

# The Oregon Scout.

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## EGGS HATCHED BY A VOLCANO.

How the Sea Gulls Utilize the Warm Sides of Bogoslov's Crater.

From the region of ice and snow, and of poachers and smugglers, the cutter *Rush* came. Her half dozen guns were in prime condition, not having been fired on the trip, and her hold was not laden with the spoils of seizure. But she brought interesting news.

The most interesting result of the trip of the *Rush* was a visit paid by the officers to Bogoslov Island, where is the famous volcano of that name. In conversation with one of the officers an interesting resume was obtained of the discoveries and data gleaned by the visit. Bogoslov is sixty miles west southwest of Oonalska. It originally consisted of one island with two craters, one of which first sprang into activity in 1792.

The island was once the scene of a strange convulsion of nature. The second crater, now known as New Bogoslov, became active. In some powerful convulsion the sandspit which had connected the two parts of the island was submerged, and one crater was separated from the other by several fathoms of water. It is thought that during this convulsion changes occurred in New Bogoslov below the water line; that fissures were opened, through which volumes of water made their way into the caldron within. This accounts for the immense quantities of steam which the officers of the *Rush* saw escaping from the crater at a distance of fully sixty miles.

Of the two craters New Bogoslov offered the most interesting field of study to the officers of the *Rush*. They ascertained the crater to be only 200 feet above the sea level. The peak had disappeared in the gaping hole. Along the sides of the volcano large deposits of lava, pumice, ashes and volcano rock were seen. From fissures on the level earth springs of boiling sulphur arose to heights of from seven to ten feet. The officers planned an ascent to the crater—a hazardous feat which could only be attempted when a favorable wind carried the stifling volumes of sulphurous steam in a single direction.

When near the mouth of the crater the footfalls of the officers were echoed within the volcano. On peeping over the edge of the mouth an impressive sight was witnessed. Steam in endless quantities rushed up from unknown depths, and rumbling, bubbling noises, like that of thunder, were heard. The air was impregnated with sulphur, and near the crater one could breathe only with difficulty.

One of the most novel discoveries in connection with the ascent was that the ocean birds used the volcano island as a natural incubator for their young. Thousands of gulls flew away at the approach of the *Rush*. They left behind them, along the sides of the volcano, eggs in all stages of development. —San Francisco Chronicle.

### Wheat Vs. Bananas.

An item that periodically goes the rounds of the press is that Humboldt said 120 square yards of ground produces 4,000 pounds of bananas, while the same area will produce only thirty pounds of wheat, or eighty pounds of potatoes.

Now, 120 square yards is about one-thirteenth of an acre, which, latter according to the above, would produce 52,000 pounds of bananas, and respectively about 400 pounds of wheat, or 1,040 pounds of potatoes. The facts are that in the richest soil bananas are planted at least six feet apart, say thirty trees to 120 square yards, averaging less than forty pounds per bunch, or 1,200 pounds, 90 per cent. being water, leaves 120 pounds solid matter. Wheat on equally good soil will yield about two bushels, or 120 pounds, and potatoes about 2,000 pounds, or 200 pounds solid matter. It will thus be seen that the wheat furnishes as much and potatoes two-thirds more food than bananas on an equal area of suitable soil. —San Francisco Bulletin.

### He Divided.

A gentleman says that he was once walking on a country road when a very disreputable looking tramp came up to him, with the request, "Will you please give me ten cents?"

"That's all I have for myself," said the gentleman jocosely, preferring to couple the refusal with a pleasantry.

A gleam of mischief came into the tramp's keen eyes.

"Let's divide, then!" said he, putting forth his hand, which presently did close upon a nickel. —Youth's Companion.

### Taking His Temperature.

The orator had talked for half an hour.

"Oh, come on; let's go," said Bagley.

"Wait until he gets warmed up to his subject," whispered Bagley.

An hour later Bagley said: "Well, he's warmed up now; let's go."

"Can't you wait until the man cools down some?" —Judge.

### A Brutal Smell.

Pretty Wife—Charlie, am I not just too pretty in this red sailor hat and black dress? What do you think of your own dear little pet?

Charlie—I think you look like a big bottle of perfumed ink, with red sealing wax on the cork. —Pittsburg Bulletin.

## THE PACIFIC COAST.

### A California Dime-Novel-Reading Boy Becomes a Burglar.

The Salem Street Railway Will Use Water Instead of Steam—Other Coast Happenings.

Reports from the Alaska Coast mention the finding of rich quartz.

The anti-pool and trust law has gone into effect in New Mexico.

It is confidently asserted that Salt Lake is to have a \$1,000,000 smelter.

Work on the Union Pacific between Portland and the Sound will begin in May.

All hogs entering the port of Victoria, B. C., are to be quarantined for twenty-one days.

James H. Beatty of Idaho has been nominated for United States Judge for the district of Idaho.

The Seattle Mining and Development Company has been incorporated, with a capital stock of \$300,000.

The Washington Senate has passed the bill to establish a jute-bag plant in the Walla Walla penitentiary.

Cowichan, B. C., is being made the shipping port for Chinese and opium to be smuggled into the United States.

The Salem Building and Loan Association has increased its capital stock from \$200,000 to \$600,000. A new series of shares will be opened immediately.

Torrence Mosier, a seventeen-year-old lad and an inveterate dime-novel reader, pleaded guilty at Santa Rosa, Cal., to a charge of burglary, and is anxious to go to the penitentiary.

Edward Schooley has been arrested at Sanger, Fresno county, Cal., and charged with arson. He was detected in the act of firing the Rose block, and is believed to be the author of other fires.

Bradstreet's mercantile agency reports twenty-six failures in the Pacific Coast States and Territories for the past week, as compared with twenty for the previous week and twelve for the corresponding week of 1890.

The hop crop of Whatcom county, Wash., figured at 30 cents per pound, aggregated \$60,000 last season. The hop growers of Sumas and Nooksack Valleys during the past four years have averaged 20 cents per pound.

The Nevada Legislature has adopted a resolution similar to that of Colorado, declaring that the State will take no part in the World's Fair, owing to the hostility of the Board of Trade of that city to the free coinage of silver.

The first census count of Oregon by counties has been received by the Secretary of State from Washington. It increases the whole State 1,273, and reduces Multnomah county 773 from the figures of a week or so ago.

There was some little talk of reducing the appropriation for the Santa Monica Soldiers' Home in the House, but Representative Vandever by a little quiet work succeeded in having it passed without any changes being made.

Fine slate has been discovered around Coos Bay. It is of first quality, and can be used for roofing and all purposes to which slate is applied. The locality of the deposit is withheld for the present, but it is undoubtedly a valuable find.

The trial of B. F. Staley for the murder of Mrs. Riche at the Campers' Retreat in Lake county, Cal., is occupying the court at Lakeway. This is the White-cap case, in which a party attacked a house and murdered the wife of the proprietor.

The Puget Sound Stevedoring Company of Seattle took sixty-five men from Portland to take the place of the striking longshoremen, and after the men arrived the strikers persuaded them not to work, and have since been keeping them in food, as they were penniless.

There has been no freshet on South Coos river yet sufficient to bring out the logs from the various camps on the stream. Some of the camps will have to shut down the coming season for want of a place to put in logs, unless water enough comes to take out those already in the stream.

The Vancouver City Council last week fixed the salaries and bonds of certain city officers as follows: Assessor, \$150 per year; Marshal, \$700 per year, \$2,000 bonds; Attorney, \$600 per year, \$2,000 bonds; Treasurer, \$60,000 bonds; Health Officer, \$5 per day when actually employed.

Dr. Glass, who has charge of the San Francisco quarantine station, asks for an improvement in the fire apparatus, but it has been decided that no improvements can be thought of until June next, when the department will get another allowance of funds. It is thought the improvements will be made this year.

The Capital City Railway Company of Salem is preparing to change the motive power used for running its dynamos from steam to water. It is the intention to use the water wheel that stands just west of the power house and to the south of the bridge on East State street. This wheel was formerly used in driving the machinery in the oatmeal mill that burned a few years ago, and affords power equal to forty horses.

For some time the law and order people of Seattle have been crying against the very liberal attitude of the police department toward gamblers and the women of Whitechapel. This feeling has at length grown so strong and been expressed so plainly in the Council that Chief Monroe issued orders to patrolmen to arrest every gambler and inmate of a house of ill fame in that city. As the result a large number of arrests have been made.

Pigment has been found in large quantities in Horse Canyon near Ellensburg, and a Seattle company has been organized for the purpose of manufacturing it into paint. The machinery has been ordered, and the mill will be in active operation early next month. The material will be brought in over the Northern Pacific. The beds have been discovered near that road, and satisfactory freight rates have been secured.

## EASTERN ITEMS.

### Boston Ministers Will Investigate Psychic Phenomena.

Chinese Minister Denies His Government Has Granted Concessions to an American Syndicate.

The North Dakota Supreme Court upholds the prohibitory law.

Twenty-nine States have enacted laws restricting the sale of cigarettes.

The International Monetary Conference has adjourned until March 23.

The demand for Sunday observance in Massachusetts has effected a closing of druggists' cigar stands.

Two sugar plantations in Louisiana have produced the past season 4,700,000 and 4,463,000 pounds of sugar respectively.

A bill has passed the House at Topeka which repeals the law authorizing municipalities to vote bonds to aid in the construction of sugar mills.

Senator Hoar has reported from the Judiciary Committee as an original measure a bill to divide the judicial districts of the United States into ten circuits.

The Indian census, which is just announced, shows a small decrease since 1880 in the civilized Indians, who number 64,871 now and in 1880 were 66,407 in number.

The sub-committee of the House Judiciary Committee recommends the dismissal of J. T. Green, United States Circuit Court Commissioner for the Northern District of Alabama.

The President and most of his Cabinet will visit the Pacific Coast soon after the adjournment of Congress, and have arranged for a trip to include a tour of the Southern States. Probably the party will start from Washington early in April.

The Court of Appeals of Missouri holds that no person in the State may lawfully engage in the practice of selling liquors by the drink without a dramshop license. This will break up a hundred or more "clubs" in St. Louis, organized to evade the liquor law.

An attachment against the property of Senator George Hearst was granted at New York by Judge Andrews of the Supreme Court in the suit brought by Matt Allen, formerly trainer of the Senator's stables, for \$9,595, alleged to be due him for percentages of winnings and salary.

A movement has been started in Boston by men of high standing for the investigation and study of psychic phenomena. A prospectus has been issued, signed among others by Rev. Savage, Rev. Horton, Rev. Heber Newton and Mary A. Livermore. It says in part: "We only propose to concentrate our efforts on the narrower fields of Spiritualism pure and simple. That modern Spiritualism has votaries in all parts of the country, and that it has the power to influence thought and action of those who believe its teachings, are indisputable facts. Is the movement founded on fact or delusion? Does the world know, and if it does not, is it not time for a few truth-loving persons, approaching the subject in a serious frame of mind, to investigate it, guided by purely scientific methods?"

It will be some months before reciprocity arrangements with Venezuela will go into effect. According to Senor Peraza, the Venezuelan Minister, no arrangements have yet been made. Secretary Blaine prepared about two months ago a statement of articles which the United States would have to have admitted into Venezuela free of duty, or at a less rate of duty than that paid by other nations. This list included broadstuffs, agricultural implements and most of the other articles covered by the recent convention with Brazil. Senor Peraza had no authority from his government to concede an agreement in the matter, but merely promised to transmit the idea of Secretary Blaine to his home government. About time enough has elapsed for a reply if the government of Venezuela had acted upon the matter at once. The President of the Republic, however, was absent in the interior at the time the treaty reached the country, and the Cabinet was undergoing a reorganization. The Minister of Foreign Affairs had resigned to enter the Senate, and the Assistant Secretary did not feel authorized to act. The result is that nothing has been done. If Venezuela were disposed to accept Blaine's proposition just as he prepared it, the acceptance might arrive here almost any day; but it is more probable that the Southern Republic will desire to suggest some amendments, and that some time will elapse before an agreement is reached.

At various times since the present Minister from China, Tsui Kwo Yin, came to this country there have been rumors of the formation of a great American syndicate that was to be given control of the national banking system of China and the management of all the railroad and telegraph interests of that country. The syndicate was said to be formed under the auspices of the Chinese legation in Washington, and a statement was made that the corporation would receive large grants and valuable concessions from the Chinese government. These rumors have been denied absolutely false. A man under no instructions from any government is connecting with any such scheme. I have no power, nor have I any influence, that would ever be used in that direction."

## FOREIGN NEWS.

### The Kaiser Discusses the Labor Question at a Dinner.

Dr. Weyl Discovers a Method of Detecting Poisonous Elements in Koch's Lymph and Eliminating Them.

There is war against Mormon missionaries at Nottingham, England.

The London press upholds Prime Minister Crispi in his resignation at the tariff crisis.

Eight thousand men were engaged in clearing the streets of Vienna after one of the January snowstorms.

A Chili cablegram says that Pisagua has been bombarded and is burning. The blockade has ceased at Valparaiso.

The new Italian Cabinet will withdraw from the Chamber of Deputies all the financial bills presented by Signor Crispi.

The Ormonde Club of London offers a purse of \$10,000 for a boxing match of ten rounds between Slavin and Sullivan.

The British army costs \$177,000,000 a year. This is \$10,000,000 more than Germany pays for the support of her soldiers.

De Lesseps announces an issue of 60,000 three-per-cent. debentures for the Suez canal improvements at 420 per 500 francs a share.

The English Liberals are taking active steps to organize the party, with a view to general election should the government suddenly dissolve Parliament.

A Paris paper says the King of Uganda under French influence has refused to recognize the English protectorate, and the East African Company's agents have retired from the neighboring country.

The Kaiser will again visit England in July, in time for the week of enjoyment at Cowes, and after that will proceed in his yacht to Scotland, whence he will steam across to Lofoden Islands and other points of interest on the Norwegian coast.

The Church party, which is unusually strong in the new Spanish House of Deputies, has created much disquiet by again requesting the Queen Regent to intervene in behalf of the Pope and restoration of his temporal power.

The German cruiser *Moltke* will set out in April on an expedition around the world, going round Cape Horn to the western coast of America and thence to Japan. The return voyage will be by way of China, India and Cape of Good Hope.

A wise provision for escape from fire is obligatory in all Russian hotels. Every corridor must have a staircase at each end, and if of extra length, several others at stated intervals, or else iron ladders must be placed outside the house.

One of the most remarkable features of the modern London is the extension of the newspaper kingdom. Journalistic premises have long overflowed Fleet street into the Strand, and they are now occupying no small place in fashionable Piccadilly.

An Indian dead city has been found near Lahore in the Punjab. The owner, a Mahomedan, discovered that his property abounded in bricks, and a government official sent to survey the excavations realized that the site of a huge ancient town was being laid bare. There are tiers and tiers of foundations of immense buildings formed of the strongest masonry.

Sir John Ferguson of the foreign office, answering a question in Parliament relating to the American reciprocity treaty with Brazil and as to whether Great Britain would reap commercial advantages in Brazil compared with those bestowed by the treaty on the United States, replied that Great Britain had no such commercial treaty rights as those bestowed by the treaty on the United States.

At a parliamentary dinner given in Berlin by Chancellor Caprivi to the members of the German Reichstag the Kaiser, who was present as the leading guest, discussed the labor question with Herren Windhorst, Schmidt and Count Preysing. The Kaiser expressed the opinion that the attacks of Prince Bismarck on the government's policy were directed against himself.

Mortality from snake-bite in India has increased so much of late that the government intends to try a new method of exterminating the reptiles. Money rewards are not successful, for in several districts the natives encouraged the breeding of the snakes expressly to obtain a larger recompense. So all cover for reptiles near villages will be destroyed by special officials under the supervision of the local governments, and the natives will lose a profitable branch of industry.

The resignation of the Egyptian Ministry has been accepted by the Khedive. The action of the Ministry grew out of the appointment of Justice Scott to serve as the British judicial adviser in Egypt, and especially on the subject of Egyptian tribunals. It is believed that Riaz Pasha, President of the Council of Ministers and at the same time Minister of the Interior and Minister of Finance, will withdraw his resignation, and that the present Cabinet will continue in office.

In the House of Commons Causton, the Liberal member for Southwark, asked the government whether under the existing law and without further legislation Catholics were eligible to the office of Lord Chancellor of the United Kingdom and Viceroy of Ireland. The Attorney-General, Sir Richard Webster, answered that lawyers differed on the question, which would become a practical one, requiring a solution if the government should appoint a Roman Catholic.

The Federation of British Ship-Owners has issued an ultimatum in the struggle with the Seamen and Firemen's Union. The ultimatum declares that the dictation of unions is unbearable, and that members of the federation will in future employ no man who is unwilling to pledge himself to embark on any vessel on which he signs articles whether the remainder of the crew are union men or not. The federation disavows any intention of interfering with the unions or of seducing wages.

## PORTLAND MARKET.

WHEAT—In light demand, but offerings are small and values steady at \$1.25 @ 1.2 1/2 for Valley and \$1.15 @ 1.1 1/2 for Walla Walla.

FLOUR—Quote: Standard, \$3.80; Walla Walla, \$3.70 per barrel.

OATS—Quote: 60c per bushel.

MILLS—Quote: Bran, \$22; Shorts, \$22; Ground Barley, \$30 @ 32.50; Chot Feed, \$25 per ton; Barley, \$1.25 @ 1.30 per cental.

HAY—Quote: \$16 @ 17 per ton.

VEGETABLES—The market is firm. Cabbage, \$1.15 @ 1.75 per cental; Cauliflower, \$1 @ 1.25 per dozen; Celery, 50c per dozen; Onions, 2 1/2 @ 2 3/4 c per pound; Carrots, \$1.00 per sack; Beets, \$1.50 per sack; Turnips, \$1 per sack; Potatoes, 75 @ 80c per cental.

FRUITS—The market is steady. Quote: Los Angeles Oranges, \$2 @ 2.25; Riverside \$3 @ 3.25; Navel, \$4.50 per box; Sicily Lemons, \$5.50 @ 6.00 per case; Peas, 1 1/2 c per bushel; Apples, 90c @ 1.25 per box; Bananas, \$3 @ 4 per bunch.

EGGS—Quote: Oregon fancy creamery, 40 @ 42 1/2; fancy dairy, 37 1/2; fair to good, 27 1/2 @ 30c; common, 20 @ 25c; choice California, 38 1/2 @ 40c per pound.

CHEESE—Quote: Oregon, 13 @ 14c; California, 15 @ 16c per pound.

NUTS—The market is steady. Quote: California Walnuts, 17 1/2; other varieties, 10c; Peanuts, 12c; Almonds, 17c; Filberts, 14 @ 15c; new Brazils, 20c per pound; Cocoanuts, \$1 per dozen.

EGGS—Quote: Oregon, 25c per dozen.

POULTRY—Quote: Chickens, \$5.00 @ 5.50; Ducks, \$9 @ 10; Geese, \$9 @ 10 per dozen; Turkeys, 14 @ 15c per pound.

HORS—The market is steady, with nominal prices. Quote: 30 @ 33c per pound.

WOOL—Quote: Willamette Valley, 10 @ 20c; Walla Walla, 14 @ 17c per pound.

HIDES—Quote: Dry Hides, selected prime, 8 @ 8 1/2 c; less for curles; green, selected, over 55 pounds, 4c; under 55 pounds, 3c; Sheep Pelts, short wool, 30 @ 30c; medium, 20 @ 20c; long, 90c @ 1.25; shearlings, 10 @ 20c; Tallow, good to choice, 3 @ 3 1/2 c per pound.

THE MERCHANDISE MARKET.

COAL OIL—Quote: \$2.20 per case.

RICE—Quote: \$5.50 @ 5.75 per cental.

PEPPER—Quote: \$1.50 @ 1.53 1/2.

CRANBERRIES—Quote: Cape Cod, \$11 per barrel.

SALT—Quote: Liverpool, \$17, \$18, \$19; stock, \$11 @ 12 per ton in carload lots.

COFFEE—Quote: Costa Rica, 22 1/2; Rio, 25 1/2; Arabica's, roasted, 20 1/2 c per pound.

BEANS—The market is firm. Quote: Small Whites, 3 1/2 c; Pink, 3c; Bayos, 4 1/2 c; Butter, 3 1/2 c; Lima's, 4 1/2 c per pound.

SUGARS—Quote: Golden C, 4 1/2 c; extra C, 5 1/2 c; dry granulated, 6 1/2 c; crushed and powdered, 6 1/2 c per pound.

DRIED FRUITS—The market is firm. Quote: Italian Peas, 12 1/2 c; Peas, 10c and German Prunes, 10c per pound; Raisins, \$2.50 per box; Plummer-dried Peas, 10 @ 11c; sun-dried and factory Plums, 11 @ 12c; evaporated Peaches, 18 @ 20c; Smyrna Figs, 20c; California Figs, 9c per pound.

CANNED GOODS—Market steady. Quote: Table Fruits, \$2.00, 2 1/2; Peaches, \$2.50; Bartlett Pears, \$2.25; Plums, \$1.65; Strawberries, \$2.50; Cherries, \$2 @ 2.50; Blackberries, \$2; Raspberries, \$2.55; Pineapples, \$2.75; Apricots, \$2.00. Pie fruit: Assorted, \$1.50 per dozen; Peaches, \$1.50; Plums, \$1.25; Blackberries, \$1.65 per dozen. Vegetables: Corn, \$1.25 @ 1.50 according to quality; Tomatoes, \$1.15 @ 1.50; Sugar Peas, \$1.40 @ 1.60; String Beans, \$1.10 per dozen. Fish: Salmon, \$1.25 @ 1.50; sardines, 8 @ 8.10c; lobsters, \$2 @ 3; oysters, \$1.50 @ 1.25 per dozen. Condensed milk: Eagle brand, \$8.25; Crown, \$7; Highland, \$6.75; Champion, \$6 per case.

NAILES—Base quotations: Iron, \$3.00; Steel, \$3.10; Wire, \$3.90 per keg.

SNOR—Quote: \$1.75 per sack.

### The Meat Market.

The market is steady.

Beef—Live, 3 1/2 @ 4c; dressed, 7c.

Mutton—Live, 4 1/2 @ 4 3/4 c; dressed, 8c.

Hogs—Live, 4 1/2 @ 4 3/4 c; dressed, 9c.

Veal—5 @ 8c per pound.

### SMOKED MEATS AND LARD.

The market is firm. Quotations: Eastern Hams, 12 1/2 @ 13c; Breakfast Bacon, 10 1/2 @ 11c; Sides, 9 @ 10c; Lard, 8 1/2 @ 11c per pound.

Chicago's Feminine Billiard Experts.

The largest number of women players at any one place may now be found at the aristocratic Standard club on the south side. The young women here do not hesitate to play an even game with the men, and hold their own, too.

The Misses Goodman are recognized as the best two players on the south side. On the north side Miss Cool ranks above all other female players. She can play too strong a game for most amateurs, making runs of fifty and sixty with three balls. Two years ago such a feat was considered next to impossible for any woman. Hampered by her skirts and corsets, there were any number of shots that she could not make. These have been overcome, however, by learning to handle the cue with the left hand. Nothing now seems to stand in the way of a woman learning to play the game as well as the average man.

Potter Palmer has a table of unique design which is a combination cabinet. The scheme was devised by Mrs. Palmer, who, with many of her north side friends, delights in the game. The table was built after an original design which she furnished the factory. George M. Pullman is the possessor of another handsome table, and the Misses Pullman are credited with being able to play a fair amateur game with four balls. Charles Schwartz has a table that cost nearly \$1,000, and Mrs. H. H. Porter personally looks after both a billiard and a pool table in her elegant home. —Chicago News.

### Good Reasoning.

An Indian fisherman in offering a string of fine brook trout was asked, "what's your price?"

"One shilling, one fish," was the answer.

"But there is a little one! a shilling for that?"

"Sure," he quickly rejoined, "just as hard to catch him as a big one." —Youth's Companion.

### Making Up the Difference.

Jones—Moses, it strikes me that those trousers are too short.

Moses—Isaacs—Vell, mine friend, I give you a coat that's just a little too long to make up the difference. —Texas Siftings.

### Brigid and the Speaking Tubes.

There never was anything like that girl's terror of the bell-and-tube arrangement in our flat. The first time a caller came she rushed in to me with eyes like soup plates and gasped out: "Marm! Marm! There's somebody a whistling somewhere, and, if you please, I don't know where!" I explained and encouraged her to put her ear to the tube and get the message. She never did it without first crossing herself; I know she was convinced the whole process was operated from a place considerably south of our lower hall.

I urged her the next time she heard the call to go to the tube and call "Yes!" The whistle came, and, my dear, the roar she sent down that tube would have raised the scalp of a Pawnee Indian. I fled downstairs in terror to see what effect it had had, and Mrs. De Nerfs—you know what a shattered condition she is in, just recovering from nervous prostration!—was sitting on the lower step, quite limp and faint, clasping her vinaigrette. "Martha," she said, "even if you didn't want to see me, why need you fire a gun down the tube?" —Boston Commonwealth.

### Slim Jim's Strategy.

During a lull in business the dealers in the "Ma'sh market" occasionally get together and swap yarns to kill time. The other day a German butcher gave in his experience of a "beat" as follows: "There was a tramp used to hang around de market vot we called 'Slim Jim.' He looked like he was just about starved most of de time. He come to my stand and picked up a string of sausages and hold it up and say, 'How much is dis?' Before I could say a vort a lean cur dog jumps up, snatches about three pounds of sausage, and was off.

"De man yelled and say, 'Take off your dog. Vat for you keep a tangerous animal to bidde your customers?' I explained dot it vos not my dog, but he went away swearing. Dot feller, as I afterwards found out, owned de dog and had him trained for dot bizness. He followed him to the Smithsonian grounds and got de sausage. Pooty good trick, don't it? But I bate you dot 'Slim Jim' don't come around by my stall some more." —Washington Post.

### What's in a Name.

In the Massachusetts Reports, if one would take the trouble to look there—or, indeed, whether one looks for it or not—there is one of the coincidences which do so much to keep the theory alive. Therein it is recorded and set forth how one Aquarius Breen was convicted of adulterating milk. It must be evident to any