

LIFE IS REAL ON THE YUKON RIVER

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over which travelers, miners and prospectors mush in and out during the long winter months.

The upper river Indians live today as they lived before the first Russian ever came up the Yukon—they exist. They care nothing for the white man's gold—salmon is what they want, fish for their bellies and the dogs' before they build fish night sets in. So they build fish wheels of logs and poles, anchor them near the shore at a point where the fish are likely to "run" and the wheel never stops turning while the summer lasts.

The fish are dressed and dried. You will see hundreds of the red salmon hanging from poles. When thoroughly dried they are stored in caches on the top of a framework of poles, six or eight feet from the ground, where the dogs and bears cannot get to them. The Indians trap some in the winter and if they can catch more fish than they need, they sell the fish and furs to the river town stores, or rather trade them for the few supplies they need.

The most of the Indian villages are very old. The log cabins are rotting down and vegetation grows a foot high from the dirt roofs. They live in horribly filthy conditions. The boats never stop at the Indian towns.

The purser told me that the boat would go through Five Finger Rapids and Hell's Pass at about two o'clock in the morning, so I set my mental alarm clock for that hour and was on deck. I wanted to see these two dreadful spots where so many men lost their outfits and lives during the mad rush down the river to Nome, when news of the big strike came up.

It was light at two o'clock—in fact it is always light above Dawson in mid-summer—and I stood at the head of the steamer (we were pushing a scow) and had a fine view of the rapids before we reached them.

They are rightly named, for they spread out like the fingers of a hand. Four of the channels mean rocks and wreck. One of them, the thumb, is safe. And I thought of the days when gold-mad men came down the river in a continuous string, riding frail boats, rafts—anything that would float. And they carried with them their all, the grub stake and the few necessary tools and bedding. Few of them knew anything about the dangerous rapids, few even knew they were there until they were onto them, and then in a minute they must decide on which channel—and take the chance. However, the most of them instinctively saw that the thumb, the big channel, was the safest pass, and if they got their boats full in the current they were safe. If they did not, they were dashed against the rocks, and they tell me few ever came out alive who were overturned.

Then came Hell's Pass—a place where the Yukon runs down hill for a short distance. It was a scary rapids to look at even from a steamer's deck. There were no dreaded rocks, but I marveled that any small boat could go through this whirling, foaming race and not capsize. But they did, thousands of them.

And after I had seen these two rapids (and by the way, the only ones between White Horse and Nome, 2200 miles) I quit finding fault with the mosquitos and the slow eight-mile speed of the boat.

About every twenty-four hours the boat tied up at a wood camp for wood, and it takes a long time for the deck hands to carry enough of the four-foot sticks on board to last to the next camp.

At Woodchoppers' creek, about 50 miles over the line in Alaska, we stopped early in the morning to "wood up" and wait for the fog to lift. I was about the only passenger up. The captain told me the boat would be there for two hours at least, and if I wanted to stretch my legs I would find a good trail back of the wood pile that led to a deserted cabin half a mile down. I liked it.

It was a miner's cabin, logs, with floor of whipsawed lumber. The old stove was there, the rough benches, table, bunk and other odds and ends. It was at the end of a draw, where a little stream ran down the valley and emptied into the Yukon. The deserted mine was back from the shore and I did not have time to go to it.

And now for the story—the captain told it to me. Two prospectors struck a prospect in the summer that looked good, so they built the cabin, caught fish and prepared for winter. It was late in summer before they had winter preparations made, and could go on with the prospect hole. They struck bed rock at 12 feet and found a wonderfully rich pocket. They worked it out, thawed down other holes, but never another sign of color, then one of them, being taken sick, they abandoned the place and went down the river on the ice, and the sick man died before they reached Fort Dawson.

Now for the rest of the story—or rather the other version. As the boat passed the deserted cabin, a lady pointed to a peculiar-looking cache on top of a platform just below the cabin and asked a miner what it was. In the fog I had not noticed this when I was at the cabin. It looked like a dead body as if a kayak (skin canoe) had been put up there and wound with a tent. But the miner said it was a dead body, now only a skeleton, and had been there four or five years.

He said the sick man died in camp, his partner put him on the meat cache and beat it down the ice. I afterwards asked the pilot if the story was true. "That's the tale; I don't know. But it is the truth that you can't get an Indian woodchopper to get anywhere near the cabin," he answered.

I have no doubt but that it was true, and that under the old canvas is the skeleton remains of a man, and that some father or mother outside is waiting and hoping for news of a venturesome boy—news that will

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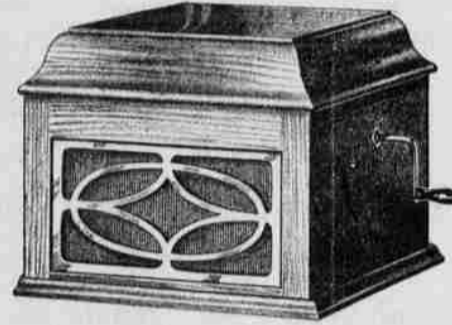
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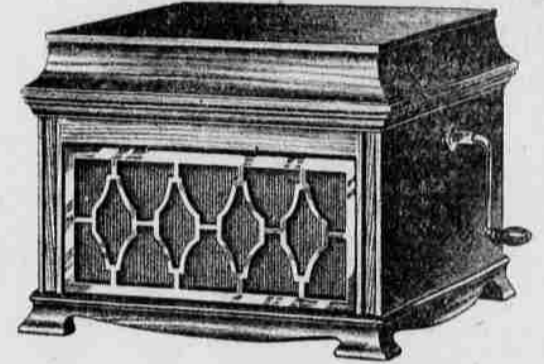
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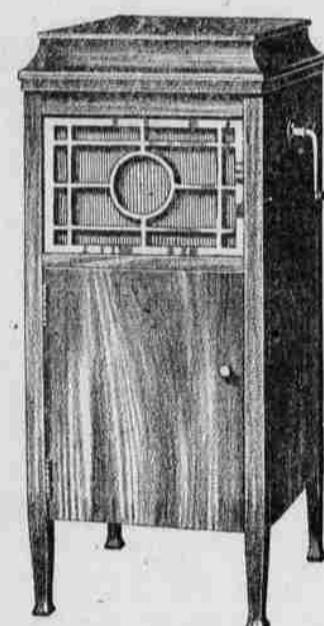
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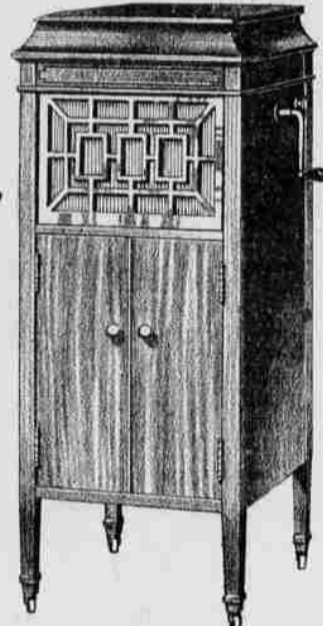
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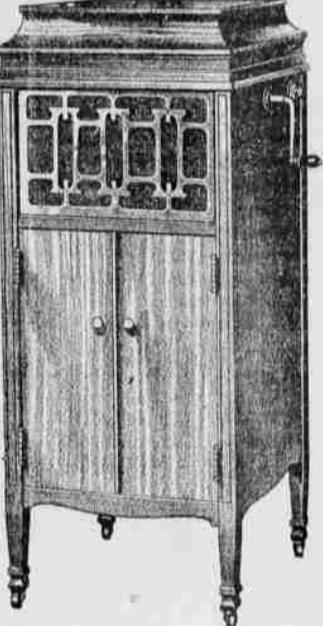
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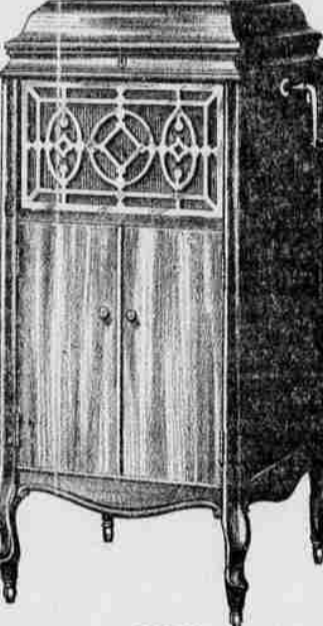
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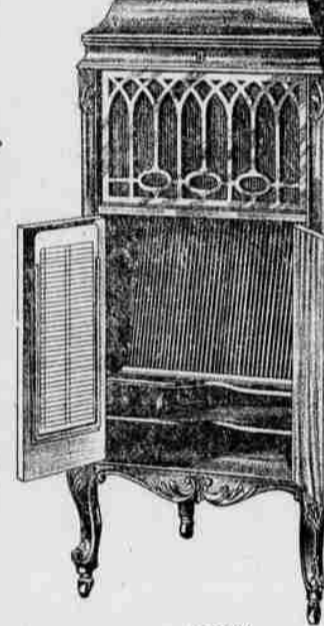
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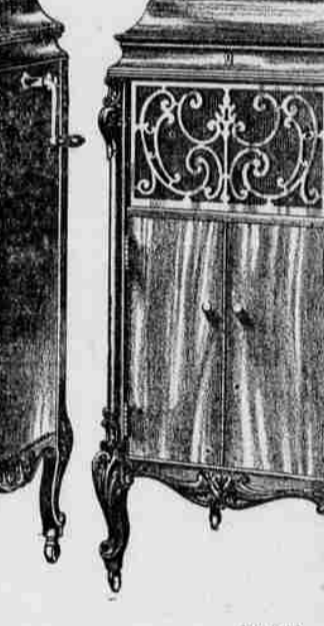
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never come: Alaska is full of such tragedies.

Anywhere there is a white man the boat will stop—that is if he has sent out for a box of freight—grub. Often his cabin will be where the river is shallow, then he has to row out with a boat and get it.

At one place we stopped and tied up to put ashore a little bunch of provisions. There was one lonesome cabin, new, a half dozen "husky" dogs and the usual meat house. A man and his wife lived there, and they were mining right on the river bank. He was about 45, she about 60. They had cut down a piece about 30 feet square to the water's level. They had a rocker and a sluice. The dirt was shoveled in and then water dip-ped up from the river and poured in—one of the hardest and slowest possible ways of mining.

I asked the old lady how it was panning out. "Oh, just fair," she replied, but it is worth \$18 an ounce." And then she looked at me a minute and exclaimed: "Oh, it is so lonesome, so lonesome here." And if I felt heart-felt sorrow and sincere pity, I experienced it when the boat pulled out and I saw this pitiful old lady standing on the bank with a great wish in her heart—a yearning for her kind.

Five years ago rabbits were so thick all over Alaska one could kill them with stones. Today not one will be seen in a week's travel. Why, none can tell. Some say they were all frozen to death. And with the disappearance of the rabbits, the owls, eagles, wolves and other animals and birds they preyed on for food, had disappeared, and with the exception of the bear, the North Land woods are silent of animal and bird life—silent of any kind of life, depopulated, dead.

The next letter will be from Fort Yukon, north of the Arctic Circle, in the Land of the Midnight Sun.

Marriage License A marriage license was issued here on Saturday to Marie Wigmore, of Clackamas county, and James T. Campbell, of Vancouver, Wash.

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Sues to Recover Hotel Cassie Evans Fuller brought suit Thursday against S. J. and Florence Vaughn, asking that the court force them to restore to her possession of the Cottage hotel property at Canby, of which they are the present operators. Mrs. Fuller formerly conducted the hotel. She asks in addition to the restoration of the property, which she charges the Vaughns are withholding forcibly, \$75 as damages.

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LAD CAUGHT WITH BEER Suitcase Full of Home Brew Would Have Helped the Party

With a suitcase full of home-made beer, Melvin Mahlum, a young farmer living near Canby, was headed under full steam toward the county fair dance at the Canby band auditorium on Wednesday evening, when he ran afoul of the law. In Justice of the Peace John N. Sievers' court Thursday, the young man pleaded guilty to transporting liquor and was let off with a \$20 fine upon his promise to refrain from again engaging in the brewery business. Motorcycle Patrolman Meads made the arrest. He found Mahlum wandering toward the dance hall with his cargo of liquor, part of it aboard and part in the suitcase.

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