

The Tramp's Story.
A tramp appeared at the door of a house in Tacoma park yesterday. He was not an ordinary looking tramp. Although ragged, there was an air about him that betokened good breeding. He touched the rim of his battered hat with the grace of a Chesterfield, and the lady of the house gave him something to eat.

"You look as though you had been a gentleman," she said. "I am afraid you are addicted to drink."

"No, madam, you are in error," he replied. "Addicted implies a habit. I am therefore not addicted to either eating or drinking. I was, however, once a gentleman. My downfall came from learning a trade."

"Learning a trade?"

"Yes, madam. I worked at the machinists' trade for five years, and so injured my thumb and forefinger that I could follow my profession no longer, madam."

"What was your profession?"

"I wrote checks, madam."

And even then she did not know what he meant—not until her husband came home and told her why the writing of checks made him have to learn a trade.

—Washington Star.

Overseas century superstitions.
That it is a very unfortunate thing for a man to meet early in a morning an ill-favored man or woman, a rough footed Hen, a shag-haired Dogge, or a black cat. That it is a sign of death to some in that house where Crickets have been many years, if on a sudden they forsake the chimney corner. That if a man dream of eggs or fire, he shall hear of anger. That to dream of the devil is good luck. That to dream of gold good luck, but of silver ill. That if a man be born in the daytime, he shall be unfortunate. That if a child be born with a caul on his head, he shall be very fortunate. That when the palms of the right hand itch, it is a shrewd sign he shall receive money. That it is a great sign of ill luck, if a Rat gnaw a man's clothes. That it is naught for any man to give a pair of Knives to his sweetheart, for fear it cuts away all love that is between them. That it is ill luck to have the salt cellar fall toward you.

—Notes and Queries.

Particular Prisoners.
It has been said, think much of the rank of those who pass sentence of death upon them, and the sheep stealer of bygone days preferred that his doom should proceed from the lips of a chief justice. Lord Campbell mentions a case where a sergeant presided on the Oxford circuit in place of the judge taken suddenly ill, and a man was capitally convicted. Being asked, as usual, whether he had anything to say, he replied, "Yes, I wish to say that I have been tried before a journeyman judge."

—Liverpool Mercury.

Mrs. Melba's Wigs.
"I wish you would tell me by what mysterious processes you succeed in finding such appropriate and becoming wigs. Everybody speaks of them and declares that there is no one on the stage today who manages to look so entirely natural with artificial heads of hair. How do you contrive it?"

"Ah," replied Mrs. Melba, "don't fancy for a moment that those wigs are haphazard affairs! They are like all the rest of my artistic equipment, the result of much thought, accompanied by a conscientious ambition to do thoroughly everything I attempt. Almost every one of those wigs is an exact copy of some head of hair that I have seen and admired and had reproduced from the original. That is why they look so natural. Take this Juliette, for instance, which I myself think is particularly pretty. I got that from the famous Worth's little daughter. I saw the child one day while I was calling about some gowns and was at once impressed with the beauty of her hair. 'Juliette,' said I to myself, and forthwith borrowed the child and bore her off to my coiffeur. 'There,' said I to him, 'I want you to copy that head exactly, hair for hair.' He did so, and that is the secret of my Juliette wig."

—Exchange.

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ICEBERG PHENOMENA.

Their Presence in Low Latitudes Is Easily Accounted For.

The occurrence of ice in the comparatively low latitudes of Cape Horn and the Falkland islands is easily explained, says The Pall Mall Gazette. The ice has originally formed part of the great barrier which, with very few breaks, surrounds the vast antarctic continent, rising to an average height of from 150 feet to 200 feet above and sinking from 1,100 feet to 1,400 feet below the level of the sea and having, moreover, a thickness of something like 1,200 feet or 1,500 feet. It is a solid perpendicular wall of ice formed by the descent over the lowlands into the sea of the ice and snow which form on the mountains inland, and when the forefronts are pushed into depths of about 300 or 400 fathoms large stretches are broken off and float away northward with the current. When they start on their aimless career, they may be miles in extent, and though, as a rule, they break up by collision and erosion it is not at all unusual to encounter an island miles long in the neighborhood of the extreme ice limit.

For instance, the Coldingham in this region passed about 200 bergs, one of which was ten miles long. The Cutty Sark, again, in latitude 50 south, longitude 47 west, found by cross bearings and distance run that the east side of one berg which she encountered was 19 miles long. At first the masses are straight, flat topped and horizontally stratified—altogether unlike those met with in the north. By the action of the waves they are cut at the water's edge into cooves and caverns of a heavenly blue color. Then, as they collide or get melted away at the base by the action of the water, they turn over and show to the wandering mariner those fantastic shapes which simply beggar all description. Naturally as they travel farther north they become smaller and still more strangely shaped and ultimately melt away.

THE CITY SMITHY.

No Spreading Chestnut Tree, but Picturesque Surroundings Not Lacking.

"Under a spreading chestnut tree the village smithy stands," but the city smithy may be found in a variety of places. It may perhaps be in a down town street devoted to commerce, with the bellows resting upon a framework overhead to save space, with the nozzle running into the forge at the end of a pipe and the handle to the bellows hanging at the end of a rod or chain. It may be a forge up on the structure of the elevated road heating rivets in the air, or it may be on the seventeenth story of some lofty steel frame building under construction, and the coal for this smithy may be dumped alongside of it from a cart that has been hoisted from the street below at the end of a chain depending from a steam derrick.

Perhaps it is by the riverside making or mending irons for ships, or alongside the cable road in busy Broadway at night, lighted by a glaring gasolene torch. It may be in a movable shanty set up where they are getting out rock to make cellar space. Here the sharpened drill points, the hammer ringing on the anvil while the bouncing steam drills close at hand are noisily pounding down through the rock.

There may be over it the spreading chestnut tree, but the city smithy does not lack picturesque surroundings, and the city blacksmith may easily be a mighty man.—New York Sun.

How the Quarrel Began.

"I dreamed last night," said Dick, "that I went out in the woods and found a barrel full of gold."

"That was bully!" exclaimed Johnny. "You gave me a whole lot of it, didn't you?"

"Course not. I bought the bang uppest bicycle you ever saw with part of it and spent the rest for candy."

"I wouldn't be as stingy as you are," said Johnny, "not for \$1,000,000."

Chicago Tribune.

Eczema All Her Life.

Mr. E. D. Jenkins, of Lithonia, Ga., says that his daughter, Ida, inherited a severe case of Eczema, which the usual mercury and potash remedies failed to relieve. Year by year she was treated with various medicines, external applications and internal remedies, without result. Her sufferings were intense, and her condition grew steadily worse. All the so-called blood remedies did not seem to reach the disease at all until S. S. S. was given, when an improvement was at once noticed. The medicine was continued with favorable results, and now she is cured sound and well, her skin is perfectly clear and pure and she has been saved from what threatened to blight her life forever.

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TRAINED TO HARNESS

Alaska Whale Furnishes Motive Power to a Boat.

FIRST OF ITS KIND IN HISTORY

Will Be Hitched Up and Driven by Sea to the Oregon Coast in August, So They Say.

Colonel F. W. Black, of the customs department, at Sand Point, Pop Off island, situated in the Shumagin group of islands off the Alaskan peninsula, while in Tacoma, told a story of a captive whale, which, if true, proves that the Pop Off contains a genius in the line of animal training.

"We," said Colonel Black, "of the island of Pop Off have in 'Pirate Cove' the first and only living whale ever captured, tamed and trained, and that will work at the will of its master."

"The whale, which we named Bulshoy, an Aleut word for immense, was captured in the spring of 1894, when a calf of some eighteen or twenty months old. It was then about fifteen or sixteen feet long and though so young and small was possessed of considerable strength, and I can assure you that it took tons of patience to bring the creature into subjection, small as it was."

"Bulshoy's capture was brought about by an accident that cost two natives their lives, and the total destruction of two large three-batch bidarkas."

"During the confusion attending the capture a large female, accompanied by its calf, made for the westward, and in attempting to round a sand spit that ran out several cable lengths from the island, it grounded, and as it was full food free, the more efforts it made to free itself, the more firmly it became grounded. The calf, when its mother grounded, kept swimming round and round its mother, and would strike out to sea a short distance, returning again to its stranded parent."

"About half a mile from the sand spit where the whale grounded is the entrance to Pirate Cove bay, and when the natives and the few whites came alongside the stranded monster the pup made a break for the cove and passed into the bay, the entrance to which is not over 100 feet wide, though it is full twenty fathoms deep. John C. Wiley, the storekeeper at the island, stretched across the mouth of the cove a strong wire net. We had lots of sport chasing the calf, which could not get out."

"To celebrate the Fourth of July, Wiley and his native servant, Efteha, made an attempt to feed it and were successful. Wiley rigged up a walrus bladder to which was attached six or seven feet of rubber tube. About one-half a gallon of cow's milk was put in the bottle, and Wiley and Efteha put it in the bidarka and paddled alongside the pup, which by this time would allow them to come alongside him with bidarkas. After several hours of patient coaxing, the Indian succeeded in getting Bulshoy to drink from the rubber tube. When the bidarka turned for the shore Bulshoy followed close behind it."

"For the next six weeks Wiley and the Indian fed the pup twice every day. The pup would stick his cunning head out of the water, close to the landing, and look for his nurses long before feeding time. It was not until the following spring that the actual training of Bulshoy began to take any definite form."

"While the process of taming was going on, Wiley had taken the pup's measure for a set of harness, and both he and his native spent the nights for several weeks in making it. The oil-mat was reached on Friday, September 20, when for the first time, a four-year-old twenty-five foot whale was successfully put in harness. When Wiley and Efteha, after putting on his harness started for the shore, Bulshoy as usual started the bidarka, and in doing so, made the discovery that everything was not as it should be, and then he reared and plunged around at a lively rate, lashing the quiet water of the bay into foam in his efforts to free himself of the offending harness. But the harness was well and strongly made, and there was no shake off to it. Bulshoy kept up his antics for two whole days, and for the first time since the episode of the battle, next morning he refused to come at the call of either Wiley or the Aleut. Hunger, however, soon brought him to his senses, and on the morning of the third day, as the native was out on the bay in his bidarka, Bulshoy came meekly alongside and seemed to beg for his much delayed breakfast, which was given him."

"From that day Bulshoy made no more trouble, and Wiley could put the guy ropes attached to his harness as hard as he could without causing the pup to dive."

The novel outfit is expected to be off the Oregon coast between August 5 and 10, as the party would not leave Kamak before July 20, and they will come south in short and easy stages.

"What are we going to do with him?" That will depend on circumstances, but it is our intention on our way south to stop for a day or so at all the various summer resorts along the Oregon and California coast, and we have no fear but what we will be able to make Bulshoy's wonderful power to use a barrel of money. Who knows but what, Colonel Sellers-like, there may be millions in it, for if one voyage can be tamed so can others. The voyage will be the first of its kind since the creation of the world."

"I am having made in Seattle a strong but light boat and will take it to the cape on the pilot schooner and then we will discard our heavy whale boat, when we will be able to make much faster speed without endangering the young whale, for the load he has got to bring down from the north is really too much for him."

An intoxicated musician was arrested in Saarburg, near Metz, not long ago. The policeman who looked him up forgot all about him, and a week later the musician was found dead from starvation.

BRADSTREET'S REPORT

Political Uncertainty Has an Unfavorable Effect.

New York, Aug. 8.—Bradstreet's weekly review of trade says: Political uncertainty continues to have an unfavorable effect on trade, and industrial and mercantile lines are unusually dull. Mercantile credits are closely scanned, and in many cases shortened. The industrial situation is less favorable. Among manufacturers of iron and steel it is regarded as serious in some lines, owing to the surprising falling off in the demand. The reduction of pig iron is further curtailed, yet stocks increase. The outlook is for a further decline in iron and steel prices. Chicago offers concessions on pig to bring bids for round tops. Cartloadings of products in cotton fabrics continues. Yet fall purchasers in prints are of small volume. The demand for boots and shoes is also smaller.

Exports of wheat flour included as wheat, from both coasts of the United States for last week amount to 2,484,000 bushels, as compared with 8,074,000 bushels for the corresponding week of last year.

The total number of business failures in the United States this week is 294, as compared with 280 last week. The increase, as contrasted with the corresponding total in 1895, is seventy-three, or an average of ten each day during the week. There are thirty-seven failures reported in the Canadian dominion this week, six more than last week and thirteen more than in the corresponding week last year, and only six more than in the like week in 1894.

L. H. PLATTOR KILLED.

Shot Through the Heart While in the Spokane Court House.

Spokane, Wash., Aug. 8.—L. H. Plattor, a well-known attorney and Democratic politician, was shot and almost instantly killed in the corridor of the courthouse shortly before 6 o'clock this evening. The shot was fired by Henry Seiffert, a restaurant proprietor and sporting man, who is also well known.

The tragedy resulted from remarks made by Plattor in court, and which Seiffert construed as a reflection upon his character. Seiffert was being pressed before the court as administrator of the estate of Rudolph Gorkow, a rich brewer, who died here this week. Gorkow had married a variety actress about a year ago, and the marriage was an unhappy one. He brought suit for divorce shortly before his death, and in his will cut his wife out with a dollar. She is contesting the will, and there is a struggle over the administration of the estate. Plattor represented some of the beneficiaries of the will, opposing Seiffert. It had been insinuated that Seiffert's relations with Mrs. Gorkow were not of a proper nature.

Prosecution of Railway Claims.

Washington, Aug. 8.—A complete change of policy in the method of government prosecution of railroads in the West to recover lands erroneously patented to them, is provided for in directions issued by the secretary of the interior to the commissioner of the general land office. In this a rule is laid down that all railroads against which suits are now pending for vacation of patents under the act of March 3, 1887, shall make a showing as to the bona fide purchasers from the road of lands patented, similar to the showing made in the cases of the Burlington & Missouri River and Union Pacific roads. Similar recommendations for the dismissal of suits wherein non-bona fide purchasers may retain title will hereafter be made by the department in all cases. The proceedings accordingly can be hereafter instituted under the act of March 2, 1896.

A Seattle Man's Long Ride.

Chicago, Aug. 8.—Mr. Sheneman is in Chicago, after a ride by wheel from Seattle. He left the coast June 1, expecting to reach Columbus, O., by October 1. After he had crossed two states on his journey he made such good time that he decided to keep as far ahead of his schedule as he could. Shortly after leaving Seattle Sheneman reached the desert which extends from Prosser Falls to Umatilla, and in attempting to cross the thirty-five miles of sandy fields the tourist nearly lost his life. He could not ride the wheel through the sand, and had to dismount and push it ahead of him. All the water in his canteen had been consumed before he had covered half the desert, and when he reached the Columbia river he fell exhausted on the bank.

A Nest of Murderers.

Vienna, Aug. 8.—After a six week's trial at Agram, the Stenje band of thirty-six persons, charged with nineteen murders and numerous assaults and robberies, has been ended. Nineteen members of the band, including two women, have been sentenced to death. Nine have been sentenced to twenty years' imprisonment. Eight were acquitted.

Female Racing Condemned.

Toronto, Aug. 8.—In the racing board bulletin issued today, the Canadian board condemns female racing, and announces that the board will hereafter blacklist any track upon which female riders are allowed to race before the public.

Played With Matches.

Grants Pass, Or., Aug. 8.—The residence of George Burgess, in the outskirts of town, took fire today and burned with almost its entire contents. Some little girls were playing with matches in one of the upper rooms and set fire to a table cover. There is no insurance.

In Massachusetts the lieutenant-governor does not become governor on the death of that functionary, but only acting.

He Completed the Circuit.

San Francisco, Aug. 8.—Morris Oltsman, an apprentice in G. Speir's ladies' tailoring shop, was instantly killed this afternoon. He was sitting at his sewing machine, his feet on the iron pedal, and attempted to cut or brush aside the electric wires which convey power to the machine. His shears must have touched the wires, for a stream of sparks marked the contact. Oltsman's body completed the circuit, the full strength of the current coursed through his frame, and with a cry he fell over dead.

MARK TWAIN IN ENGLAND.

His Opinion of the Transvaal and Its Inhabitants.

Southampton, Aug. 4.—Samuel Clemens (Mark Twain), with his wife and daughter, arrived today on the steamer Norman from Table Bay, Cape Colony. Although he started out on his tour of the world in feeble health, being obliged often to take to his bed between the delivery of lectures, and notwithstanding an attack of sickness in India, Mr. Clemens looked the picture of health when he landed here. He has gone far and seen much, in the Sandwich islands, Australia, India, South Africa. He expressed himself as charmed with what he had seen in South Africa.

"I consider the Transvaal the country of the future," said Mr. Clemens. "It has a delightful climate and boundless natural wealth. I had presented to me in Johannesburg a little nugget with figures on it showing the enormous increase of the gold output. The bulk of trade there is in the hands of English and Germans, but Americans should be able to command the lion's share of the trade in machinery, the largest portion of the machinery in the Transvaal being American. Mr. Hammond, the reform leader convicted of treason, but whose sentence was commuted, intends to bring back from the states with him \$200,000. The majority of Americans in the Transvaal are engaged in mining and engineering. The American element is small, but the mass of the Boers make no distinction between Americans and English. Indeed, all foreigners, with the exception of Germans, are deferred to."

"The excitement over the Jameson raid and subsequent trial of the reformers has subsided, but all the reformers are agreed that the cause of political reform has been retarded a decade by the Jameson fiasco."

ENGULFED BY A TIDAL WAVE

It Is Estimated That 4,000 Chinese Perished.

Shanghai, Aug. 4.—News of a most terrible disaster, which occurred on Sunday last in the province of Kiangsu, has just been brought to this city. An immense tidal wave, fully five miles in length and of great height, swept in from the sea upon the coast of Hayehau, which is in the southeastern part of the province, inundating the entire country and destroying numerous small villages in its path.

At present it is estimated that 4,000 people were drowned, but it is probable that when a full investigation has been made, that number will be increased. In addition to the great loss of human life vast numbers of cattle were drowned. Rice fields were submerged, and the crops almost totally destroyed, and a famine is feared in the district during the coming autumn. Great numbers of people who escaped the fury of the waves are left utterly destitute, without food or shelter or the means of procuring it.

Hai Chau is situated opposite Ya Chau island, on the coast of Kiangsu province, which is on the Whang Hai or Yellow sea. The surface is mostly level, which may account for the great loss of life. Kiangsu is one of the most fertile provinces of the empire, and exports more silk than any other province of China. The Yang-tse-Kiang enters China through this province, the principal city of which is Nanking.

THE LUMBER COMBINE.

Washington Lumbermen Not Afraid That It Will Be Broken.

Tacoma, Wash., Aug. 4.—Manager W. H. Hanson, one of the proprietors of the Tacoma Mill Company, said that the story sent out from San Francisco, that there was likely to be a disruption of the lumber combine, is without foundation.

"The millmen of this coast," he said, "have been losing money long enough, and present prices are but little higher than the actual cost of production."

"If the retail dealer of Oakland or any other city sees fit to cut rates, that is his business, but he cannot expect millmen to get in any cut rates to them. My opinion of the whole trouble is that several of the retailers have been after the same business, and some of those who failed to get certain orders cut under their more successful competitors to try and get the business away from them."

"It is safe to say there will be no reduction in cargo rates, for two reasons. There is no necessity for cutting, and the present rate will not stand it, as the increased price for stumpage and the greater distance the mills have to go for logs would make any such cutting a loss to the millman."

Killed by a Falling Building.

Birmingham, Ala., Aug. 4.—At Columbus City, Ala., Maynard Covans was escorting Miss Dovie Proctor and Della Bishop, daughters of prominent families, out for a walk, when a wind and rain storm came up, and the trio stepped into an old building out of the storm. The wind increased in fury until the building collapsed, and all were caught in the debris. Covans and Miss Proctor were instantly killed, and Miss Bishop so badly injured that death will result.

A New Kiteflying Record.

Boston, Aug. 4.—All records of kiteflying were broken at the Blue Hill observatory today. A kite was sent 7,835 feet higher than the top of Mount Washington, and 800 feet higher than a kite had ever been sent before. Fifty members of the Appalachian Club witnessed the exhibition.

Glass houses of a very substantial kind can now be built.

He Used a Razor.

Cripple Creek, Colo., Aug. 4.—Frank Davis killed Robert Pickett tonight, cutting his head nearly off with a razor. Davis also cut May Rivers so badly that she will die. He then cut his own throat, but it is not thought the wound is fatal. Pickett was a dance hall proprietor, and Davis the porter of the place. The woman was an inmate of the place, and jealousy caused the tragedy.

Only one person in four in London earns over \$5 a week.

A VEIL OF MIST

Rising at morning or evening from some low lands, often carries in its folds the seeds of malaria, where malarial fever prevails no one is safe, unless protected by some efficient medicinal safeguard. Hostetter's Stomach Bitter is both a protection and a remedy. No person who is induced or seduced by a malarious region or country, should omit to procure this fortifying agent, which is also the most known remedy for dyspepsia, constipation, kidney trouble and rheumatism.

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There is more catarrh in this section of the country than all other diseases put together, and until the last few years was supposed to be incurable. For a great many years doctors pronounced it a local disease, and prescribed local remedies, and by constantly failing to cure with local treatment, pronounced it incurable. Science has proven catarrh to be a constitutional disease, and therefore requires constitutional treatment. Hall's Catarrh Cure, manufactured by Dr. J. C. Cheney & Co., Toledo, Ohio, is the only constitutional cure on the market. It is taken internally in doses from 10 drops to a teaspoonful. It acts directly on the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. They offer one hundred dollars for any case it fails to cure. Send for circulars and testimonials. Address: F. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, O.

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