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MASTER ON BOARD. A Russian Admirat Who Was Running His Own Ship.

If all the stories of kings and em-

perors are to be believed, the infer nce must be that they respect no one o much as the man who has the ourage of his own opinions. Admiral Greig joined the Russian navy when a Black Sea fleet, which the czar reviewed from time to time. One fine day his unjesty expressed a

wish to enjoy a cruise in the flagship. The admiral accordingly set sail, and all went well until a sudden tempest broke, to the great discomfort of the imperial party. The emperor entreated the admiral to put back, but the wind was con-

nothing of the sort. The emperor then succumbed utterly to sensickness, and peremptorily ordered a return. "I acknowledge that his majesty is ruler of all the Russias," said the adniral, "but I am master on board. You

trary and the admiral could attempt

mny tell his majesty that his commands The ship was actually driven within sight of the Asiatic coast, but only when the storm abated could his autocratic majesty's orders be obeyed. On finding lidmself safe on land, th zar begged the admiral's pardon for his impatience, and presented him with the usual gold snuff-box, set with dia-

monds and suitably inscribed.

The late earl of Essex was buried in a coffin of onk designed twelve years ago by the deceased nobleman him who was a prominent member of the Funeral Reform association, says the Philadelphia Bulletin. It had what is called "open treilis work" around it and was filled with choice herbs and evergreens. There have been many people in recent years, some of them promi other ways, who had their coffins made to order long before the approach of death. Maybe the originator of the fashion was Lord Nelson, who used to keep standing apright in the cabin of the Victory a coffin that an admirer had presented to him one birthday analy you must have enjoyed yourself: yeary, and in this could his posterio's

THE EARTH'S INTERIOR.

French Scientist's New Theory on a Much-Discussed Subject. The question which is at present more seriously exercising physicists and causing the most marked divisions of opinion among them is that of the constitution of the earth's interior, says an exchange. By some we are told that within the crust is raging a liquid fire of gases; by others that the fire is not gaseous, but merely incan-descent solid matter, while a third section contends that the center of the earth is not in a molten state at all, that what little heat still exists is being rapidly radiated, and that ere long the earth will be a solid rock

throughout. The most recent contribution on the subject is that made by M. Lateau to the French academy of sciences. In his judgment the phenomena of the carth's crust are explained by regard-ing its interior as molten, but he assumes that a layer of gaseous matter separates it from a portion of the crust forming the continents, whereas the en beds sink. This theory, M. Lateau thinks, explains why volcanoes have uncessively receded inland where the sea has encroached, though it scarcely applies an explanation for the existng marine volcanoes. The gradual escape of gases imprisoned under high pressure will, we are told, excel in time the production of new supplies, and when the pressure diminishes the continents will fall in and a more or less crateriform configuration of the earth's surface will be the result. This the condition of the moon's surface at the present time, and M. Lateau be-lieves its appearance is due to action limitar to that which he supposes to be

in progress in the interior of this planet. The physical essentials of this theory assume the crust of the globe to be eighteen and one-half miles thick, the pressure of gases six hundred and fifty atmospheres, their temperature nine hundred degrees centigrade and their density mearly equal to that of water. Whatever may be thought of this view, nable explanation it has the merit of combining, in, a measure, the most prominent theories on the subject.

VULCANUES IN ALASKA.

More Than Two Score of Them Have Been Active in the Present Century. Recently I read an account of a bona fide advertisement in a Scandinavian paper of stapendars columnes for sale for about four hundred dollars, says a writer in the Christian Advocate. They are located in Iceland. Alaska might grut the marketin this a article if it were to put all its stock on San Francisco sale. The number which have been active within one hundred years is variously estimated by the authorities I have consulted as all the way from forty-five to sixty-one. More than twelve have been active within twenty years and five at least within four years. Among the most parkable is Bogorlof, one hundred mides west of Unalaska. This, about six hundred feet high, together with the part of the from which it rises, has come and constantly sends out steam and imbeelility, cannot belong to the select smoke, Makushin, on Unalaska, though snow-covered, pours out immense volumes of steam and milk-white smoke, visible on a clear day which must be carefully committed if nearly sixty miles at sea. Abutan acts island, a perfect cone 8,755 feet above the sea, snow-covered, but washed by sidds with ashes and condensed smoke, was still smoking. It has no foot hills, and its precipi-

tous slopes fall into the great Pacific ocean on the south and Bering sea on the north. Elliott says: "It is wholly safe to say that Shishaldin is the most beautiful peak of vast altitude upon the North American continent." American continent, Paylof, on the Alaska peninsula, sends out from the side huge clouds of pitchblack smoke but enough to melt two feet of snowfall in a few minutes. nufficial intervals like a locomotive. Huamna, on the above of Cook's inlet, is 12,006 feet high, and constantly sends out makes and smoke of brim stone. In last Mount St. Augustine, 150 miles north of Nadiak island. active, and, according to the official re-port of for. Evenp, "covered the decks of ships humbeds of miles at sea with asics." In 1914 and Lennan was sent to the blands of the Four Mountains, we tof I music to explore a cave said to contain nummies fof which he briggist seventoen bodies, now in different museums). While on this trip he discovered on Kayamil island a volcanie mountain of low altitude, from which issued jets of sulphurous steam, anolie and noxious gases of such horrible stench as to ompel him to stand off from shore. Mount St. Elias sent out smoke and vapor in 1839, and in 1847, when "the earthquake occurred which shook the whole Sitka region, flame and ashes came from its summit."

FRANK CONFESSION.

Sir Walter Scutt a Warerier Novels for Vacation Reading. Robert Chambers, publisher, night appeared at his club, after a short absence, and there delighted at least

one member-J. C. Jeaffreson-by a deliciously frank expression of opinion, says Youth's Companion. Jeaffreson began the conversation by asking "What have you been doing since

I have joost been spending the time Scotland with my ain people, and for my diversion I have been reading yet again Scott's novels. I went de liberately through the whole lot o' them. What do you think of a mon o' my years spending the greater part of the long holidays in sic a way?"

"It was in that way that I first made acquaintance with the Waverley novels," was the enthusiastic reply, "in a broiling hat summer and autumn. How West west trains may "rateract

down the room to make sure of not being heard by any brother Scotsman and continued

"I canna say I enjoyed the buiks so much as I did in my younger time. I would not say it aloud in Adinbro, but weel you believe me when I say that Sir Walter isn't what he used to be to me? To tale you the truth," he added, lowering his voice almost to a whisper, "to tale you the truth, I found him rather prosy! Ay, but dinna be laughing, or the lads there will be asking what I said to you. It is the truth that I tale you; I moost conface I fund him at times a leetle proset

VISITORS AT WASHINGTON.

turn it off, so.

laughter.

We have it at home."

"Haw, haw!" laughed the congress-

and saying that you are the Texan."

"The deuce you say. Well, that is a pretty low-down sort of a yarn to spin on anybody," grumbled the congress-

AN ANCIENT PEOPLE.

The Hermitage is a famous building

in St. Petersburg, in which the relics

of Peter the Great are preserved. In

it there is also kept what is called the

Kertch collection..
Six centuries before Christ, the

Greeds founded colonies on the shores of the Black sea. They united with

Outside the gates of the modern

the Russian government began to care

fully examine these tombs, the objects

In 18st, a mound was opened called

by the Tartars "The Hillock of the

Brave," and in a room of hewn stone

the remains of a Scythian king were

found, together with those of his wife

his war horse and servant. His gold-

en crown and ornaments were there

intouched.

Even the sarcophagus of carved cy

or Florence at the present day. The

golden plates from her head-dress are

AN ODD TIMEPIECE.

The Charlot Clock of the Emperor of

One of the most wonderful time-

made in the form of a chariot, in

which was seated the figure of a wom

an. This figure was of pure ivory and

gold and sat with her right hand rest-

ing upon a tiny clock fastened to the side of the vehicle. A part of the

wheels which kept track of the flight of time were hidden in the body of a

alighted upon the lady's finger. Above

was a canopy so arranged as to conceal a silver bell. This bell was fitted with

a miniature hammer of the same metal,

and, although it appeared to have no

struck the hours, and could be made

to repeat by touching a diamond but-

ton on the lady's bodice. In the char-

iot at the ivory lady's feet there was a

golden figure of a dog, and above and

in front were two birds, apparently

flying before the chariot. This beau-

tiful ornament was made almost en

tirely of gold and was elaborately

A Queer Chinese Superstition

The Chinese have a remarkable su-perstition about the Chu river, which

s the local name on the border for the

ives say that the magnetic attraction

of the bed of the river is so strong that

would be pulled out. Along the river

banks iron is mined in primitive fash-

ion, and from the geological evidence it is believed that the ore is very rich.

The male quail, or "Bob White," de-

serves honorable mention among galli-naceous biens because he is particular-

ly good to his wife. He always helps

were ordinary boats used the iron

decorated with precious stones.

connection with the clock, regularly

bird, which had seemingly just

of responses work of perfect beauty.

and beautiful.

were all preserved.

burg and placed in the hermitage

of a Prehistoric Race Found in Russian Excavations.

How Strangers Pour Into the National Capital From Everywhere.

The national capital is the Mecca of sight-seers and they flock in hundreds to this city at all times of the year, says a writer in the Brooklyn Eagle. They come singly, in couples and squads of from a dozen to a hundred. They are from all sections of the countries of

try and represent all classes of socie-ty. The spoony newly married couple, the well-to-do farmer who has harvested his crops and is enjoying the fruits of his summer's labor, and excursionists from different parts of the country journey to Washington with the convening of each congress. They take in the old historical houses, gov-ernment buildings and monuments and visit the home of Washington and the Arlington cemetery. But by far the most interesting object to them is the capitol building. Here they de-vote the most of their time and attention and roam at will through the rotunda, statuary hall and into the gal-leries of the house and senate. Their chief delight, however, is to go upon the floor of the senate and sit in the seats that were occupied by the illustrions Clay, Webster, Benton and other renowned orators long since num bered among the great majority, and to recline for a moment of bliss in the vice president's chair. A majority of visitors seem possessed with a mania for collecting souvenirs, and are ever on the lookout for something to earry away as a memento. Not an object that is portable escapes their depredating hands; they clip tassels from the costly damask portleres; chip bits of marble from the walls and pillars; take knobs from doors, and one flend a short time ago had the audacity to cut a piece as large as the crown of a hat from the center of the twelve hun-dred-dollar Smyrna rug that covers the floor of the marble room of the sen-ate. Anything in the way of pens,

pencils and even inkstands that is found men the deels of the constors is regarded as common property and as such are appropriated by the rapacious

MASCULINE AFFECTATIONS. The Idiotic Stare, the Walking Stick, Evening Tie and Nonchalance.

It is said on excellent authority that the idiotic stare is still in favor among the exotic youth of swelldom, and any fashionable young man who cannot learn how to abstract every atom of expression from the countenance and coterie or hold rank in the inner cir-

cles.
There are other important mu one desires to be in the van of fashion. like a geyser, puffing at intervals of a few seconds. Shishaldin, on Cunimak few seconds. most serious responsibility. For the stick must be left at home when going the sea, snow-covered the striped down its to business, to church, or to make sidds with ashes and condensed smoke, calls. The reason of the latter by-law is that in the language of the stick, to call upon a young lady while carrying a cane, implies that the caller is on sufficiently intimate terms to look in on her casually any time. What finer subtlety than this is to be found in the intricacies of feminine etiquette!

Then there is a fixed and immutable law governing the carrying of the cane The correct style is to hold it at an apple of forty-five degrees, with the ferrule appermost and forward. Of course, this is the sort of thing no man could possibly discover for himself, for the unsophisticated would naturally his stick with the point to the ground and in so doing stand revealed as unitiated in the supreme refinement No man with a particle of self-respect would wear a made-up evening

of etiquette. tie, and as some men find it quite impossible to learn to tie the bo selves there has sprung up a new in-dustry for women. A young woman in London has taken up the unique call-ing of going from house to house tying the neckgear of distraught bachelors who cannot do it for themselves. The custom will probably be introduced on this side along with the other English quirks. Let no man in his concelt as sume that when Pandora opened her casket women monopolized all the

Resides it isn't good form to be so critical. A nonchalant benevolence superior and patronizing, is the latest mode, and it is not good form to be caustic or pessimistic any more.

TWAS A GOOD STORY. That Is, When It Was Applied to Som-Other Fellow.

The Texas congressman usually has a shrewd perception of humor, re-marks the Washington Post. The delegation has a corner on half the good stories going, and can lay claim to sev eral which have got away. A correspondent backed the dean of the delegation up in a corner the other day and told the following tale:

"A friend of mine," said the corre-spondent, "came up from Texas when the session opened, and as he expected to be here some time he looked around for a moderate-priced room, which he located in a nice neighborhood. A motherly old kady showed him the room, which pleased him very much As he was about to leave the room she

asked him where he was from.

"From Texas, madam."

"Well, let me show you how this gat works. You turn it on se, and put attended by a written quench by "art cerity, is the

'endire in his "Life Histories of North merican Birds." He says: "InJune, a match to it, so; when you get through " But I understand all about gas. 886, while I was on a visit to Dr. J. M. Pickett, of Cedarville, Ala., he informed " 'Yes, but I have had a good deal of "Yes, but I have had a good deal of trouble with Texans about gas, and it incubating. He had visited the nest doesn't do any harm to show you Turn at various times on different days, and it on so, and turn it off this way. "But, madam,' protested my friend, 'you needn't go to all that trouble. If it will relieve your mind any, I lived in Chicago for six months before coming here.' understand that this is a respectable house, and I won't have any poker playing or drinking and converged to the part of the p playing or drinking and carousing up them, to prevent the useless occupa-tion of the nest by the male. The fe-

man, "that is one of the best stories I male had probably been dead some ever heard," and his sides shook with hours before the male found the nest serted; hence the eggs cooled and "But," said the correspondent, "the would not hatch.' boys are sending that story out to-night FROM FARM TO BARROOM.

The Journey and Gradual Increase in Price of a Bushel of Corn. Illinois is the great corn state and Peoria is the center of its most prolific belt. Peoria is a great grain market and especially for corn. Vast quanti-ties of the golden grain are shipped into that city for general distribution and londed into its mammoth eleva-tors by the hundreds of thousands of bushels. A great deal of corn is shipped from Peoria, but a vast quantity is used there. There is more corn used in Peoria than in any three cities in the union, even though these cities be New York, Philadelphia and Chicago. The reason is obvious, says the Peoria the native Scythians, and Scythian rulers were generally placed over the Herald. Peorin is not only the center of the great distilling interests, but sugar houses in the country. town of Kertch there are rows of tombs and mounds. In the year 1830, found there—remains of the ancient colonies—being taken to St. Peters-

there are located two of the greatest the capacious maws of the great distilleries are poured every day 20,000 bushels of corn. The sugar houses use from 5,000 to 10,000 bushels more each day in the year. To supply the constant demand the product of 1,000 acres of rich corn is nds is daily shipped into Peoria for home consumption. Aside from these there are fully 5,000 bushels used daily for other purpo So that it is safe to estimate that fully 9,000,000 bushels of corn are used in that city annually for manufacturing and other purposes. The greater part of this is manufactured into spirits.

It is wonderful to consider the

press wood, in which his body was laid, remains undecayed, and the carving changes made by a bushel of corn in its transition from the owner's crib to and gilt figures upon it are still sharp the glass of the consumer. These It seems incredible that a substance so frail should have endured for more changes are various and far-reaching They are other than financial. But consider simply the mere element of than two thousand years uninjured.

The gold bars of his shield, the silvalue. Corn was sold the other day in ver staves of his heralds, the collar of twisted gold wire, are to be seen, be- all the way from Nebraska, perhaps. all the way from Nebraska, perhaps, where it brought but 25 cents. In transit two dealers received a commis tomb, although a large number were stolen at the time of the discovery. sion of 1 cent each. The railroad com pany received 8 cents for its freight But still more interesting and beau tiful were the contents of a tomb dis and other charges. The distiller paid 35 cents. He took and converted it covered in 1866, of a priestess of Ceres, into four and a half gallons of finished with all her rich ornaments, and these spirits and fed one of his steers on the Most exquisite they are. The gold equal the best workmanship of Venice

refuse. The distiller sold the spirits to chains, buttons, bracelets, necklaces, a local dealer for \$5.13, of which Uncle Sam received \$4.05 as a tax on the spir its, leaving a balance to the distiller of 72 cents after he had paid 35 cents for his corn. The spirits, after being well watered and compounded, are sold at a profit by the compounder and rectifier to the dealer, who sells out at 15 cents a drink. The four and one-half gal-lons have swelled to nine, and before it gets through it swells many a head keepers known to the horologist was made in London about one hundred and also the revenue of the city where years ago and sent by the president of its lines may be cast. So that, in its travels from the Nebraska crib to the the East India company as a gift to Chicago saloon, that bushel of corn the emperor of China. The case, says the New Orleans Times-Democrat, was has increased in value from 25 cents to many dollars, and with its constant running mates has furnished employment to at least to fifty men or more and has contributed to both the nation al and municipal revenues. magic there is in the juice of the golden orn. Of the juice of that one bushel

> bibed, from the pious old lady who took it for "la grippe" to the jolly old toper who took it for "the tight."
> To resume, that bushel of corn was thus scattered on the highways of business and pleasure: Farmer, 25 cents; railroads, 88 cents; commission men, 2 cents; distillers, 72 cents, 72 cents; feeder, 10 cents; Uncle Sam, \$4.05; compounder and rectifier, 25 cents; retail dealer, \$10; city, \$3. umer got whatever was left in the spirits, each according to his strength

of corn, at least 100 persons have im-

or weakness. What Women Have Galand

Mrs. Lucy Stone, in enumerating at a woman's club the gains she had herself seen accomplished, mentioned the right to free speech, the right to education, the right to all occupations and professions and a very great amelioration in Chiating. A considerable trade in | the laws. She contrasted the old time drugs is borne along this river, for when an irate man at a Massachusetts which a special class of boats, com-posed of very light boards fastened money to educate shes! Never!" with the present when the great universities with wooden nails, is built. The naof Chicago, Yale and Johns Hopkins are opened to women, besides their own schools and colleges.

A SNEER is the stiletto of conversa

Kind words are the music of the world.

GREAT minds have wills; feeble ones

have wishes. THE manner of giving shows the character of the giver more than the

SINCERITY, deep, great, genuine sin cerity, is the first chara-

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