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For the Argus. To Peter, the Bachelor, of Bachelor's Hall. I regret I have not been able to give my answer to your defense of Bachelor's Hall long ere this.

Who are the "Honorable Men"? W. L. Adams, Esq.—Under the question proposed, I wish to call the attention of every citizen, male and female, in Oregon to one specific point.

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the will to bring it about? I have no doubt that there are many men in the world, however, who would prefer a wife whose only virtue was to bear all he chose to inflict without a murmur.

You say you find much pleasure in your books. Strange incongruity! Books in such a cabin? After all, Peter, you would love your wife most dearly, if—you only had one.

We justly execrate the professional man that betrays his trust, whatever that trust may be. The laborer is doomed to failure if he does not perform what he promises.

The expedition in search of Dr. Kane was fitted out by order of Congress, which appropriated \$150,000 for that purpose. It was composed of two vessels—the propeller Arctic, and the clipper bark Release.

The voyage was full of interesting incidents, as the preceding ones in the same latitudes. Both vessels arrived at Lively, on the Isle of Disco, on the 5th of July, in a snow storm, and passed a few days there preparing for their further voyage.

During the passage from Melville Bay, both vessels were nipped several times. On one occasion, the Arctic was struck so severely as to start her knees, split her carlines, disarrange her inside wood-work, and break off about a fourth of the propeller shafts.

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Here the vessels separated, appointing a rendezvous, and the propeller steered off for Lancaster Sound; but when off Cape Home she encountered ice in such quantities as to compel her to run to the south of Lancaster Sound, and finding the passage to the west obstructed, she came out and found the Release, and both vessels proceeded to Possession Bay.

At midnight on the 4th of Sept., during a heavy snow storm and a strong gale, the Release suddenly found herself a-foul of an immense iceberg. The collision was so great that the bows of the vessel were smashed, and the front-work, notwithstanding it was double-planked and covered with thick iron, was broken in.

The vessels remained at Lively for five days, coaling and repairing, and all things being in readiness, LEFT ON THE 19TH OF SEPTEMBER FOR HOME!

The homeward voyage was a quick and pleasant one. But few obstructions were encountered. The joy of the rescued and the rescuers was equal as it was unbounded. The expedition was successful, and had reached a latitude higher than any other expedition, except the one they rescued, had ever before reached.

The homeward voyage from Lively occupied only twenty-two days. All hands are in good health and look remarkably hale and hearty, notwithstanding the great privations which they have experienced.

Several of the Kane Expedition suffered terribly during their inland journeyings. Some of them have had their toes frozen off, and one has lost his heel from a similar cause.

The remarks of the seamen were really touching and characteristic. We heard one poor fellow, who had been on the first expedition, say, in answer to the inquiry how he felt—"Oh, Bill, I feel as though I would like to go ashore, lie down, and die!"

Mr. Prentice, of the Louisville Journal, says a cotemporary, many years ago lost the use of his right hand, and, after the lapse of a brief period, the left became paralyzed. He now writes with his right arm, his pen impelled by a united effort of the nerves and muscles—the hand and fingers being useless.

A Reverend gentleman in New York, a few Sundays since, seeing a poor woman tottering up one of the aisles of his church, waiting in vain for some one of the congregation to offer her a seat, paused in his sermon, descended from the pulpit, showed her into his own pew, and quietly returned to his desk again.—Buffalo Express.

His name was Strange. Many will think his conduct strange. He was a zealous preacher and sweet singer. Nothing gave him so much pleasure as to go about the country preaching and singing.

Why then do you wish me to take it back? It will be a comfortable home for you when you grow old, and something for your wife and children if you should be taken away.

No foot of land do I possess, No cottage in the wilderness, A poor wayfaring man. I dwell awhile in tents below, Or gladly wander to and fro, Till my Canaan gain.

Living on One's Wits. Nine persons sailed from Balse down the Rhine. A Jew, who wished to go to Schallampi, was allowed to come on board and journey with them, on condition that he would conduct himself with propriety, and give the captain eighteen kreutzers for his passage.

Now, it is true, something jingled in the Jew's pocket when he struck his hand against it; but the only money therein was a twelve-kreutzer piece, for the other was a brass button. Notwithstanding this, he accepted the offer with gratitude, for he thought to himself, "something may be earned even upon the river. There is many a man who has grown rich on the Rhine."

During the first part of the voyage, the passengers were very talkative and merry, and the Jew, with wallet under his arm—for he had not laid it aside—was the object of much mirth and mockery, as, alas! is often the case with those of his nation. But as the vessel sailed onward, and passed Thurington and St. Vert, the passengers, one after the other, grew silent, gazed down the river until one spoke out:

"Come Jew, do you know any pastime that will amuse us? Your fathers must have contrived many a one during their long stay in the wilderness."

"Now is the time," thought the Jew, "to shear my sheep!" And he proposed that they should sit round in a circle, and propound curious questions to each other, and he, with their permission, would sit down with them. Those who could not answer the questions, should pay the one who propounded them a twelve-kreutzer piece, and those who answered them pertinently, should receive a twelve-kreutzer piece.

The proposal pleased the company, and hoping to divert themselves with the Jew's wit or stupidity, each one asked at random whatever entered his head. Thus, for example, the first one asked: "How many soft-boiled eggs could the giant eat upon an empty stomach?" All said that it was impossible to answer that question, and each paid over their twelve kreutzers.

When the third found the Jew so well versed in the bible he tried him in a different way. "Who prolongs his work to as great a length as possible, and yet completes it in time?" "The rope-maker, if he is industrious," said the Jew.

In the meanwhile they drew near the village, and one said to the other, "that is Bamlach." Then the fourth said, "in what month do the people of Bamlach eat the least?" "The Jew said, "in February; for that has only twenty-eight days."

The fifth said, "there are two natural brothers, and still only one of them is my uncle." The Jew said, "the uncle is your father's brother, and your father is not your uncle." A fish now jumped out of the water, and the sixth asked "what fish have their eyes nearest together?"

The Jew said, "the smallest." The ninth was the last. This one asked, "How can five persons divide five eggs so that each man shall receive one, and still one remain in the dish?"

The Jew said, "The last must take the dish with his egg, and let it lay there as long as he pleases." But now it came to his turn, and he determined to make a good sweep. After many preliminary compliments, he asked with an air of mischievous friendliness:—"How can a man fry two trout in three pans, so that a trout may lay in each pan?"

No one could answer this, and one after another gave him a twelve-kreutzer piece. But when the ninth desired that he should answer it himself, he frankly acknowledged that the trout could not be fried in that way!

RELIGION OF THE JAPANESE.—In that country the people approach as nearly to atheism as in any that has yet been discovered. The only Deity they profess to recognize is the visible heaven. In every other respect, the Emperor is their God, whom they regard with the same mysterious awe as is known to exist among the Chinese, and whom also they worship. The missionary found, however, that the native conviction of a supreme invisible Being, the observer of human actions, at least in its elements, in their minds. In theory, however, they acknowledge no other existence than that which they can test by means of the senses; hence they profess neither to believe in an invisible God, nor an invisible human soul.—Examiner.

ONE OF THE BEECHERS IN ILLINOIS.—The Free Democrat states that Rev. Edward Beecher is to be settled as the pastor of a new Congregational Society to be formed at Galesburg, in this State.

Love is the fever of the soul; passion is the delirium of that fever, "Why did the Apostle Paul write the

second epistle to the Corinthians!"

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