AN ICE DELAY.

How the State of the North River Influences European Travel.

New dangers are often added to the undertaking of a European tour by the presence of ice in the North river, says a writer in the New York Herald. If you think that a fanciful proposition you should have been with me when I went over to Hoboken.

It was a cold day and the river was pretty full of ice—a good deal fuller than it had been the day before—a fact that some of my fellow passengers learned to their surprise and agony when it was too late. Why agony, unless the boat was smashed? Because they were crossing to take an outgoing steamer. They were three well-dressed, gentlemanly fellows—that is, they were very gentlemanly when they came aboard with their sticks and their rugs and their umbrellas neatly strapped up, and their handbags shining like Xmas presents, with silver initials.

They sat down together, and one, pulling out his watch, remarked easily that they had plenty of time, and another said that it was "beastly to be so early, don't you know, with all the fellows that are bores, you know, hanging around and talking to you for hours," and the third said: "Yes, and the plank was always so choked with the visitors you couldn't find your state-room without a lot of fuss," and that a steamer the hour before she sailed was the best place for pickpockets in the world, and that he never wanted to be on hand fifteen minutes before the gangplank was drawn in.

Meanwhile the boat had drawn out and was putting on steam to crush her way through the ice. The three gentlemanly fellows had done everything just as they had meant to, and were beautifully satisfied with themselves, but they did not seem to know a great deal about ice in the North river. Pretty soon the boat stopped—that is, she ceased to go forward, and, as one of the passengers said, "began to chaw on the ice." The ice did not seem to mind it, nor at first did the three ocean-bound travelers. But time went on and the boat didn't, and after awhile it began to strike them that this was a bad combination, and that if it kept up long enough it might be inconvenient. One went out of the cabin, saying he was going to find somebody to ask about things. This Napoleonic measure did not perceptibly increase our all but imperceptible progress. When he came back the three looked at each other very blankly, then they looked at their watches and looked blanker. They did not seem to find much consolation in conversation. They began tramping about uneasily. One discovered that from a window they could see their steamer lying at her dock. They all stared at her in turn long and earnestly. Still the boat chawed on the ice. The mutterings of profanity could be heard from their once gentlemanly lips.

At last the boat forged ahead a few feet, and the trio in woe looked each other in the face and smiled once more. When progress again stopped and the chawing was renewed their last estate was worse than their first. When finally, by backings and startings and many maneuvers that all consumed time, we got life to the clear water, they looked ten years older than they did when we left New York. Never had a trip to Europe used up more vitality in the same length of time. They tried to exchange a few words about the improbability of the steamer leaving exactly on time, but their voices seemed to stick in their throats, and it was plain to any man with a watch in his pocket and an advertisement of the line in his paper that they were still left, even if the steamer should be a good many minutes late.

When at last we got in they had their measures arranged for the best flight they could make. They had taken all their traps and bags to some employe on the ferryboat to keep till called for, only putting in their pockets some small things from their contents, for carriages and hacks are not common around that part of Hoboken, and they were wise enough to prepare for the run that they soon took. They started from the boat at very nearly full speed, in spite of cheerful warnings from their fellow passengers, newsboys and others to save their wind.

A number of them followed at a lesser speed to see how they came out. A cry of "Stop thief!" was raised by an unenlightened Hobokenese, but he was choked off. The three gentlemanly fellows were for the time hardened to all the slings and arrows of outrageous torture. Not so when one of them had to come back alone. He was shorter and fatter than his companions; they flew over the wavering gangplank just as it was trembling on the very point of retirement from public service. He didn't. He returned amid expressions of sympathy from the interested populace to hunt up the man that had their things, and with plenty of time to consider what he'd do next.

Bald Heads.

Bald heads, [illegible] Increasing more and [illegible] appears, are becoming where [illegible] more common. In big cities pulses of commerce and culture beat with intense force, one-half of the men at forty have heads as destitute of hirsute ornament as billiard balls. At fifty, cracks which make in summer time excellent skating rinks for blue bottles, are the heritage of every three persons out of four whose lot has cast them out of country life. As for the ladies, it is asserted that an even far greater proportion of women at similar ages have about as much of what Scripture calls their "glory" upon the attics of their persons as the summit of the Bunker Hill monument.

Showers of Titles.

During the past twenty-one years no less than ninety-seven peerages have been created and fifty-six have become extinct in England. One hundred and forty-four gentlemen have received the handle "Sir" to their names in the form of baronetcies, and as many as eighty-two have become extinct, while the so-called honor of knighthood has been conferred upon one thousand one hundred and six persons.

GARGLING the throat with cold water in which mustard has been dissolved in the proportion of a teaspoonful of mustard to a tumbler of water is excellent for a cold.

A NOVELTY in cane heads has just been produced by a New York jeweler. It is a perfectly plain knob, which, on being opened, discloses the surface of a half dollar. The coin, however, is only the outer cover of a series of leaves on which photographs may be placed. There are spaces for eight portraits.

MOVING PLANTS.

Interesting Facts About the Mysterious Organisms Called Bacteria.

Bacteria are not insects or "bugs," says the Popular Science News, but plants. They have, however, the power of spontaneous motion. Like other living things they take in matter and potential energy and give off matter and manifest energy.

In common with all vegetables not possessing chlorophyll they require organic food for the maintenance of life, but they can subsist upon food that contains no proteid, being able to take nitrogen and sulphur from inorganic sources and carbon from organic sources, and with water they build up proteid material. They share respiration in common with all living things, taking in oxygen and giving off carbon dioxide. Certain bacteria, however, do not require free oxygen, being able to unlock it from the substances in which they exist; and certain chemical processes attributable to them evidently depend upon this power of unlocking oxygen from stable compounds. Bacteria are very widely distributed, being present in the atmosphere in vast numbers, and also existing in earth and water. They cover the surface of our bodies and line our entire alimentary canals; fortunately, however, they are chiefly of the benign variety, which will not thrive in living tissues—hence called non-pathogenic.

These microorganisms are among the smallest objects which the microscope reveals. A very common form of bacteria is that known as the bacterium termo, which is an elongated, rod-like cell about 1-25,000 of an inch in breadth and less than twice its breadth in length. It is non-pathogenic, easily killed by antiseptics, and is always found in putrefying or septic fluids; hence it is sometimes called the carrion or septic fungus.

Cold (32 degrees Fahrenheit) suspends the animation of bacteria, but does not kill them; many withstand a much lower temperature. Boiling water kills many bacteria, but those that are in the condition of spores can withstand a much higher temperature or even without and the temperature of 212 degrees Fahrenheit for a much longer time than can the mature bacterium. In general terms extremes of heat have a more destructive action to bacteria than extremes of cold. Heat without moisture does not necessarily destroy the lives of all bacteria, but renders some simply inactive.

Rev. Dr. MUSPRATT, of Cleveland, [illegible] "Spiritualism," and Henry Ward Beecher says he is not the man for whom they pray, the book and lecture they have since paid the regulation fee.

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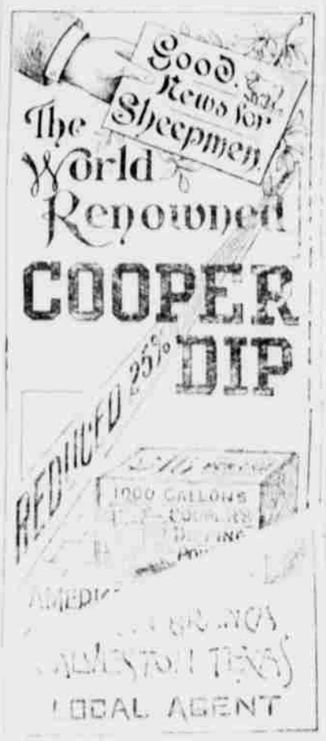

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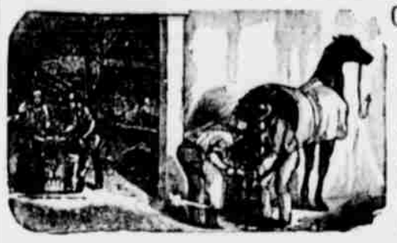

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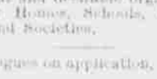

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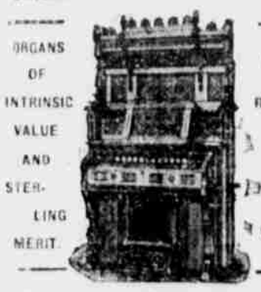

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