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Cost of Long Distance Towing.

It is only a few years ago that shipping men heard with wonder the story of the first long tow of a thousand miles. How eagerly it was discussed. What tame reading it makes now! For a little tug to drag a heavy load that distance now is as easy as the journey of an "L" train from the Battery to Harlem. Within the last few months ocean-going tugs have towed big craft that had come to grief in the Spanish main all the way to this port for repairs. The hauling operation became necessary because of the absence of a suitable marine "doctor" or repairing facilities at the place where the vessels were damaged. Repairs are expensive in the tropics, and in a number of cases a good round sum was saved even after a long tow to this port.

The champion long distance tow perhaps is now in progress. Two months ago an immense steam tug left the Mersey, bound to Rio Janeiro, to bring back to England a large iron bark that had been seriously damaged in a storm near the equator. This tug has started back with her charge, and it is a foregone conclusion that she will reach the Clyde without any mishap.

Owners decline to give any information concerning the cost of a long distance tow, but one like that from Rio to England must be enormous. Here is a trip of at least five months, over a distance of 7,000 miles. At the very least 2,000 tons of bunker coal must be used. They have \$7,000 at one stop. Provisions will cost \$3,000 more. That makes \$10,000. Put the wages of the crew at \$3,000 more. That makes \$13,000. Then figure incidentals at \$1,000, and the landsman may understand what an expense is attached to a job of that kind. A total of \$14,000 spent before a single penny is paid for repairs. These figures are from the tugboat owner's standpoint and do not directly show the cost of the tow to the charterer. The owner of the steam tug has to live like other people, and his profit for the trip will be all the way from \$3,000 to \$4,000. That swells the amount to \$17,000 or more.—New York Mail and Express.

Smokeless Powder and Gun Cotton. One of the most interesting and singular features developed by the new navy is the matter of explosives.

The most important advance made in this general line in 1891 was the procuring of a smokeless powder. This was developed by Professor Monroe, of the Naval Torpedo station, and has surpassed the somewhat dubious expectations of it. It has been successfully used in the simpler and lighter guns and also in the complicated 4-inch rapid fire guns. With charges of only one-half the weight of the old powder, it has fired projectiles nearly 200 feet a second faster than the shots of the old powders traveled. One beauty of it is the fact that it is not injured by water.

Gun cotton is to be extensively used on the new vessels. The high importance of this material and the certainty that the limited facilities for its production would be a source of embarrassment in case of war, led the naval department last year to offer an order for 50,000 pounds of gun cotton to the Duponts, of Wilmington, Del., manufacturers of naval explosives, on the condition of the establishment of a complete plant for the manufacture of gun cotton in large quantities.—D. D. Bidwell in New York Ledger.

A Little Child's Influence.

Bernard J. Schmitz, a wealthy farmer of Atchison county, Kan., went to Germany last November to visit his old home, and was arrested for deserting the German army thirty years before. The matter was placed in the hands of the United States minister in Germany, but all efforts to secure Schmitz's release appeared fruitless. Schmitz's eleven-year-old daughter, however, wrote a letter to the emperor of Germany from her home in this country, setting forth in a child-like manner the facts in the case and asking for her father's release on his birthday, which came on the 4th of last month. The letter reached the emperor on the 27th, and he was so touched that he issued a pardon for Schmitz, who is now on his way home.—Cor. New York World.

Dancing Killed Him at Seventy-nine.

James McCarty, of Gaskill township, one of the most unique characters of Jefferson county, and perhaps of the state, died Friday, aged seventy-nine years. His death was caused by overheating himself dancing in the open air, for old as he was McCarty could still keep step to a tune in a very lively fashion. He would often play the violin and dance to the music for half an hour at a time, greatly to the amusement of the onlookers. For years his occupation has been hunting. Up to the time of his last illness he was remarkably active.—Punkatoway Spirit.

Feminine Superstition.

The elevator in one of the big newspaper offices was filled with men. One woman, fashionably dressed, was a passenger. Next her stood a hunchback—an aged man, neatly dressed and shrinking as far as possible out of notice. The woman looked at him with a thoughtful air as if weighing vast possibilities. Suddenly she leaned over and with the tip of her white gloved finger daintily touched the hump of her neighbor. "What was that for?" one man asked another in an undertone. "Don't you know? For luck," was the answer. "Touch a hunchback and bring good fortune, is one of woman's pet superstitions."—New York World.

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## A Queer Creature Dead.

Mason Evans, the much paragraphed "wild man" of Monroe county, is dead. The fatal grip took him off. Evans had been a great curiosity in this section for more than forty years, during which time he had roamed in the woods, apart from the comforts of civilization, subsisting on roots and herbs dug from the earth, with an occasional fowl surreptitiously taken from some convenient barnyard. He was captured several times but always managed to escape. Seven or eight years ago he was captured by some fearless fellow with an enterprising turn of mind for the purpose of entering him in a dime museum as the "Wild man of Borneo."

When taken his body was as hairy as that of a bear and covered with filth and vermin. His eye gleamed like the eye of a maniac and he had almost lost the power of speech. For twenty years he lived in a cave of the Chilhowee mountains, and was never known to have spoken a word during that time. He lived in a state of nudity, and was fond of raw meat.

Those who know his history say that he was born in Monroe county, near Hiwassee college, in 1827 or thereabout. He was of a good family and received a splendid education. At about twenty years of age he was engaged in teaching school, and in the meantime fell in love with a handsome young lady of his neighborhood. She received his attentions with apparent favor. One night he called and asked her to become his wife. She said "No." He went out into the darkness and it was many years before he was seen again, and then he fled from his fellow men like a frightened deer.—Cor. Chattanooga Times.

The new Maxim flying machine will be propelled by a light screw making 2,500 revolutions per minute. Its suspending power will be a kite 110 feet long by 40 feet wide. The motive power will be a petroleum condensing engine.

Five century plants, all in bloom, is the interesting and very rare sight now to be seen in Los Angeles in the garden of the Church of Our Lady of All Angels. They are said to be growing about a foot a day.

A gentleman at Eastman, Ga., a day or two ago on opening a freight car discovered a hen hatching a nest of eggs which she had laid during a long railroad journey from another state.

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