May 1st.

At a meeting of the rulers of France, Austria, Germany and Russia they decided to stay England's hand in the further bullying of the Transvaal, and will notify Great Britain that on further aggression on her part will be tolerated.

President Zelaya of Nicaragua is sending troops to Rivas in expectation of an attack upon that port by the Nicaraguan exiles, now in Costa Rica.

The powers, including Germany and Austria, have agreed that the moment is opportune to intervene between Greece and Turkey. They are discussing the conditions of such intervention and appear to have about reached an understanding.

Hundreds of people are reported to be dying of starvation in the southern provinces of Spain, owing to the failure of crops and prolonged drought.

The notorious Oscar Wilde is said to have been released from prison.

Ten Thousand miners employed by the Tennessee Coal, Iron and Railroad company in Alabama are about to strike against a reduction in wages.

The greatest fire Pittsburg, Pa., has experienced since 1845 started Sunday night and reduced three blocks of fine business buildings to smoldering ruins. The loss will reach \$3,000,000.

Albert G. Porter, ex-governor of Indiana and minister to Italy, under Harrison, died at his home in Indianapolis, Monday.

The Wisconsin Beet Sugar company, which has just completed a plant at Menominee Falls, Wis., has assigned. The assets are estimated at \$215,000 and the liabilities are unknown.

Mayor Strong of New York has appointed Frank Moss to succeed Theodore Roosevelt as police commissioner. Dr. Moss is a lawyer and counsel to Dr. Parkhurst's society for the prevention of vice.

William Baxter, a resident of San Francisco, fell across the track of the Valley road, near Hanford, while drunk and was cut to pieces by a freight train.

Watsonville, Cal., proposes to have a monster Fourth of July celebration, to include a firemen's tournament.

During the four years of the existence of Riverside county fifty-two divorce cases have been tried in its courts and 237 marriage licenses have been issued.

The census marshals of Sacramento have completed their labors, which show a population of a little under 30,000.

The first regular mail service authorized for an entire year in Alaska has been contracted for by the post office department, the service being from Juneau to Circle city, a distance of 900, each way. The contract calls for a trip once a month, beginning July 1, 1897.

John Riley of Nowata, I. T., was killed by his son Lewis, while trying to stop him fighting with his brother.

John Gamble, a wealthy San Franciscan, was found dead in a bed in a hotel at Los Gatos. Death was due to a weak heart.

A syndicate of English capitalists has started to develop some gold mining properties in San Jacinto district, Cal.

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## NEEDLESS IMPORTS.

California Imports Products That Should Come from the State Itself.

In the second list are many of the commonest articles of consumption, which California might readily produce at home, but for which it sends millions of dollars abroad each year. The imports of pork and its products range as high as \$5,000,000 or \$10,000,000 each year. Condensed milk is not only a very important article of consumption in mining camps and great ranches, but is largely shipped abroad for the Asiatic trade. It is brought across the continent from New Jersey. California also sends beyond its borders from \$20,000,000 to \$25,000,000 annually for the item of sugar, which should not only be produced in sufficient quantities to supply consumption, but for export as well.

It is a curious fact that many of the best fruit preserves sold in San Francisco bear French and Italian labels, and that the supply of canned sweet corn comes mostly from Maine. Essential oils made from the peelings of citrus fruits are also imported. It is not uncommon to find orange marmalade which has been prepared in Rochester, N. Y., the oranges having been shipped eastward, and the manufactured product westward, at a cost of two transcontinental freights. Imports are by no means confined to things which require capital and machinery for their manufacture. Chickens, turkeys and eggs are largely brought from outside. A single commission house in San Francisco imports 500,000,000 chickens every year. Thus a good many thousands of the new settlers can profitably be employed in feeding much of the present population of the state, which includes a large proportion of those who are speculating on wheat and fruit, sheep, cattle and hogs.

## COLORS AND COMPLEXION.

Women Should Know What They May Wear and What Not.

It is surprising how few women consider whether the colors they wear are suited to their own particular complexion or not. Not long since the stylish color was that rich purple hue known as petunia, and petunia was forthwith massed on the hats and bonnets of blonde and brunette alike. To some women it was absolutely fatal to any good looks they may have possessed. Yet it is possible to be dressed well and becomingly at the same time by a little study of color in conjunction with one's personal appearance. Any woman who studies effect will soon see that the color which intensifies the color of her eyes is the one which is the most becoming every time.

Pale blue and pink should be carefully avoided by women with red hair, as they exaggerate rather than soften the natural coloring; but they will never make any mistake with the dark shades of brown, especially the red-brown. Brown is also the color of a brown-eyed woman, as it will bring out the beauty of her eyes as no other color can, if she but chooses the right shade. Gray is becoming to women with gray hair, and to young women who have gray eyes and lovely complexions, old or young, provided she selects the right tint.

The blonde can wear pure white, without a tinge of yellow or pink in it, but the brunette must be careful to wear the soft cream shades, and if she wears black at all it must be very glossy, while a pronounced blonde can safely deck herself in the dull black which is used for mourning. Green is pretty sure to be suitable to every complexion, providing one is fortunate enough to discover the particular shade which harmonizes best with the coloring; and it so happens that green is the leading color this season, especially the strong, dark shades of metallic green.—Boston Traveler.

## Equimau Ruins.

By far the most interesting ruins on the coast were those we found near the entrance to Naelevack bay. It was evident from their appearance that they had never been visited by deserting strangers, and even the natives claimed all knowledge of them. Upon a narrow strip of beach at the foot of a precipitous ravine, cutting the crest of the mountainous cliffs which overhang the sea, half buried in shingles and weighted with a heavy covering of turf and moss, are the well-preserved remains of what was once the residence of a populous tribe. The main entrance had been formed by setting upon end the lower jawbone of a whale. This led into a broad passageway, from which smaller ones branched at irregular intervals. An acute musical ear would detect a slight difference in tone between two notes as the one-sixty-fourth of a semitone. This means that in the 11 octaves that the human ear comprehends there would be at least some 8,000 or 9,000 consciously distinct notes.

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I. O. O. F.—Rogue River Encampment, No. 8, meets in I. O. O. F. hall the second and fourth Wednesdays of each month at 8 p. m. Z. MAXON, U. P.

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Miss KILLA PRUDER, Rec. Sec.

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W. R. C.—Chester A. Arthur Corps No. 21 meets second and fourth Friday of each month at 8 o'clock p. m. in Woolf's hall. MRS. A. D. L. C. REDDEN, Pres.

G. A. R.—Chester A. Arthur Post No. 47, meets in I. O. O. F. hall every second and fourth Saturday afternoon in each month at 2 o'clock. W. T. KANE, Com.

ELI FRANKER, Adjutant.

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## CHURCHES OF MEDFORD.

Saint Marks Episcopal Sunday school meets at Episcopal Church every Sunday morning at 10 o'clock. Rev. Wm. Hart, Rector; S. S. Potts, Superintendent.

Methodist Episcopal Church—Rev. J. A. Crutcher, pastor. Preaching every Sabbath at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Sunday school at 10 a. m. E. Thompson, supt. Class meeting every Sabbath at 10 a. m. Ladies' society every Sabbath at 10 a. m. Epworth League every Sabbath at 8 p. m. Miss Mary Phillips, supt. Regular weekly prayer meeting every Thursday evening at 8 p. m. Ladies' sewing circle every two weeks. Mrs. Heideman, pres. Missionary societies, home and foreign, first Friday in each month, presidents, Mrs. Van Antwerp and Mrs. Hubbard.

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