

WON FROM DISASTER

Success at Times Follows Seeming Ill Luck.

SMALL THINGS MAKE CHANGE

How the Baku Petroleum Deposits Were Discovered—A Dying Seal Disclosed Nome's Gold Secret—The Origin of Tinted Paper.

The Baku petroleum deposits, which have yielded millions of pounds' worth of fine oil, are situated in Russian Caucasus.

Years ago a number of cattle were placed on several tracts of land well covered with herbage. The animals, however, refused to feed at first, but later, in their hunger, they ate up the grass ravenously. All of them were taken ill, and a number died.

The cause of their death puzzled the owner for some time. In the long run he discovered, with the assistance of an Englishman, that below the meadows were rich oil springs which caused the grass to be poisoned with paraffin. The loss of his cattle brought a fortune.

A summer or two back a sea wall on the Suffolk coast was blown down during a strong gale, and when the tide rose many acres of low lying land were flooded by the sea. The farmers, who rented the land were in despair, and in order to save their crops they started draining the water off.

Two days later the water sodden meadows were a sight wonderful to behold. They were one thick carpet of fine mackerel! A big school of the fish had swept in through the breach in the embankment and been carried to the fields by the incoming sea.

The farmers hired scores of carts to collect the mackerel, and within twenty-four hours the fish had been packed into boxes and were en route to Billingsgate, where they were sold for over 1000.

Starving, ill clad and bootless, Robert Hyams, a homeless Jew, wandered to the top of a lonely hill on the Yorkshire moors. There was a strong gale blowing from the east, and to protect himself from the cold blast he entered a big shed of wood and gorse on the summit which was used to store fodder for the sheep.

Stepping through the door, which opened to the eastward, he was astonished to find inside over sixty wild ducks, half stunned, but quacking violently. He slammed the door and started catching the birds and wringing their necks.

The shed lay right in the flight lines of the myriads of wild ducks that come to Britain from the north, and, flying low in their hundreds, some of them had entered the door of the shed, which had been left open by the shepherd, and stunned themselves on the rear wall.

Hyams sold the lucky haul for a sum exceeding £8, and with this he was able to clothe himself respectably and thus find employment.

On the beach which fringes the precipices below Cape Nome there is now a prosperous city peopled by 40,000 miners, but at one time, and not so very long ago, the spot was uninhabited. The discovery of the gold in the district and its ultimate prosperity was entirely due to a seal.

Two American hunters had wounded the strange creature, and it led them a pretty dance across the ice and into an unknown bay, where the seal was killed after badly wounding one of the hunters.

In its death struggles the seal flung up the ground, and the hunters, to their agreeable surprise, found themselves on a golden strand—the richest one in the world.

The death of a mule brought great wealth to Frederick Butler, a Klondiker, who took part in the memorable "rush" to the gold fields of Yukon. He left his mule standing one day on a plot of land far away from the "claims," and another miner who had a grudge against his fellow digger shot the animal in the neck with his revolver.

The mule fell and in its agony kicked up the ground with its hoofs. When its owner returned he found several "pebbles" of strange weight and shape lying around the dead animal. He cleansed the supposed pebbles and they proved to be nuggets of virgin gold. The dying mule had struck one of the richest veins in Klondike.

A similar case of gold being discovered by an animal occurred in Scotland in 1808. A dog, badly wounded by a shot from a gamekeeper's gun, scratched up some gold on ground which was afterward known as the Durrobin gold mines, near Galspie. Over £20,000 worth of the precious metal was washed out of the mine by the owner of the fortune bringing dog.

The Patrol silver mines in Spain were also discovered by a wounded dog, and it is said that the famous diamond mines at Kimberley were first revealed to a wide awake Boer by a sow which he had shot.

Gold to the value of some hundreds of pounds was dug out of a portion of the ground belonging to a Mr. Irwin of

western Cumberland. A rovi chased by a boy threw up a nugget of gold with its claws as it fled from its pursuer.

Subsequently it transpired that where the bird had been was a dried up stream and contained gold dust and small nuggets in large quantities.

Ramsgate harbor was once flooded with a mighty shoal of mullet, and when the dock gates were opened to allow a ship to pass into the inner basin the fish followed, and the basin became thick with them.

When the tide went down the authorities had the dock sluices opened and the water drained off. Over twenty cart loads of mullet of two pounds weight and upward were taken away from the floor of the basin, and their sale brought to the coffers of the Ramsgate council nearly £500.

A piece of blue dropped by accident into a vat of pulp was responsible for the production of blue tinted paper, and to this slight disaster the foundation of a great industry is to be traced.

The wife of William East, a poor paper maker, dropped a blue bag into one of her husband's pulp vats, and as a result the pulp assumed a blue tint.

East considered the paper to be a grave pecuniary loss, but when he sent it up to London it found a ready market. Indeed, it became so popular that East was asked to supply more. He did and eventually made a great fortune out of his "blue bag" paper.

A chemist of Nuremberg was pouring out some aquafortis from a bottle when a few drops fell upon a pair of gold rimmed spectacles, which he had recently purchased.

"That's a catastrophe," he called to his wife. "I've upset some aquafortis on my new specs."

"Has it spoiled them?" was the reply. "Well," said the chemist, "the glass is corroded where the fluid touched it."

Then an idea struck him, and, getting a piece of window glass, he endeavored to etch thereon. He succeeded after many failures. By drawing designs on the glass with varnish and applying aquafortis he made them appear as on a gray background. For many years he kept his secret close and made a small fortune out of his designed glass. —Pearson's London Weekly.

THE PRICE OF TORTURE.

Eighteenth Century Punishments and the Costs Thereof.

Among the monuments of superstition which exist to this day, the traveler sees the "witch towers," the torture chambers and the collections of instruments of torture in various towns on the continent—notably at Nuremberg, Ratlabon, Munich and The Hague. But perhaps nothing brings the system more vividly before us than the executioner's tariffs still preserved. Four of these may be seen in the library of Cornell university and among them especially that issued by the archbishop elector of Cologne in 1757. On four printed folio pages, it enumerates in fifty-five paragraphs every sort of hideous cruelty which an executioner could commit upon a prisoner, with the sum allowed him for each, and for the instruments therein required. Typical examples from this tariff are the following:

	Thalers. Uth.
1. For tearing asunder with four horses	5 20
2. For quartering	4
5. For beheading and burning ..	5 20
7. For strangling and burning ..	4
8. For heaping the pile of wood and kindling	11
9. For burning alive	4
11. For breaking a man alive on the wheel	4
12. For setting up the wheel with the body twisted in it	2 52
13. For cutting off a hand or sundry fingers and for beheading—altogether	3 28
20. For burning with a hot iron ..	1 20
22. For beheading and placing the head upon a pike	2 20
24. For beheading, twisting the body in the wheel and placing the head upon a pike—altogether	5
28. For tearing a criminal before his execution with red-hot pincers—each tearing of the flesh	20
31. For pulling a tongue or hand to the gallows	1 20
42. For the first grade of torture ..	1 20
44. For the second grade of torture, including setting the limbs afterward, with salve for same	2 20

and so on through fifty-five items and specifications.—Andrew D. White in Atlantic.

A Hanging Bridge.

When the Denver and Rio Grande engineers said the canyon of the Arkansas could never be penetrated its entire length. There was one spot in this awe inspiring chasm where there was not room for a roadbed on either side of the stream. The walls of the canyon came down to the swift current of the Arkansas without foothold for a man on either side. But an engineer suggested a hanging bridge suspended between the walls of the canyon. The bridge was built with supports imbedded in the solid rock, and across it the heavy transcontinental trains flit daily, with nothing but the slender ironwork between the river and the top of the canyon, 2,000 feet above. Great iron braces, which look almost spider-like in the vastness of the canyon, have been thrown across the gorge, being anchored securely in the sheer sides. Huge cables depend from these braces, holding a long iron bridge, which extends not across but parallel with the course of the river.—New York Tribune.

The City of Is.

You might exhaust yourself looking in atlas and gazetteer for the city of Is, because it is purely legendary. Here is a brief statement of the legend: "The magnificent city of Is was situ-

ated on the coast of Brittany where now is the bay of Douarnenez. It was built below the level of the sea and surrounded by massive walls. Here in the fifth century was the court of the pious King Gradlon and of his wicked daughter, Dahut, who had a pleasant habit of throwing her suitors into a well when their society became tiresome. One of her favorites asked her to obtain for him the silver key which fastened the sluice gates in the city wall. Dahut accordingly stole the key from her father's neck while he slept, the lover unlocked the gates and the sea rushed in and overwhelmed the city and its inhabitants, including the princess. Only the king escaped. The Breton peasants say that the spirits of the drowned still haunt the spot, and the bells of the submerged city are often heard ringing at low tide."

To Literal Translations.

Voltaire translated some of Shakespeare's plays. Shakespeare makes one of his characters renounce all claim to a doubtful inheritance, with an avowed resolution to carve for himself a fortune with his sword.

Voltaire put it in French, which, retranslated, reads: "What care I for lands? With my sword I will make a fortune cutting meat."

Another, displeased with such blunders, undertook a more correct translation of the great bard. Coming to the following passage.

Even such a man, so faint, so spiritless, So dull, so dead in look, so woebegone, he translated the last three words to read, "So, grief, be off with you."

In the French translation of "Paradise Lost" "Hail, horrors, hail!" is rendered thus: "Comment vous portez vous, les horreurs, comment vous portez vous?" That is, "How d'ye do, horrors, how d'ye do?"

A Dream of a Hat.

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NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that the registration books of the city of Astoria, for the primary nominating election to be held in this city on Monday the 13th day of November, 1905, will be opened at the Auditor's office in the city hall, on Monday the 23rd day of October, 1905, and will close for said primary election on the 7th day of November, 1905, at the hour of 4 o'clock p. m., said registration books will be again opened on Thursday the 16th day of November, 1905, for the general election to be held in this city on Wednesday the 13th day of December, 1905, and will close on Saturday, the 9th day of December, 1905, at 4 o'clock p. m. All persons must register in order to be entitled to vote.

Dated, Astoria, Oregon, October, 21st, 1905.

OLOF ANDERSON,

Auditor and Police Judge of the city of Astoria

SOCIAL DANCE.

The Women's Relief Corps will give a social dance at Hanthorn's Hall, Saturday evening, Nov. 4th. Admission 50c. All are invited.

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