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## ABOUT MINES AND MINING.

### Alaska Gold in Relation to Affecting Prices.

"What effect will the new gold yield have upon prices?" is a question which is being debated by statesmen and financiers. The North American Review treats the subject at length and draws the deduction that even though the Alaska yield is enormous it will not affect prices to any noticeable degree. It reasons that there are too many avenues open to the use of gold—its monetary use, use among the arts and the foreign demand for it to ever change prices. The article says:

With a gold production for 1897 estimated at \$240,000,000, it is evident that the new goldfields will have to prove exceptionally productive in order to add a great percentage to the world's annual supply of gold. If they should yield \$60,000,000 per year, carrying the total annual production to \$300,000,000, they would still be adding only 25 per cent to the previous annual increase. The effect of new supplies of the precious metals is greatly restricted by the fact that the additions have to be set against the whole mass already in existence. An addition of 25 per cent to the annual production of wheat or corn, or even of more permanent industrial products, like iron or copper, would have a marked effect upon prices. Gold is undoubtedly influenced, like all other articles, by the law of supply and demand, but the supply in any one year is only a small addition to the amount already in the market. All the gold of the world used as coin or bullion in monetary exchanges is constantly in the world's money market, capable of being purchased by commodities directly or by slight premiums in rates of exchange.

It has been shown that the visible stock of monetary gold existing in the world today is about \$4,360,000,000. Reasons will soon be given for thinking that another sum of \$1,000,000,000 is concealed in private hoards. The mathematical elements of the problem, therefore, are: An aggregate gold production within historic times of \$9,000,000,000; a visible supply of gold in use as money of \$4,360,000,000; and a possible annual increase of the supply from \$240,000,000 in 1897 to \$300,000,000 in future years.

The second question—what portion of the new gold will be devoted to monetary uses—suggests the interesting inquiry, what has become of the difference between the whole amount of gold produced and the amount now visible in coin and bullion? The amount to be accounted for is \$4,800,000,000 and represents more than half of the gold which has been produced since 1493. There are three channels through which this difference has been absorbed, which may be briefly treated thus:

Abrasion, the arts and the foreign trade.

### Americans the Best.

It is complained that the British have made no money out of mining in this country. They should not send over the proverbial younger son, and luxurious mine managers, who "dress for dinner" in remote mining camps and have French chefs, and violinists to soothe them during the hour of digestion. Americans are mining to better advantage here; they are mostly plain, practical men, and when they buy a mine they send one set of experts to check up another, and then pay a price for the property, and no more.—Mexico City Herald.

### Brought in Samples.

Mr. Cole, of the Copper creek mining district, Skamania county, Washington, has brought to Messrs. Colfelt and Sebecki, of Portland, samples of

## ABOUT IRREGULARITY.

### A Chat With Miss Marie Johnson.

The balance wheel of a woman's life is menstruation.

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ore from the 20-foot level of the Yellow Bird shaft, which assayed 15 per cent copper and \$18 in gold. Mr. Sebecki and Mr. Colfelt expect to take the machinery for a smelter on the ground just as soon as the trail can be put in shape. There are a number of promising properties in Copper creek district in which Portland parties are interested.

### State Mining Boards.

State mining boards, Mr. Batchelder of Portland, believes, would be of great assistance to the mining interests of Oregon and Washington. Like others, Mr. Batchelder realizes that the mineral districts have been sadly neglected. With the character of ore, the fuel, the timber, transportation, the grades of ore for fixing each other, and the mild climate, Oregon and Washington, he says, should be the greatest mineral-producers in the West. State boards could be of advantage in many ways. For one thing, they could constitute themselves a fountainhead of reliable information, by keeping in touch with all the districts, where capitalists, strangers and people at home could draw from for investing, etc.

### AN ALL AROUND FRIEND.

We need not talk about the weather when we come to discuss the cause of so many aches and pains which afflict mankind. Much of these afflictions is from heretofore of infirmity of the nerves, muscles and joints of the human body. Many pains and aches, it is true, are brought on by exposure to cold or by sudden chill, but as to a general condition to which we may be subject there should be a remedy which in a general way is curative for all. This is one reason why St. Jacobs Oil is so popular. It cures aches and pains in all forms, and they are wise who keep it steadily on hand to be used in emergencies at any time in the cure of the most acute attacks.

### ITEMS OF INTEREST.

The chemical name of Epsom salts is sulphate of magnesium.

By starting for the Klondike now you will get there in the spring, when the thermometer is only 30 degrees below zero.

If China could load her cannon with the characters she puts on tea boxes, no enemy on earth could withstand the fusillade.

A Kentucky young man who had the measles kissed his sweetheart and she caught 'em. Now she is suing him for damages.

Very satisfactory trials have been recently made of a life boat made of pumice stone, which it was found would remain afloat with a load, even when full of water.

### PEARY THE EXPLORER ON BAKING POWDERS.

Those going to the Klondike must remember that a reliable baking powder is an absolute necessity. If, after a long and expensive trip and the great cost of transportation, the baking powder proves inferior or has lost its strength, the miner will be practically helpless. It is no time or place to experiment. What is required is a baking powder that has actually stood the test of the arctic climate.

The well known explorer, Lieut. Peary, U. S. N., says of Cleveland's baking powder, which he used on his Arctic Expeditions:

"Cleveland's stood the tests of use in those high latitudes and severe temperatures perfectly and gave entire satisfaction. Mrs. Peary considers that there is no better baking powder made than Cleveland's. I shall take it again on my next expedition."

### A Woman's Daily Paper.

There has just been launched in Paris a daily paper devoted solely to the interests of the fair sex. It is produced entirely by women, and not only are the editors, the managers and the staff of reporters women, but the type is set by female compositors, and it is reported that even the printers' devils are feminine members of the genus "gamin." The name of the paper is La Fronde. Used as a noun this means the implement of ancient warfare with which David slew Goliath, while to the verb "fronder" the translation to sling, to censure, to blame, to criticize and to oppose all equally apply, and, judging from the first number, are singularly appropriate, since it is full of abuse of everything that can possibly be construed as the handiwork of man. Mme. Severine, whose writings have won for her a world-wide reputation, is editor-in-chief, and the enterprise is said to be backed by plenty of money.

### Keeping Dickens' Birthday.

The birthday of Dickens was celebrated in London by some ceremonies organized by Mr. Edwin Drew, and it is of interest to note that had the novelist lived he would have been 86 years of age. The grave in Westminster Abbey was visited by Mr. and Mrs. Drew and a party of friends, and a wreath was deposited upon it. Seeing many strangers near Mr. Drew began a little speech, but it was nipped in the bud by a verger—being, of course, technically, perniciously near the legal offense of "brawling." Taking the wreath with them, Mr. Drew's party proceeded to an evening entertainment in St. James' hall, when various recitations, songs, speeches and so forth, more or less connected with Dickens, formed the programme of the evening.

The weight of a man's brain has, it is said, nothing to do with his mental power. It is a question of climate, not of intelligence. The colder the climate, the greater the size of the brain.



## FARM AND GARDEN

**Sorghum Forage.**  
The value of sorghum, either cured or put up in ensilage, has been fully demonstrated during the past three years. Under ordinary conditions two heavy crops can be raised each year from one sowing, running anywhere from eight to fifteen tons total per acre. As this crop stands the drought well, can be easily and cheaply handled by the improved machinery now in use, and is good for years when properly put up, it would seem to be the sure feed crop for this section. The cured sorghum is more easily handled in feeding, but it is more expensive to harvest and cure, and is subject to more waste than the ensilage crop, which is cut and bound in one operation by the sorghum binder and piled green in huge stacks, where by its own weight all air is excluded and it is without further expense converted into the best of feed for use as required. It would be well for stockmen and farmers to carefully investigate this matter, and if convinced of the value of sorghum as the feed crop, then plant largely for this year. Experience seems to favor sowing in drills as best, with broadcast sowing next.—Corpus Christi (Texas) Caller.

### An Overlooked Crop.

A great many suggestions have been made in favor of renovating the land, and to secure improvement at a small cost by plowing under green crops. Of the crops recommended may be mentioned clover, cow peas, soja beans, rye and even corn and millet. There is another crop, however, which has been somewhat overlooked, and which can be grown on almost any soil, and that is turnips. The turnip crop need not be planted until July, or even August, and it grows rapidly, being off the land in a short time. On medium land from thirty to forty tons can be grown, and the tops are more valuable than the bulbs for turning under. The English farmers grow turnips, allow sheep to feed on them, and turn them under as a manure crop. Turnips may be broadcast on well-prepared land, using plenty of seed, and will soon cover the ground. Crops are grown in that way in the Southern States, and the cost is but little, as they require no cultivation when the seed is broadcasted.

### Hog Raising.

It is neither profitable nor always entirely safe to keep great numbers of hogs together. Besides the liability to disease getting among them, there is always a certainty that the stronger will crowd the weaker from their feeding places, so that the inequality in size will increase instead of decreasing. In every litter there are always one or two weaklings that were born runt, and unless given a better chance than their fellows they will always remain runts. The best way to manage this is when the pigs are 7 or 8 weeks old, take out the strongest ones and wean them, giving them plenty of the best food that can be got to make growth. Then the runts left to suckle the sow alone will in two or three weeks more take a start that may make them as good as the others, so that in later life all can be fed together. No other feed, without the sow's milk, will do this, though such other feed should be given and the pigs be encouraged to eat all they can be made to eat.—American Cultivator.

### Clod Crusher and Leveler.

One who has tried it would be surprised to find how much execution the device shown in the cut will accomplish. Insert a narrow plank in front of the rear teeth of an A harrow, and the land will be harrowed, the lumps crushed and the surface leveled, at one operation. One can also, by stepping on and off the crosspiece, drag earth

### Gates in Place of Bars.

A gate that easily swings on its hinges is not much more expensive in first cost than a set of bars. If all the time required to let down the bars and put them up again is reckoned, the bars must be seen to be much the most expensive. When stock are driven through bars let down on one side only, stock driven through will often jump over the part of the bar in the middle, and will thus learn the habit of jumping. When a gate swings open it leaves a clear passage, and the contraction of bad habits is impossible.

### Feeding Young Calves.

While there is no food that is better for calves than whole milk from cows, it is much too expensive to feed to any except those that are being fattened for the butcher, and to them only for three or four weeks. For calves that are to be raised, whole milk is much too fattening. Skim-milk is better, and

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there is so much better use for skim-milk on most farms that it is usually diluted with water, and then re-enforced by additions of grael made from oatmeal, sifted so as to remove the husks. If this should cause scours, change the oatmeal for a tablespoonful of fine wheat flour, which should be cooked into a porridge and mixed with the skim milk and water.

### Seedling Strawberries.

The amateur fruit gardener may find in the production of seedling strawberries an occupation of fascinating interest. It may be easily done. At fruiting time select the best berries from plants of the best varieties obtainable. Crush the berries and carefully wash out and dry the seed. Plant the seed in a protected spot, in rich ground, partially shady. Transplant the most promising plants after the fourth leaf appears, and afterward cultivate them the same as other plants. Probably there will be no two plants exactly alike. They will differ in foliage, fruit, time of maturing, and in the manner of their growth. They may bear but slight resemblance to the plants that produced the seed. There may be no variety better than that from which it originated. And yet there may be one seedling of superior quality, to obtain which may richly reward the efforts of years.

### Brush for Kindling.

In pruning the orchard, or in clearing up the top branches after a tree has been cut in the forest, not much account is usually made of the smaller branches, or the brush, as it is usually called. But these small, round twigs, when dried, make the very best kindling, and if tied in bunches could be sold at a profit in city markets. In the old countries of Europe, the trimmings from hedges done up in small bundles constitute an important part of the fuel supply of farmers. In this country the fact that wood is plentiful has caused us to neglect all except the smooth, easily handled body wood, rejecting both the brush and hard, knotty pieces, burning all these in a great out-of-door bonfire.

### Keeping Odors Out of Milk.

It is well known that milk remaining in the stable quickly absorbs odors that injure butter flavor. It is an inconvenience on many farms to carry away to the dairy room each pail as soon as it

### INSIDE VIEW.

is filled. The sketches show a handy shelf built outside the cattle quarters, but reached from within. As each pail is filled the slide is pushed back and the pail is set out on the shelf, where it is protected by the top and the grating from cats, etc., while it is surrounded by pure air. Fig. 1 shows the inside

### OUTSIDE VIEW.

and Fig. 2 the outside arrangement of this ventilated barn milk-closet.—American Agriculturist.

### Sweet Potatoes.

Some of the varieties of sweet potatoes that are most popular in the South will not succeed with Northern growers. The sweet potato requires a long season to grow in, and only the early kind will succeed in the Northern States. It is usually a mistake to send South for sweet potatoes to plant. The Northern varieties, propagated in slips for planting by seedsmen, are much better, as well as cheaper, than trying to winter the sweet potato and cut it into sets for planting, as is done with the ordinary white potato. It is a great advantage in growing sweet potatoes to have well-rooted plants ready to set out when soil and air are warm enough to insure rapid growth. Most of the successful Southern varieties of sweet potatoes are watery and poor when grown North.

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