THE HOMEBOUND HOST.

The sound of a host advancing. Tramp tramp tramp And flare of the evening lamp, Under the steady whiteness Of the clear electric light, The sound of an army marching Is in the streets to night.

Not to the clamor of bugles, Nor to the stormy best of drums Not to the battle's toesin. The jubilant army comes.

." sweeter music summer And thrills along the line, Though each to himself may hear it, And mak- to the next no sign.

The patter of tiny footfalls That run to an open door, The mother's tender singing, Her step on the nursery floor; Th - boyish shout of welcome,

The girlish ripple of glee, At the click in the guarded portal Of the homebound father's key

This is the army's music Cheerily calls good-night The merry voice of the comrade As he passes out of sight Into the heart of the household When the day's long wors is done, And wife and bairns are waiting With a kiss for their dearest one.

Under the windy flicker And flare of the evening lamp I hear a host advancing

With steady and resolute tramp-A host of the strong and gentle,

A throng of the brave and true, Dear little wives and mothers, Hastening home to you!

-Margaret E. Sangster in Harper's Bazar

The Salmon's Feeding Grounds, Where the sea salmon go is as much a mystery today as it has ever been. After leaving the coast they disappear. Stray fish have been found in very deep water hundreds of miles from any salmon river. but their marine feeding grounds are still undiscovered. In the spring they suddenly reappear at the mouths of rivers. While in salt water they never jump at a fly; the moment they strike fresh they rise freely. When going up stream they frequently stop in pools as though to rest, and when descending go most of the time tail first, letting the current carry them and keeping head up the river .--Globe-Democrat.

"Kine Cure" for Consumptives.

The odor of cows and cow stables is thought to have a curative effect upon consumptives. A hospital for this "kine cure" is about to be opened at Reinickendorf, near Berlin. The sanatorium proper consists of a vast circular building, in the basement of which several hundred cows will be kept, and the odor went a Block Islander belonging to the of the stables be conducted to the rooms in the upper stories. In the center of the building is a large yard, for which a whey cure, bathing establishments, etc., are planned. The surplus of the dairy products is to be disposed of to the public under proper precautions.-Home Journal.

Curlous Treatment of Hydrophobia.

I recently met a gentleman of high educational attainments, who stated that, in six years' residence in the East Indics, he had known of three severe cases of hydrophobia, and that each case was permanently cured. The means used

CAPTURING A SWORDFISH.

Vicious Monster, Being Wounded Pierces a Block Island Boat.

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A man stands on a little platform in front of the bow armed with a harpoon having a sharply and deeply barbed point, so that in piercing the fish, if it goes in far enough, it cannot be easily got out, let the fish be as ugly as he may. The iron is so arranged, in connection with a pole and cord, that the cord can be detached from the harpoon, the pole pulled back, and the harpoon left firmly fixed in the now maddened fish-the line, a very strong rope, 300 feet long. being fast to the iron and the other end secure on the vessel. This end is immediately fastened securely to an empty barrel, which is then thrown overboard, and it marks the course and position of the enraged fish.

It also enables the vessel to send out a life boat to haul in, tire out and, if possible, capture the ugly fellow. And ugly he is, if he is a young fish. If he is old and heavy, he is much quieter-even with a harpoon in him. It is the younger, livelier fellows that are so full of ugly courage-that attack and kill whales, and attack, indeed, pretty much everything in the ocean, unless it may be the sea serpent and the devil fish.

That they will attack a man, even a bather, who is in water not over his head, and kill him, too, unless he can make wonderful time in getting into shallower water, was proved a few years ago in the case of a young Catholic priest who was attacked while bathing on the California shore, in water just above his hips; he was fearfully gashed and nearly killed before he could get ashore. Sometimes, in its fury at being harpooned, it rushes at the small boat and thrusts its ugly sword up through the boat's bottom. Woe to the man it hits!

Our harpooner fastened to a fish that was secured, as it happened, with little trouble, though the harpoon only penetrated a little way into his big carcass. He proved to be 10 feet 5 inches long, and weighed undoubtedly 450 pounds. Much larger ones have been caught, but rarely. We also secured two others, not so large. And it was with the second one that there was an exciting time. He proved to be "a young man" among his fellows, and an ugly young fellow, too. Having him well harpooned, and the barrel going dancing at a great rate against the wind-for it is a curious and hitherto unrelated fact that a swordfish, when harpooned, always rushes off to windward-the life boat put out to secure him after duly "playing" him. In it vessel, and two courageous passengers. By the time they reached the barrel, they were a mile from the vessel, and could be seen, with a glass, pulling in on the line.

They worked the fish a good while. When a swordfish, finding himself harpooned and hopelessly held, really gives up the fight, he suddenly turns and goes to leeward. The men at the line understand what that movement means. They were still "playing" this fellow, and exhausting him, when, having several times had him hauled in close to the boat, so that his blue figure was distinctly visible, and as often permitted was to take the patient to a pool or him to go 100 feet off or more, somestream of water, plunge him in and al- thing happened which caused the captain low him to just about drown and then of the steam yacht a mile off, looking resuscitate him him. In each case, as through his glass, to exclaim: "They're before stated, a permanent cure was in trouble! he has struck the boat!"fected. - "W. T. G." in Scientific and to order an instant start for them.



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She Seemed to Forget.

Mr. Benedict (to sportsman friend)-Yes, we paddled that day over fifty miles against head winds. Made a splendid run.

Mrs. Benedict-John, please hold the baby for a little while. My arms are so tired.

Mr. B .- You seem to forget, dear, that that infant weighs fifteen pounds and that my arms are also tired.-Pittsburg Bulletin

Our Consumption of Raisins.

The United States is the largest raisin consuming country in the world, and trustworthy authorities estimate the consumption at about 2.000,000 boxes of twenty-two pounds each, which, at an average of \$2 per box, shows an expenditure of \$4,000,000 per annum for one dried fruit. -Once a Week.

The Tooth Bresh for Children.

In many homes a tooth brush would be a curiosity, and yet every child should be provided with one and made to use it. This is a duty which cannot be too strongly insisted upon. Unless the teeth are kept clean they will decay, and without good teeth perfect health is absolutely until your pillow seems to be on fire and impossible.-Boston Herald.

Leaves of the Palm.

A tribe in the palm region of the Amazon cradles the young in palm leaves. A single leaf turned up round the edges by come native process makes an excellent cradle, and now and then it is made to do service as a bath tub.-Brooklyn Eagle.

Just as Bad.

Many who would not for the world atter a falsehood are yet eternally scheming to produce false impressions on the minds of others respecting facts, characters and opinions.

Norway has more earthquakes than is generally supposed. Dr. Hans Reusch | nails. She says she cannot help it. She records twenty-three for 1887, all but three, however, being very slight.

an acre of ground.

What we ought not to do, we should not ever think of doing .- Epictetus.

Six hundred thousand Frenchmen own chares in the Panama canal.

He was none too soon. The enraged fish, withdrawing some sixty feet, had made one of those arrowlike rushes upon the boat, which can be equaled in its velocity by no other fish in the sea. The sword pierced the bottom of the boat a little one side of the keel, near the center -coming up nearly two feet. Fortunately men have learned ere now not to sit down in a boat engaged in hauling in a swordfish. By standing (as well as they can) their feet present a smaller surface, and hence a diminished chance of being hit. Last year one man's boot heel was partly hit, knocking him headlong.

In the present instance one of the men had a narrow escape of hardly ten inches. But the men were saved. Indeed, the boat, being a shell lifeboat, would hardly have sunk, although it was already half full of water and the men hard at work baling when the steam yacht reached them. The vicious fish was repeatedly lanced through the head and neck till he got comparatively quiet, when, in hauling him up the side, with the harpoon purchase at the shoulder and the long grappling hook at the tail, a slipknot was successfully got over his wide forked tail -and then-we had him. But for this last grip he would have turned the boat over. But the way he lashed the sea with that tail was a caution.-Hartford Times.

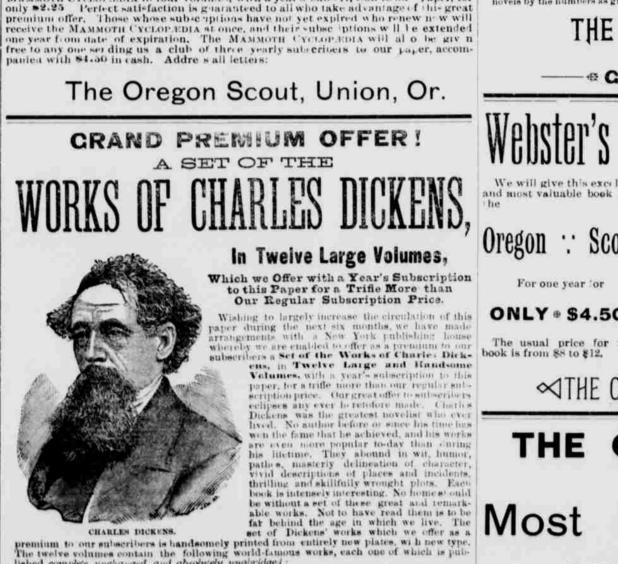
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"So many cures for have been advocated for sleeplessness that I am tempted," writes a correspondent, "to propound my own recipe, which, if it may appear somewhat impracticable and far fetched, has at least the advantage of simplicity. It is merely this: When you have tumbled and tossed about one bed your sheets red hot, turn into another-1 mean another bed. You will find the sheets and the pillow refreshingly cool. and it is probable at all events that you will go to sleep. The recipe is not infallible, and it is of course necessary to have another bed to turn into, which is not always possible. But when practicable it is worth trying; and if it fails one can always fall back on the undoubted fact that there is no universal cure for sleeplessness. What is one man's meat is another man's poison."-Pall Mall Budget.

Biting the Finger Nails.

The wife of a well known iron operator in Pennsylvania is beautiful, witty and accomplished, but she bites her finger acquired the habit in childhood, and has tried every means to break it up, but without success. At times she has suc-An "inch of rain" means a gallon of ceeded in resisting the inclination until water spread over a surface of nearly two all her finger nails are triumphantly square feet, or a fall of about 100 tons on | long, but invariably they disappear as if by magic the first time she is disturbed, annoved or rendered nervous. She does not know when she bites them. She suddenly finds them all gone. Her doctors tell her the habit is incurable except THE OREGON SCOUT, Union, Or. for very strong willed phlegmatic persons.

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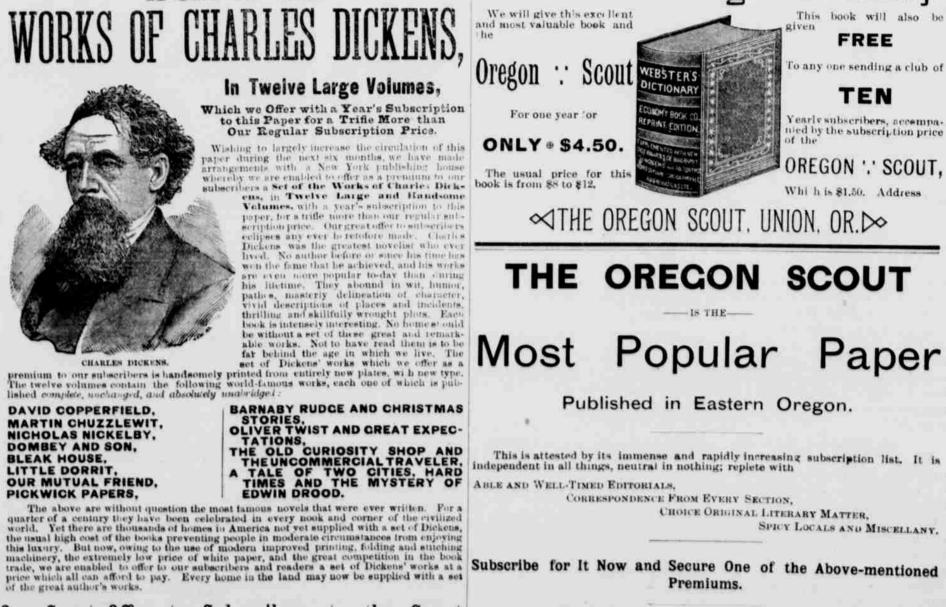
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