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KNOWN IN ASTORIA

Henry H. Loomis, the Portland Murderer, Once Lived Here.

HAD UNSAVORY REPUTATION

Married a Woman in a Downtown Dance Hall—Was Arrested Many Times for Petty Crimes and Considered a Disturber.

The dispatch published in yesterday's Astorian relative to the murder of Frank Fritz and Loomis' wife and the suicide of himself, recalls the fact that Henry H. Loomis once lived in Astoria, where he bore an unsavory reputation. He was a frequenter of Swiltown and married one of the girls in a dance hall. He worked at long-shoring for several years; was a disturbing element and frequently arrested for participating in midnight brawls. He had a brother who was known as "Herr Most Loomis," who was a printer. They lived in a scow near the O'Brien hotel. The picture published in yesterday's Oregonian is a good one of young Loomis. As to whether the woman he killed is the same one he married in Astoria is not known.

HOBO STEW.

A Culinary Triumph That is Dear to the Tramp.

The professional hobo generally travels and operates alone, but if upon arriving at some large town or city he happens to meet other congenial members of his profession a pooling of interests is sometimes undertaken, a hobo camp set up, and the town is systematically worked. The spot or a camp usually chosen is in the outskirts on some wooded tract not too far from the railroad. Here the profits are divided and the different territories allotted. At nightfall all congregate to this point with the spoils and supplies, and over the "hobo stew" incidents of the day are discussed. "Hobo stew" is a triumph of culinary art that these gentry have a particular weakness for. A large iron pot is purchased, begged or stolen and half filled with water. Into this are thrown pieces of beef, pork, chicken (from some robbed hen-roost), bread, potatoes, carrots, onions and, in fact, everything edible that has been or can be secured. When the savory mess is sufficiently boiled it is eaten with much gusto by the tramp. These camps are never kept in existence long, however, because the hobo realizes that the danger of detection and a roundup is an ever present one when a large number remain long together in any one camp. Professional tramps, like the birds, have regular migratory seasons. From April to September this tide of immigration is toward the northern and eastern states and the region of the middle west. From November on through the winter his peregrinations take him south, southwest and to the southern Pacific coast.—Pilgrim.

FRUIT MYSTERIES.

The Banana is Seedless, Though Nobody Knows Why.

The banana is seedless, or nearly so, and has been for centuries, though nobody knows why. It is propagated by suckers and possibly had no seeds when it was first found in its wild state. The banana is a modified berry. Cutting the fruit through the middle you will sometimes see a few little brown spots, which are the rudimentary seeds. Occasionally the banana does actually produce a few seeds.

The pineapple is seedless, being propagated likewise from suckers and from slips. The eggplant, which is a fruit, botanically speaking, is occasionally seedless. This plant is able to produce developed fruit whether the blossom is fertilized or not. Horticulturists are endeavoring at the same time to rid fruit plants of thorns. Some oranges and lemons are very thorny—for example, the high priced King orange, which is the best of the mandarins. The first trees were brought to the United States from Cochinchina. In Florida its thorniness has been reduced by selecting buds from the branches with the fewest thorns. Thorns are objectionable because they puncture the oranges and lemons when the branches are blown about by the wind. Efforts are being made to get rid of the thorns on raspberry and blackberry plants simply for convenience in picking the fruit. The thorns are meant by nature to protect the plant from animals. Cultivators select those plants which happen to be thornless or nearly so.

Laugh.

Learn to laugh. A good laugh is better than medicine. Learn how to tell a story. A well told story is as welcome as a sunbeam in a sickroom. Learn to keep your own troubles to yourself. The world is too busy to care for your ills and sorrows. Learn to stop creaking. If you cannot see any good in the world keep the bad to yourself. Learn to hide your pains and aches under a pleasant smile. No one cares to hear whether you have the earache, head-

ache or rheumatism. Don't cry. Tears do well enough in novels, but they are out of place in real life. Learn to meet your friends with a smile. The good humored man or woman is always welcome, but the dyspeptic or hypochondriac is not wanted anywhere and is a nuisance as well.

Gorgeous Japanese Robes.

In number the diaphanous robes worn by a Japanese woman of high rank of the eleventh or twelfth century were seldom less than twenty, while on great occasions even more might be necessary. Thus at a great palace fete it is said that "some wore as many as twenty-five suits, showing glimpses of purple, of crimson, of grass green, of wild rose yellow and of sapanwood brown, their sleeves and skirts decorated with golden designs, while others, by subtle commingling of willow sprays and cherry blossoms and by embroidered patterns picked out with gems, represented the poem of the jewels and the flowers."

Lee's Military Genius.

One day during the war between the states General Lee sent for General Gordon and said to him: "Take these regiments"—mentioning some—"and go to Spottsylvania. Be there tomorrow morning."

In surprise, General Gordon asked why troops were needed at that particular spot.

"Because," replied General Lee, "Grant will be there."

Nothing had been heard of Grant's movements for a long time, but General Gordon supposed General Lee had had some dispatches which had informed him of Grant's nearness. He asked if this was so.

"No," said Lee, "but Grant ought to be there, and he will be." Lee was a great general himself and knew what a great general should do. He had studied out Grant's plans from the place where he last heard of him and decided where he would next make his appearance.

General Gordon went to Spottsylvania. Grant was there, and one of the fiercest battles of the war was fought.

Adventures of a 1,000 Franc Note.

A lady passing down the Rue Richelieu had the misfortune to lose a pocketbook containing among other valuables a 1,000 franc note. The pocketbook was picked up by a chair mender named Renaud, who lives at Montreux. He placed it very carefully in his pocket and proceeded to his home. It is not often that a chair mender has occasion to change a note for that amount, and Renaud, recognizing the impossibility of turning it into gold without detection, agreed with a friend to do the business for the consideration of 100 francs. This friend, Lucien Mathern, also a chair mender, was in his turn filled with apprehension. The difficulty was solved by the aid of a horticulturist named Simonnet, who kindly consented to buy himself a horse for 300 francs and return the change. Renaud thus became richer by 600 francs. All might then have gone well if, two days later, it had not been discovered that the horse had been stolen from a dealer at Meaux. This led to the arrest of the trio, and later in the day the police put their hands on the horse thieves.—Paris Messenger.

An Incident of History.

Julia Ward Howe had just written "The Battle Hymn of the Republic," and was reading it to Elizabeth Cady Stanton.

"Well Lizzie," she asked when she had finished, "what do you think of it?"

"Great!" was the reply. "But you are boasting man again in defiance of our glorious principles. Sit down now and write another to be called 'The Battle Her of the Republic.'—New York Telegram.

INHERITED SCROFULA

When a child I had a very severe attack of Diphtheria, which came near proving fatal. Upon recovery the glands of the neck were very much enlarged, and after the free use of iodine, the right one was reduced to its normal size, but the left one continued to grow—very slowly at first, until it was about the size of a goose egg, which began to press on the windpipe, causing difficult breathing, and became very painful. An incision was made and a large quantity of pus discharged. The gland was removed, or as much as could with safety be taken out. For ten years I wore a little piece of cloth about an inch long in my neck to keep the place open. During this time I had to have it cut open by the doctor every time I took cold or the opening clogged. In the Spring or early Summer of 1884 I was persuaded by my wife to use S. S. S., which I did, strictly in accordance with directions. I took twenty-six large bottles, and was entirely cured, for I have not suffered since that time. B. S. RAGLAND, Royal Bag Mfg. Co., Charleston, S. C.

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