and the opportunity did come one Friday night on a saint's day when there was a special service at the church in the evening.

She had never been into the church before except on Sunday, and what was his surprise and pleasure when the young minister lifted his eyes that night and saw the face that was beginning to interest him sitting before him quite near the front. During the singing of a hymn he approached her and asked her to remain after the service, as he wished to say a few words to her. She did not reply, except with a mute appeal in her splendid dark eyes. He mistook her silence for embarrassment and returned to his place at the lectern. At the close of the service he hurried to the side of the girl, who was just in the act of leaving her pew, and spoke a few words to her. He was inviting her, in that calm, deto become a regular worshiper at the church; but as he talked in low, persuasive tones, and no response came eyes that followed him in his dreams to church and be a good Christian, but down the stone steps he nodded a



SPOKE A FEW WORDS TO HER.

True there were other girls in the par ish who would gladly accept him if he would make the offer, but he did not love one of them as he now realized that he loved this girl who had occupied that year seat in the church Sunday after Sunday, always attired in a neat black dress, a bit of soft white lace falling over her collar and setting off her pretty throat. She might be 18 enough. He had noticed that she came to his shoulder as he walked down the alsle with her that night. Her hands were so pretty, too, when she made a few hurried signs, and he should never be able to hold them between his two large palms.

At last sleep pulled the curtain before these precious, yet bitter, thoughts and Rev. Mr. Grimshaw fell into a deep slumber, and dreamed that he was sailing the sea with this beautiful girl, that he held her in his arms, that he called her "Ruth." When he awoke it was he was alone, and the bright sun was streaming full upon his face. He remembered that the King's Daughters of the parish were to enjoy an excursion down the bay that day, and as he had many little affairs of importance to attend to before 2 o'clock, the hour of sailing, he busied himself about them, saying the name Ruth softly to himself in the meanwhile, and wondering if her name were really Ruth.

The excursion steamer was in waiting at the dock, and one by one the young girls stepped aboard, each smiling her sweetest as she noticed the young minister standing on the wharf. He returned their salutations with a serious countenance, and with dignity slightly lifted his hat; but his eyes were strained to the little narrow street beyond, watching and walting for her. hoping, yet not knowing, that she would come. It wanted one minute of the hour, and anxious ones aboard the little excursion steamer were calling to Mr. Grimshaw to come aboard and not get left. If he heard he heeded not, and just as he was about to give up hope of her coming, just as they were about to pull in the gangplank, a slight figure she had heard his voice. He had read in a neat-fitting black dress with white once of such a miracle-that a volley of lace at the throat and a small black hat | thunder so dense and so terrific as to set upon a shapely little head crowned deafen a person of ordinary hearing with a wealth of chestnut-brown hair, had in some miraculous and divine way approached the wharf. Calling to the restored the hearing of a man who had sallors to wait a moment, John Grimshaw sprang forward and, taking the this precious gift had been restored to girl by the arm, forgetful that she could the girl he loved. He spoke once more not hear a word he said, explained to the name he had spoken in his dreams. her that she was late and must bury and she gave s'gn that she heard. It to get aboard in time. She only smiled was too true. It was a miracle of the and turned her wistful eyes full upon storm, and he bowed his head and him, and his heart swelled with a feel- thanked God. ng undefinable, for he thought that he If he could but hear 2

nled him. And yet his dream was coming true, for he dreamed that he salled the sea with her in his arms, and was she not now in his arms? O, gentle dreams! O. destiny! It was not long before the storm

ceased as suddenly as it came, and the heavy black clouds receded, and the blue in the sky was as bright as when they started out. The little steamer cut pluckily through the water, and in half an hour the party, now in excellent spirits, had reached the cool, shady grove. The miracle wrought during the storm was the talk of the day, and not less talked about was the devotion of he minister to the happy unfortunate who knew now that she loved him, and, with an unfathomable intuition given to creatures like herself, knew, also, it. This is far more important a questhat John Grimshaw loved her. He did not love her less because she could not speak, else the bans would not have peen published, and the marriage that took place at St. Matthias' Church, six months after, would never have occurred. She never spoke to him with her voice, but her eyes and her lips and her hands spoke to him always, and Sunday after Sunday as he looked over his congregation, the same little figure, with a face of sweetness rather than sadness, looks up into his eyes, intelligently, and hears the blessed words as they fall from his lips.-Lillian Lewis.

THE LOCOMOTIVE ENGINEER.

He Tells a Story Which Sounds Like a Book. A locomotive engineer should be one of the most truthful of men. That's why this little story of a Southern engineer should be believed implicitly. "You may talk as you please about red-headed women," he was saying to a group of listeners, among whom was a Star reporter, "but a red-headed woman saved my life and established a some for herself all at once. I was 25 then and was running a freight on the C. & O. in the West" Virginia mountains, where it took talent to run an engine. My division ended at Hinton. and there was a red-headed girl lived about six miles to the east, where there was a siding near a big cut and fill. and it was a bad place, as the road was

"The girl's name was Maggie Conroy, and she had the reddest head I ever saw on a human being's shoulders outside of a torchlight procession. But I didn't care for that, and I did care for Maggie. One sunshiny day I was coming down track with a stock train loaded with some extra fine cattle and sheep, and I had in the caboose three of the owners. It had been raining and washouts were looked for, but I hadn't seen any and was bowling along at a good speed when all of a sudden at the curve I thought I saw a red light rising just over the track. It seemed o shine like a blaze in the track, and before I took time for a thought I had shut off the steam, whistled down the

brakes and was doing my best to stop. "Right then my fireman give me the haw haw in a way to chill the blood in the veins of a man who can't stand teasing, and I took a look forward and found that the red light I thought I saw was only Maggle's head of red hair sticking up in advance as she pulled herself up the steep embankment to get onto the track. With an oath I opened everything again, but as I did so Maggie threw up her hands and dropped in a dead faint by the track. and I stopped off everything again, for I felt sure that something was wrong. this fall in good shape, to have returned tween trains, and I shook Maggie up as quickly as I could to find out what was the matter. She came around mighty soon, because she had only fainted from overexertion, and she told me how a big bowlder had fallen on the track in a curve near her house that 1 wouldn't have seen till it was too late to stop for, and she had run across the spur of the mountain to stop me in

time if she could. "That's what she was trying to do when her red head shone like a danger signal and stopped me. Later the owners of the stock gave her money enough to buy a nice little house at Hinton and six months later I moved in. We've got the house yet, but we don't live in t," concluded the engineer, "for it wasn't big enough for a family of six children, and not a red-headed one in the lot."-Washington Star.

Zoo Love-Charms. Belief in the efficacy of fetishes still prevalent among a certain class of colored people, and probably no one has the supersitition brought so forcibly to his attention as Head Keeper Manley of the Zoo. Constant applications are made to him for materials for love charms by both sexes. Most often the request is for a little piece of snake skin, which, when powdered by a witch doctor and put in a locket, to be suspended from the possessor's neck, is considered to be a sure winner of

affections. To supply the demand, a number of skins taken from the reptiles that die in captivity are always kept on hand, The soft breast feathers from the African gray parrots are saved for other wooers, who prize them just as highly. Keeper Manley is called upon to supply fetishes to insure success in combat as well as in love. Several negro prizefighters, well known in the local ring, carry a little bunch of hair clipped from the tuft on the end of the old lion's tail. These bristles are thought to give the wearer unbounded courage and strength.-Exchange.

A Peculiar Funeral. A funeral without a corpse was the queer spectacle which the people of Williamsburg, N. Y., witnessed recenty. The way it came to occur was this: Henry Miltback, a resident of that town, sent his wife to Germany for her health, and on Sunday received a cable message to the effect that she was dead and that she would be buried on Tuesday. Of course her husband could not get across the ocean in time for the funeral, so he resolved to have a contemporary funeral in Williamsburg, minus the corpse. An undertaker was engaged, who arranged for the affair in the usual manner. Announcements were put in the papers and friends of the family notified. At the appointed hour the house was filled with mourners, and the minister preached a funeral sermon. Every detail was carried out the same as if it were an ordinary funeral, until it came to going to the cemetery, and there, of course, it had

Another Labor Union. Diggs-I see by the paper this morning there was a "tie-up" on one of the Western trunk lines yesterday. Blggs-That so? What was Diggs-Oh, a silly couple thought it

would be romantic to get married in a

parlor car. French Wine. A Parls paper says that the vineyards of Gard and Herault have recovered from the phylloxera, and that wine is as cheap as it was in 1875. dice. But Nevertheless, the population is turning to be do more and more to alcohol. fields in June or July. He spends the next few weeks in prospecting and finally locates a claim. There is then but a short time left in which to gather fire wood and prepare for work. Dur-ing the winter he sinks his shaft and piles up the dirt to be run through sluice boxes the next summer. When he can get water he begins washing, and by the time he has completed it

more than a year has passed from the time he first arrived in the gold fields, and it may then be too late for him to The most practical and vital question get out of the country that season. If ne went in supplied for 18 months and has kept his supplies he is all right. If not, he may be in the position of those composition and quantity of his outfit. Klondike miners this winter, who have not supplies to carry them through till spring and can not buy them at any

So much for the necessity of an lect, since by any regular route he ample equipment. Now a Yew words would probably reach his destination, about the nature of it. Some things are absolute necessitites, and one of these is quicksilver for saving the gold. It is now proposed also to lay at least fit, he would be likely to find his labor to have been all in vain, with failure would be like a soldier without ammunow attracting so much attention as a and possible starvation staring him in nition. It should be in a metal flask possibly efficient and economical road, of some kind, something that will not in sections where stone is scarce and Whatever a man would require to break, and care should be taken not to costly. Visitors are cordially invited eat, to wear or to work with he should spill it. A pick and long-handled to witness the operations on Wednestake with him. To go into that coun- shovel are necessary tools, also a gold day and Thursday of each week by try depending upon being able to pur- pan. You will want a kit of tools for Gen. Roy Stone, who is in charge.chase any of the necessaries of life or making a boat, as well as for building successful work is to run the risk of a cabin, flumes, etc. It should consist utter failure and calamity. Again and of whipsaw, handsaw, jack plane, again was this asserted by experienced draw-knife, axe, claw hatchet, ham-Yukoners when the excitement broke mer, square, chisel, files, whetstone, out in July. Publicly through the chalk line and wire and galvanized press and privately on all occasions nails, also oakum, pitch, oars, rowthey advised gold seekers to take with locks, calking iron, boat cotton, twine, them a complete equipment for 18 sail needles, wooden block and manila

The necessary camping outfit conupon being able to purchase what they sists of a tent, a Yukon stove, a nest of three camp kettles, fry pan, bake pan, advice was bassed upon the well-known water bucket, plates, cup and saucer, conditions of work and transportation | coffee pot, knives, forks, spoons, two large spoons and a butcher knife. The located several hundred miles by a trail | best materials for utehsils are alumiimpassable in winter from the nearest num, graniteware and steel in the ortrading post, while the post itself, even | der named. No tin, china or glass is if accessible, might fail to secure a desirable. There is no economy in not getting the best and a full equipment. Food must be good and properly cooked been amply demonstrated the present if one would retain health and be in season. Hundreds who did not give it condition to work, Insufficient or sufficient weight, have rushed into poorly cooked food, with little variety. is the chief cause of scurvy. Too much last them through the winter, only to care cannot be exercised in this par-

As for food, an adequate supply for 8 months weighs about a ton. The chief items are 600 pounds of flour, 800 pounds of bacon, 150 pounds each of beans and sugar, 75 pounds each of rolled oats or other mush material and aginations has blinded them to the corn meal, 50 pounds of rice, wix dozen cans of condensed milk, 35 pounds of butter in sealed cans, 150 pounds of evaporated vegetables, 100 pounds of took this advice seriously at first, and evaporated fruit, 50 pounds of prunes equipped themselves well for the jour- and raisins, 30 pounds of dried fish, 40 Very few, indeed, of those who pounds of coffee, with baking powder, soda, salt, pepper, ginger, mustard, yeast cakes, tea, soap, matches, lime ed at Dyea or Skagway with less than juice (very important), dried beef, extract of beef, soups in tins, sausage, tobacco, etc., as desired, bearing in mind the difficulties of the trail and their in- always that variety of food promotes health. There has more or less been fools in his special charge, to get through the winter somehow. They would have done better to have camped been brought forward which less been brought forwar at the lakes till spring, than to have proved desirable. One can not afford the South. gone on to Dawson short of supplies. to experiment with his stomach in The sete Alaska.

unds each as nearly as possible. tary and commercial pu another attempt fully equipped. Those Canvas of superior quality should be built, together with sixty passes over who followed this course are infinetly used, the object being to preserve the better off than those who sacrificed food from loss by dampness as well as with Steyermarck, Tyrol, Lombardy everything to their insane eagerness to by breaking or tearing of the packages. and Venetia. get through, and are now at Dawson Fifty pound packages are the most conwith nothing to do and threatened with | venient for handling, and this is often being overwhelmed by a calamity of as great a weight as one man can carry. It is better to have these canvas sacks paraffined, to resist dampness. Do not use oiled canvas, as the extreme coldness causes it to crack, with consequent go in the spring. Take everything is true also of oiled clothing, sleeping bags, etc. Plain canvas is better than for a year for any purpose, and do not depend upon being able to buy anything

A canvas tarpaulin is necessary as an outfit cover, and this may also be fitted up and used for a sail. The canvas sacks should be numbered and a list of the contents of each kept. The owner's name should be plainly marked on each. Such necessaries as matches, candles, etc., should be distributed throughout the sacks, so that a loss of a portion of the outfit will not deprive the owner of these things. matches in tin boxes. The camper will require a tent, 8x10 or 10x12 being the usual sizes taken. Each man should have a canvas sleeping bag, preferably paraffined, with a hood to, other heavy woolen sleeping bag to go prefer, though there is more warmth

The Indians make a moccasin boot,

are a necessary part of an equipment. Every man should have a small kit of Goggles to protect the eyes from snow blindness are necessary. Pens, ink, abundant in summer. Traps are use fur is done by Indians. A compass i-

desirable, also snow calks for the feet. These things can all be bought cheaper and to better advantage at the outfitting points from which the steamers sail than at any other place. It is both economy and widsom to wait until the final starting point is reached before outfitting, as a perfect equipment, selected under the advice of reliable outfitters and properly packed, is half the ington Post.

the world of his age. His name is Willi-John Bardin. He is 15 years old, six scape? feet five inches tall, and weighs 220

There is general interest in the proposed sample road building by the United States Government at the New York State agricultural experiment station at Geneva. The sample road will be more than 7,000 feet long. About 800 feet will be macadamized in the center to the width of eight feet, with rolled dirt on either side, this being designed as an improved country road. The remainder, something over a mile, will be macadamized in the center fourteen feet, with dirt roads on either side. New York Tribune.

Roads and Road Making. The Swedish mile is the longest mile in the world. A traveler in Sweden when told that he is only about a mile from a desired point would better hire a horse, for the distance he will have to walk if he chose in his ignorance to adopt that mode of travel, is exactly 11,700 yards.

The fathers of the republic projected twelve great systems of national roads, but of all these only three were even partially completed, and only one, the Cumberland road, was well advanced when the financial crisis of 1837 came upon the country and stopped farther

According to the Book of Judges, the Hebrews at an early day in their occuroads and the use of by-paths by travdition of the country.

In China there is no regular standard of distance. Standards vary in the different provinces of the Empire, the chih, or unit of length, varying from 9 to 16 inches in different provinces. A Chinese mile may be from a quarter of an English mile to a mile and threequarters, according to the province.

The importance of roads for military and commercial purposes was early recognized in the United States, and a

The scientific construction of roads in Austria began after the peace of All supplies should be carefully 1815, and from that time until 1875 no packed in canvas sacks of a total weight less than 60,000 miles of road for milli-

> Fiddled His Way to Victory. "Never scorn any of your honorable attainments," counseled the old judge, who has been on the bench in his district for a third of a century. "I heedliable to stay as long as I'm in the hara chilly one, and I was figuring on get ting away as gracefully as possible. when it was discovered that the fiddler was prematurely under the influence of refreshments and could not play. A canvass of the invited guests showed that no one could supply the vital accompaniment to the festivities, and the entertainment began to as

> "Perhaps I can help you out, gen tlemen,' I volunteered with inward tremblings, for I had not touched a fiddle since I used to saw away in the kitchen at the old farm home. "In no time they had me on top of a

sume the appearance of a dismal fail-

harrel, fiddle, bow and rosin in my hands. Their enthusiasm was an inspiration, for it meant votes. Merrily and vigorously I rendered such classics as 'Money Musk,' 'We Kept the Pig in the Parlor' and 'O'Reilly's Reel,' while the dancers shook the house and shouted approval. 'More power to his elbow,' and 'It's him as will be the nixtjidge,' was the music that I heard on every hand till I gave the Home, Sweet Home' at 4 in the morning. I went in with a whoop, and have been going in ever since."-Detroit Free Press.

Three Queer Tennessee Farmers. "There is in Tennesse a family of three sisters which presents some of the most startling peculiarities imaginable," said Mr. J. J. Kennedy, of that State. "The three sisters live together on a farm, their sole means of subsistence, and work early and late to earn ence, and work early and late to earn a livelihood. Two of them work in the field; the third does the cooking and other housework.

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Pa-It's a field of corn or rye in Ken

thing. They will not find exactly what they want even in Heaven, if they know some one is there ahead of them. For instance, some are great sufferers from neu ralgia. Friends have told them what is best and certain to cure them. Not content with what is said, they suffer on. Pain ravages and devastates the system, and leaves it a barren waste. St. Jacobs Oil has cured thousands. Just try it.

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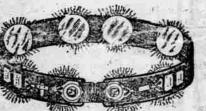
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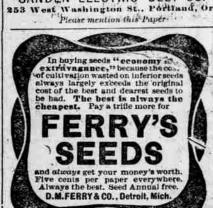
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mure little creature sat in the last pew to reach their destination, and he took on the right-hand side of the center her under his special charge. It was aisle in St. Matthias' Church, and Sun- a merry crowd. It was dolliest in the day after Sunday the young minister stern of the boat, where people were in charge looked down over his congre- packed like sardines on the deck seats gation and caught the wistful look of and on camp stools. John Grimshaw a pair of dark-brown eyes that was and the mute little creature he loved solemn and pathetic at once. Before were sitting together. Their arms the last amen of the recessional had touched as they leaned on the railing ceased to vibrate on the ears of the and looked out upon the water-the kneeling worshipers the little creature | yachts, the smacks, the sailing vessels, had each time made her way out of the | the rowboats that passed and repassed church unnoticed. After awhile Rev. them. Suddenly he felt what seemed John Grimshaw, who was six and to be the spray against his face. Antwenty, and impressionable at that, be- other instant, and without warning, big gan to feel the influence of that benign drops of rain began to fall and an expression, and of those solemn dark ominous black cloud covered the blue eyes, and decided to speak with the of the sky. Sheets of water rained and girl if an opportunity presented itself, blew from the northeast. Big green



HE EXPLAINED THAT SHE WAS LATE. waves that afterward became yeasty lashed themselves angrily against the sides of the little steamer that rolled liberate way that characterized him, to and pitched in its efforts to upright itcome to church often, to consult him, self against their fury. Thunder rolled and blinding and zig-zag streaks of lightning played across the sky. The rain poured in torrents and swept over from the girl, he began to wonder at the deck, wetting everything in its her extreme bashfulness, and when she path, and driving the now thoroughly began to shake her head, to make rapid | frightened people to the opposite side signs with her deft fingers, in an in- of the bont, which, with its uneven stant he realized that the appealing weight, leaned and tipped in that direcand in his waking moments, and the deck. The captain shouted: "Some of pretty but sad face, were those of a you go to the other side of the boat. deaf mute, and so swift and sudden Don't all rush to one side, or you will was the surprise that swept over him, have us overboard." The women bethat he could have cried out in his came excited, and a general rush to the anguish. A chill came over his heart, cabin began, until the order was given

but only for an instant, and in the next that no more should come down into he communicated as best he could by the cabin. Women grew frantic, chilnods and smiles and expression that he dren cried and those filled with bravado understood her and was sorry for her. laughed at the almost calamity. Young He tried to make her understand that men who tried to be funny put on life he would like her to continue to come preservers and walked about exhibiting themselves, announcing: "The boat whether she comprehended him or not will sink in fifteen minutes; get your he did not know. He walked to the life preservers." But a warning look door with her, and as she went slowly from the minister soon quieted them. The fury of the tempest in the meanpleasant good-night as she looked back. time never abated. The steamer was When he was alone that night the shrouded in a mist of wind and rain,

young preacher gave way to his emo- and the erstwhile jolly crowd was now

e was deeply in

love with the little being who had never and boxes that were carefully placed spoken a word to him, and whom he under the seats were saturated with nok knew would never speak to him. salt water. Meanwhile the young minister had laid a firm grasp upon the girl's arm, and half lifted, half dragged her to a passageway leading to the cabin, that was inclosed by glass windows and

doors, and thus protected her from the rain. She did not seem to comprehend the extent of her danger, and looked on at the movements of the panic-stricken crowd like some curious, wild-eyed child. Mr. Grimshaw was white to the lins, and as he lifted his eyes to heaven, one could see that his lips were moving in prayer. He prayed that the fury of the wind and waves might be abuted. that lives should not be lost, that the boat should anchor in safety, and "Oh, Lord," he prayed, "if it be Thy will that we sink to a watery grave, let her speak to me once, let me bear her voice just once upon earth, as in heaven I shall hear it as she sings with the angel The sky became inky black. Nothing could be discerned on the open deck but the terrific sheets and gusts of rain, made gray by the blackness. Just ther the heavens seemed to open, and a blinding flash of lightning played and

capered across the boat; a deafening peal of thunder, like the bursting of a thousand cannon, seemed to shake the very waters of the deep, and to echo or 20, he thought, and was just tall and re-echo across the boundless waste It was terrific, and people clapped their hands to their ears, and white faces be came blanched. A sharp, shrill piercing scream rose above it all. A scream of agonized fear. It came from the deaf mute, who swaved for a moment, and would have fallen had not her ever watchful companion caught her and supported her in his arms. What had caused her to scream? Fright, perhaps, he thought, as she witnessed the battle of the elements. Surely she had not heard that thunderbolt as it hurled itself from on high. Pshaw! Was she with the bitterest disappointment, for not deaf, and how could she hear? It made him almost glad to know that she had been spared that peal that caused

> many a heart to stand still for an in He held her fast in his arms and softly spoke the name "Ruth." She lifted those eyes with a glance as sweet as an angel's. Her heart fluttered. She



she had heard. Intuitively be felt that been deaf from birth. And, perhaps,

that inestimable please

YUKON OUTFIT

WHAT THE GOLD HUNTER SHOULD TAKE.

Sound Advice for Those Who Contem plate Seeking Their Fortunes in the New Gold Fields of Alaska and the

Northwest Territory. Special Correspondence.] to be decided by the man who intends to go to the Yukon next year is the What should he take and how much of

tion than that of the route he shall sewhile should he not have a proper out-

months, certainly not less than a year, cotton rope. and to place no dependence whatever might need from trading posts. This in that region. -The miner might be

stock of goods. The soundness of this advice has Dawson City with not enough food to find that not a pound of food is to be | ticular. purchased there, and that they are but adding to the distress of those afready threatened with starvation. They have not done this in ignorance, but in defiance of the advice of men of experience. The golden mirage of their impractical, and they have rushed headlong to needless hardships, if not destruction. Yet the majority of them

have reached Dawson with almost nothing for their support this winter, landa thousand pounds of supplies each. The secret of their present shortness is tense eagerness to, reach their destina-They would have done still better when they found they could not get through to the coast and waited until spring for of 50

their own creation. The value of the advice given to those who started last fall has been demonstrated by their experiences. The same advice is as valuable to those who will loss of the contents of the sack. with you that you anticipate to need whatever. It is folly to take for granted that there will be so many new steamers on the river next year that the country will be amply supplied with food and other necessaries. Assuming that transportation facilities will be increased ten times, this will be offset by the undoubted fact that more than ten times as many persons will go in as are there now, and that the added transportation facilities will be used to carry them and their outfits. To the thousands who are already there and must depend entirely upon supplies brought in for sale, must be added the other thousands who will not heed the voice of prudence and will rush in lightly equipped, depending upon purchasing what they need for the winter. It is extremely doubtful whether enough goods for sale can be taken in next summer to supply this demand. In-

deed, in view of the experiences of this year, it is almost certain that they can Even if it were not for this uncer tainty, the conditions of successful work there require that the miner take in a full equipment and have it with him wherever he goes. The Yukon gold fields cover a great area of country, while the trading posts are few and at present only along the Yukon river. Other posts will doubtless be established next year, near such new districts as may become populous, yet even these will be only at points accessible to steamers. Those going to the gold fields must not expect to find claims near the present centers of population. They will be compelled to prospect distant streams and gulches, and if successful, they may locate several hundred miles from the nearest store. To be compelled to make a journey after supplies might cause the loss of the entire season's prospecting, even assuming that the things needed could be purc'assed at all. Every prospecting party should be fully equipeped to subsist itself for a year. Otherwise it can not carry on its work under the conditions clear when one understands the method of mining and the difficulties of travel in the winter season, in a mountainous region without trails, the ground cov-

ered with snow and the thermometer almost continuously below zero. The ground is frozen from surface to bedrock, a distance varying in mining claims from 20 to 40 feet. Even in summer it thaws out less than a foot from the surface. The best pay dirt or gravel is just above the bed rock, and to sink a shaft down to this requires a great deal of fuel, and it takes many weeks of hard work in the open season to gather fuel enough to last through the winter for heating and working purposes. Water for washing out the dirt and extracting the gold can be had only in the summer and early fail. In some districts water flows only a few weeks each year. All the dirt taken out of the shaft is piled up near it-till the following summer, and until then the miner can not tell what will be the result of his year's labor.

This is the ordinary programme of feet five Yukon miner. He reaches the gold pounds

ness. The first time I was nominated I was with the minority party, and had little hope of election. The highest flight of my ambition was to make a good showing. In the river district along the docks there was a dense population, and as the voters there went, so went the district. I was told there was no chance of making any inroads there, but I wanted to satisfy myself by personal inquiry. I 'happened' there on the night of a little dance at the house of a rough but influential giant among the river men, and dropped in to have a talk with some of those pres ent. My opponent had been invited, but sent his regrets. My reception was

draw over his head. He can have aninside this, or use blankets, as he may to the same weight in the sleeping bag. As for clothing, the essentials are nackinaw suits, heavy woolen underwear and overshirts, heavy woolen socks, woolen mitts and fleece lined leather mitts, heavy leather boots, gum boots, overalls, woolen cap, soft felt hat and a waterproof clothing sack. To this equipment one may add whatever he may think desirable, but these at least are necessary. The question of footwear is an important one. Gum boots are worn only while at work in the water, either in a claim or along the trail. Leather boots crack and are

easily ruined in the snow and cold called "muckluck," which is the usual footwear along the Yukon, but it will of course be impossible for them to supply the demand for them next year. This renders it advisable for the goldseeker to take at least one extra pair of boots with him. The most desirable is the style of boot worn by lumbermen. There are numerous little things that

shoemaker's tools and supplies, also a complete mending outfit for clothing. toilet articles, etc., all in a case with pockets, one that can be rolled up and tied. A few yards of mosquito netting necessary for success. This is made are necessary, for mosquitoes are a pest. pencils, paper and government stamped envelopes, both Canadian and United States, should be taken. A few books are worth their weight. Fishing tackle and shot guns are likely to prove of service, as the streams teem with fish and water-fowl are extremely less, as all taking of animals for their

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As It Is in Kentucky.
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