

LOVE AND CARDS.

The youth and maiden sat alone Upon the pebbled strand Beside the sea, and in his own He held her lily hand.

WINTER IN THE ARCTICS.

Fall and Winter Sports in the Land of the Esquimaux.

The Peculiar Architecture of Esquimaux Snow and Ice Houses—The Food and Habits of the Natives—How They Bear Hardships.

The winter life of the American Arctic native, or Esquimaux, is much more interesting than his summer existence, which partakes so much of the general life of savages with a few uninteresting changes.

By most ethnologists it has been claimed that this strange nation found itself in its frigid land as a result of natural weakness, "crowded to the wall" as it were by superior races, and that wall of ceaseless ice.

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and that they form one course above another, like we build a brick building, when, in fact, there is but one course, spirally twisting around from bottom to top.

Of course the temperature can not get above freezing in these homes of hard snow, or the structure will commence melting and eventually tumble in; but it must be remembered that a person can soon get used to a temperature just a few degrees below freezing, and even be quite comfortable.

I must say that after a person has gotten thoroughly acclimated to the out-door winter life of the Arctic, a temperature of 20 deg. to 32 deg. Fahrenheit is every bit as comfortable as one of 70 deg. to 80 deg. to a person coming into the house from a temperature well below freezing.

If a comfortable house made of ice or snow seems singular during intense cold, how absurd an enjoyable bed made of the same material must appear; and yet their beds are made of snow, the mattresses of many layers of musk ox and Polar bear robes and undressed reindeer skins.

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ing warm seems to be in the enormous quantities of fat they devour, and especially during the winter season, and of which so much has been written that I will leave the subject for others not so well understood.

A most peculiar fallacy of Esquimaux winter life is that, when they are living in these odd little snow houses, and wrapped in furs and subsisting on fats, that their lives are a sort of hibernation, as near as human beings can be supposed to hibernate.

A book could be written without exhausting the winter life in Esquimaux land, but I have tried in my small space, to give some of the most interesting themes thereon, and above all something new and beyond the hackneyed subjects of other polar travelers.

PLAYING MEN'S PARTS.

Notable Instances Where Women Have Achieved Distinction by Unsexing Themselves.

A woman entered a horse for a race recently in Belgium, but made it a condition that she should ride it herself, dressed as a jockey.

The manager said he knew all the time there was no such monkeys, and it was his opinion Addy wanted some money pretty bad, and took that way to deceive his poor old trusting father, and get the money.

Honesty is the Best Policy.

Mr. Black, the eminent and wealthy coal-dealer, called one of his oldest drivers into the office the other morning and tendered him quite a large sum of money.

A SHIFTING ISLAND.

The Inevitable Destiny of an Interesting Atlantic Watering Place.

Old Manissee is bronzing more loiterers this summer than ever before. There are 2,500 "strangers" on the island.

For nine months in the year the island is plastered over with drying, salted codfish. The remainder of the season the natives devote to salting other people's money.

Journalist to his wife—"I feel very bad this morning. I don't see that it is worth while to go to work, for my head aches so painfully that I can not think."

BIG MONKEYS.

A Good Story on Adam Forepaugh—A Chip of the Old Block.

The boys tell a good many jokes on Uncle Adam Forepaugh, the circus man. Adam is an old Pennsylvania Dutchman, rich, but a little "near."

"Well, if Addy has got a nine-hundred pound monkey, I will eat him," said the manager. "It is unreasonable, and I wouldn't pay the money till I saw the monkeys, if I was you."

"Money received—monkeys dead." Old Adam was pondering over the message when the manager came in. He handed the message to the manager and said:

Large Waists.

Women who have the livings to must encounter severe competition, and they will never receive consideration because they are women.

A Cat's Head.

The Connecticut cat is continually doing queer things. A few nights ago a Norwich (Conn.) young man dreamed that he was struggling with burglars and awoke in a cold perspiration.

Weddings resulting from chance acquaintances made during summer vacations may well be published under the head of "casualties."

SWINE.

How They Should be Cared for During Spring and Summer.

The pig is provided with one very potent means of protection against changes in the temperature at all seasons, as well as against the damaging effects of sleeping in a wet nest, be this the bare ground or a worn-out bunch of hay or straw.

But, unfortunately for the domesticated hog, he is liable to be turned to pasture in the spring, shut away from his winter quarters, and confined upon a low down, flat grazing ground, where he has no access to material out of which he can build a nest.

Roman Remains in Bavaria.

The remains of a large Roman villa fitted with extensive baths have been recently discovered at Eining, near

Abens River, near the Danube. The heating apparatus has been found in very perfect condition, together with many curious and interesting architectural details.

Texas.

An Englishman, writing home from Texas says: There are no game laws except as to close seasons, which are little regarded in that vast wild country.

Boys "White."

They will treat you "rigid square, you bet your sweet life," and "will dearly love to make you comfortable."

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TAKEN DOWN.

How the Old Gentleman Took the Starch out of a Self-Sufficient Youngster.

The youth had been patronizing the young ladies by vouchsafing choice bits of his superior wisdom. "You remember what Caesar said when he was about to cross the Rubicon?" said the old gentleman.

But Caesar held out and marched his shattered force into the Wallachian principality? "That's the way I remember it," replied the youth, with a desperation born of despair.

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