

ARE YOU TO LIVE IN ALASKA?

Some Requirements That Are Indispensable—Miners Food Must Be Right.

The universal article of diet in that country, depended upon and indispensable, is bread or biscuit. And to make the bread and biscuit, either in the camp or upon the trail, yeast cannot be used—it must be baking powder; and the powder manufactured by the processes of the Royal Baking Powder Company, miners and prospectors have learned, is the only one which will stand in that peculiar climate of cold and dampness and raise the bread and biscuit satisfactorily.

These facts are very important for every one proposing to go to Alaska and the Yukon country to know, for should he be persuaded by some out-fitter to take one of the cheap brands of baking powder it will cost just as much to transport it, and then when he opens it for use, after all his labor in packing it over the long and difficult route, he will find a solid caked mass or a lot of spoiled powder, with no strength and useless. Such a mistake might lead to the most serious results. Alaska is no place in which to experiment in food, or try to economize with your stomach. For use in such a climate, and under the trying and fatiguing conditions of life and labor in that country, everything must be the best and most useful, and above all it is imperative that all food supplies shall have perfect keeping qualities. It is absurd to convey over such difficult and expensive routes an article that will deteriorate in transit, or that will be found when required for use to have lost a great part of its value.

There is no better guide to follow in these matters than the advice of those who have gone through similar experience. Mr. McQuesten, who is called "the father of Alaska," after an experience of years upon the trail, in the camp, and in the use of every kind of supply, says: "We find in Alaska that the importance of proper kind of baking powder cannot be overestimated. A miner with a can of bad baking powder is almost helpless in Alaska. We have tried all sorts, and have been obliged to settle down to use nothing but the Royal. It is stronger and carries further, but above all things, it is the only powder that will endure the severe climatic changes of the arctic region."

It is for the same reason that the U. S. government in its relief expeditions, and Peary, the famous arctic traveler, have carried the Royal Baking Powder exclusively.

The Royal Baking Powder will not cake nor lose its strength either on board ship or in damp climates, and is the most highly concentrated and efficient of leavening agents. Hence it is indispensable to every Alaskan outfit. It can be had of the trading companies in Alaska, but should the miner procure his supplies before leaving, he should resist every attempt of the out-fitter to palm off upon him any of the other brands of baking powder, for they will spoil and prove the cause of great disappointment and trouble.

American Horses in Belgium.
A Belgium agricultural journal says that in Antwerp in 10 months more than 4,000 American horses were disposed of, exclusive of those coming by way of England or by transportation vessels calling at that port, and that these importations must not be confounded with those brought from the Argentine Republic some years before. The wild horses known as "pampas," left a sad souvenir, still remembered by many persons. Such a mistake would do a great injustice to the American horse, whose hitherto disputed qualities are today fully appreciated at their just value.

Joplin Becoming Prosperous.
Joplin, Miss., which for the past few years has been prominent as a lead and zinc producing region, is gradually coming into the hands of companies with sufficient capital to operate the mines in a thoroughly up-to-date manner, instead of the slipshod operations that have heretofore prevailed. The lead and zinc ores from this district sold during the past year is estimated to have been valued at about \$4,600,000.

Fireproof Theater Curtains.
Fireproof curtains are obligatory in many European theaters, and are made either of sheet iron or asbestos, completely cutting off the stage from the auditorium, and minimizing the danger of fire as well as of the still more destructive panic. The first fireproof curtain in Europe was installed in the Comedie Francaise by an American electric company.

Ignatius Donnelly, who is 86, is going to marry a woman who is only 21. Mr. Donnelly wants a wife who is not so set in her opinions that he can't convince her that Lord Bacon wrote Shakespeare.

ITEMS OF INTEREST.

In a recent work on the birds of Colorado, W. W. Cooke brings up the number of species and sub-species found in that state to 363.

Trolley car ambulances are to be introduced in the city of Pittsburgh, running independently over all the street car tracks as called for.

Miss Eleanor Ormerod declares that the English cockroach is in danger of extermination before the hordes of imported German black beetles.

Greater New York consists of 45 islands, just as many as there are stars in our flag. It might be appropriately called the Island City.

What is probably the largest locomotive in the world has just been completed and weighs, with the tender, over 285,000 pounds. It is for use in Mexico.

The largest parish in London in point of area is Lewisham, which has 5,773 acres; and the largest in population is Islington, which has now 330,000 inhabitants.

A writer in a magazine has made the prophecy that in 300 years from now the world will only know three languages—English, Russian and Chinese.

Many collieries in Silesia are provided with bombs filled with compressed oxygen for use in cases of accident or entrance into old galleries where the air is foul.

Harvard this year, for the first time, has a colored person as a candidate for the degree of A. B., in the person of a young colored woman from Miller-ton, N. Y.

The famous Louis XV drawing-room suite, composed of a sofa and six arm-chairs, with old Beauvais tapestry, has been sold in Paris to a London dealer for \$70,000.

The tramways, omnibuses and underground railways in and around London, within a radius of five miles, carry each year, it is calculated, about 453,000,000 passengers.

At the grape cure establishment in Switzerland, France and Austria, patients are usually turned loose in the vineyards and allowed to gorge themselves at pleasure.

Before a fire brigade can start for a fire in Berlin the members must all fall in line in military fashion and salute their captain. This proceeding wastes at least three minutes.

There is an enormous demand in New York for Fifth avenue property facing Central Park. Only the rich can buy, when bare lots are held at from \$4,000 to \$5,000 a front foot.

Timber Bridges.
Except in rural districts for crossing small streams, we had thought that timber bridges had long since become things of the past. This however, is not the case in those parts of Austro-Hungary where there are forests available for this old-time method of construction. Timber bridges are largely in vogue in Galicia for highway purposes, a variety of types of construction being adopted, the bridges having spans ranging from 80 to 150 feet.

AN OPEN LETTER

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In some parts of China the young women wear their hair in a long single plait, with which is intertwined a bright scarlet thread. This style of ornamentation denotes that the young lady is marriageable.

MAKES A FORTUNE IN EGGS.

Everybody Laughed at This Man, But Success Came to Him.

Nearly every man who has come out of Dawson during the past two months or more has had something to say of the "frozen egg man." They met him at various points between the Chilkoot summit and the Yukon river, trudging along with one companion and four dogs, pulling a cargo of frozen eggs bound for the Klondike. Eggs at Dawson are worth a dollar or more each and this high price proved such an incentive to a Portland man that he resolved to freeze a lot of them and take them in. The egg man has been the source of no little amusement for the Klondikers who have come out. They have frequently laughed at his fool-hardy speculation and often predicted his failure. He has been a prolific landmark and one of the stock questions which Klondikers have asked each other here has been, "Where did you meet the egg man?"

The egg man has sold his eggs and returned with a sack which many a Klondiker might well envy. His name is Charles Vest.

Mr. Vest left Portland last October on the steamer Elder. Before leaving he obtained 1,743 dozen eggs. He broke and packed them in tin cans, holding one gallon each, or six dozen. The cans were sealed, frozen and put in ice. They weighed 2,025 pounds in cold storage.

With one man to help and his dogs Mr. Vest hurried the eggs up to Sheep camp and buried them in the snow. He put four cans in a sack and tied the sack over the dogs' backs. Each dog carried 28 pounds in this way. Once over the summit the cans were piled on sleds, pulled by the dogs and the journey continued.

Several adventures befell Mr. Vest and his companion on the way. On December 21 they stopped at a cabin and bought supper and lodging. They bought some moccasins of one of their hosts. In the morning one can of the eggs, now becoming more and more precious, was gone. Mr. Vest had his suspicions but had no evidence. He asked his host about the missing can but got no satisfaction, although his suspicions were confirmed. There were others camping at the cabin and from these two or three days later Vest obtained corroborative evidence as to the guilt of the suspect. The thief had gone towards the coast but Vest followed him and took him before the police. Confronted with the evidence of his crime the fellow confessed. The police decreed that the man should be punished by giving up his outfit to the man he had wronged. This was done and Mr. Vest got \$185 per dozen for the can of eggs.

At Thirty-Mile river an adventure of a different sort overtook the egg man. A raft was built to float down the river. Vest stayed on shore to line the raft down and his companion was aboard the raft. The ice at one place was not strong enough to support Mr. Vest's weight and he was forced to let the line go. The raft went spinning down the river at a fearful rate, the anxious owner running along shore to keep up with it. Suddenly a rock rimmed with ice appeared in the track of the raft. In a moment the raft had dived under the ice, the rider had jumped for his life to the rock and the cargo had spilled into the swift stream.

It was bitter cold, but the situation was desperate. Vest did not ponder long upon what to do. He plunged into the stream and pulled out the sacks one at a time. To do this he had to run along and into the stream for a mile and a half. His clothes froze to him, but he saved his eggs. Then he went back to his companion and threw out a rope and towed him ashore. Three men who happened to be camping near by gave the two wet men shelter until they had dried and warmed themselves.

Sixty-five miles further down Vest reached the Big Salmon where Major Walsh was camping. Major Walsh wanted supplies and he bought Mr. Vest's eggs at \$3 per dozen. The eggs yielded \$5,311, which, added to the \$1,110, amounted to \$6,321 as the total product of Mr. Vest's undertaking.

Some Lines on Alaska.

A "lay" on Eldorado creek is worth \$10,000.
Rope is selling at Dawson for \$1 per foot.

A lantern is said to be more useful than an overcoat at Wrangel.
Some men are making \$125 per day each with a rocker on the Eldorado.

Skagway's population is said to be increasing at the rate of 300 per week.

Extensive as is the steamship service it is still unable to accommodate the rush.

Gulch creek, a tributary of Boulder creek, is expected to prove as rich as the Klondike.

Eighty gamblers from Tacoma went north on the Corona when she sailed.

A crude log cabin 20x24, costs \$1,000 to construct at Dawson, and readily rents for \$125 per month.

Ordinary dogs will pack from 30 to 50 pounds and stand the work all right, day in and day out.

A party of 12 from Champaign county, Ill., with 40 trained dogs, will sail shortly from Tacoma for the Alaskan mines.

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