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ABOUT AMBERGRIS.

The Nauseous Whale Product from Which Come Delicate Perfumes.

Exceedingly Valuable Because Rare—Found Only in Diseased Whales—It Sells for $30 an Ounce—Most of It Goes to French Perfumers.

What is ambergris? In the "Arabian Nights" we are told of eastern beauties whose cheeks were marked with moles like bits of ambergris; and in the story of the sixth voyage of "Sinbad the Sailor" we read in the description of the place where the voyagers were wrecked: "Here is also a fountain of pitch and bitumen that runs into the sea, which the fishes swallow and then vomit it up again, turned into ambergris!" That antique author, Robert Boyle, considered it to be of vegetable production and similar to yellow amber; thus it received its name, ambergris (gray)—gray amber.

This and other even more plausible theories are but indeed fallacies that puzzled savants have set forth when they were at a loss to account for its origin. It is now ascertained beyond a doubt to be generated by the large-headed sperm whale and is the result of a diseased state of the animal. The victim of this rare malady may possibly throw off the morbific substance; or finally die of the ailment. The disease is located in the intestinal canal, and some savants suppose it to be caused by a biliary irritation. After a deep study on the subject several modern scientists have agreed that the disorder is akin to that now fashionable human peril, appendicitis, intensified and prolonged in this great mammal, yet that dread ailment that has but lately been understood by the surgeons and medical men of the world.

It is known that the ambergris whale feeds upon the cuttle fish. This creature is armed on its head with a sharp-pointed, curved black horn resembling a bird's beak, much like that of a parrot, only the lower mandible is the larger. This is found—as it is too indestructible to be digested—in many specimens of ambergris, and may oftentimes aid in establishing a seated disease. It may be considered though to be but the primary cause of irritation, as much of the finest ambergris is entirely free from the tough little horns. Such is the effect in the whale of the magnified—and tremendously magnified—illness which, when established in our own comparatively puny organism, causes an instant and fatal collapse unless quickly and heroically attacked by the skill of the surgeon. The habits of the great water mammals, however, tend to prolong life, and their resisting power against this insidious destroyer is eloquent of their tenacious hold on existence.

To the conservative whale fisher of New Bedford or Provincetown, the discovery of ambergris is as unexpected and as longed-for as the sheeny splendor of the pearl that gladdens the pearl-fisher. Almost awe-stricken are the sailors when the cry of "ambergris" is uttered. This is the happy event of a lifetime. The substance is carefully taken from the bowels of the whale and is packed in casks, if it is in liquid form, or in sacks, if it is dry enough.

It is then brought direct to Boston, where it is appraised by the head of the largest wholesale drug firm in the city. This young man has no enviable task before him in ascertaining the value of the article. He has to examine the fetid mass, which is sometimes of a rank liquid state, sometimes of the consistency of soft putty, and again, a chalk-like substance. That which is more like putty usually is to be relied on for making the best market ambergris, and gradually, as it dries, the only curing process it undergoes, the unwholesome dark shade gradually turns to a soft squirrel gray. The substance lightens in weight and the fascinating odor develops an odor almost indescribable, like the blending of new-mown hay, the damp woody fragrance of a fern copse, and the faintest possible perfume of the violet.

And to what use is ambergris put? It is an indispensable article with fine perfumers, as it is used to give permanency and lasting qualities to very fleeting scents. It is a curious fact that the keynote or basis of "nosegays" or "bouquets," as handkerchief odors are called, is not, as one might suppose, the attar of garden flowers, neither the penetrating balsams. These are indispensable, but are not the groundwork. That basis is always one of the four animal odors, i. e., ambergris musk, obtained from small musk deer of Asia; civet, from the civet cat of India, and castor, a secretion of the castor beaver, and now almost obsolete in the perfume trade. The pure and separate tincture of any one of these odors is too intense and powerful to be tolerated. Like all substances of these kinds, it must undergo a slow decomposition, till the remainders possess very little volatility. Even then they contain a virtue which clings pertinaciously to woven fabrics, and not being soluble in weak alkaline lyes is still to be detected in the material, after passing through the severest lavatory ordeal. They are, therefore, of great value to the perfumer, and are the essential foundation in almost every formula.

As ambergris is the most costly of the animal perfumes, the bouquets containing it are of the most expensive kinds. It is used more in France than in this country, civet being extensively used for a retainer in American-made perfumes. Most of the ambergris is shipped, therefore, to France, where it finds a ready demand.—St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

"Property."

Years ago in New Hampshire there were three commissioners appointed to examine candidates for admission to the bar. At one time the commissioners were Jeremiah Mason, the ablest lawyer in the state, Mr. Sullivan and another member of the bar. Of a certain candidate who presented himself for examination, Mr. Willard tells this story in his book, "Half a Century with Judges and Lawyers:"

He was an awkward young man, and the commissioners proceeded to examine him thus:

"What is property?"

The candidate described it.

"How is it acquired?"

"In various ways."

"Illustrate."

"Mr. Mason gets his by high fees; Mr. Sullivan by usury, and Mr.—"

"Stop! stop!" exclaimed Mason; "I think we can admit him, Brother Sullivan."

LOCAL SQUIBS.

John Ambrose is down to Portland.

Bruce McAlister was up from Lexington on last Wednesday.

Two Armies—the Regular and Irregular.

To which would you prefer to belong? The regular, undoubtedly. The irregulars are, admittedly, the most numerous, but they are in a very undesirable state of no-discipline. Hostetter's Stomach Bitters will soon remedy this want in a disordered liver or bowels. Biliousness manifests itself in yellowness of the skin and eyeballs, sour breath, furred tongue, morning nausea, discomfort in the vicinity of the liver, vertigo and sick headache. Hosts of people suffer thus. These signs of insubordination to the governance of health, together with an irregular condition of the bowels, are soon regulated by the Bitters, which also overcomes malaria, dyspepsia, rheumatism, neuralgia, nervousness and kidney trouble. As a means of checking premature decay, hastening convalescence, and mitigating the infirmities of age, the great tonic is without a parallel.

J. D. Kennedy, a former knight of the gripsack who used to make Heppner for Fleischner, Mayer & Co., was here on Tuesday last. He is in the mercantile business in Ellensburg, Wash. "J. D." looks very familiar and one could hardly realize that it has been years since he "made" Heppner, as the commercial men express it.

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There is nothing just as good as Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, Coughs and Colds, so demand it and do not permit the dealer to sell you some substitute. He will not claim there is anything better, but in order to make more profit he may claim something else to be just as good. You want Dr. King's New Discovery because you know it to be safe and reliable, and guaranteed to do good or money refunded. For Coughs, Colds, Consumption and for all affections of Throat, Chest and Lungs, there is nothing so good as is Dr. King's New Discovery. Trial bottle free at Conser & Brock's. Regular size 50 cents and $1.00.

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E. Campbell was over from Butter creek yesterday. He is holding his wool clip, which is now at Heppner, for better figures.

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HE HAS HIS TROUBLES.

Trials of a Messenger Boy for the Telegraph Company.

A telegraph messenger probably sees as much of the other side of human nature as a doctor. One told an Atchison Globe writer recently that a woman never opened a telegram without turning pale, and, when the message was not alarming, they looked disappointed. He delivered about two death messages a day, four birth messeges, a great many business messages, and once in a great while a love message that makes him tired to carry it. He carried one recently to a young man in town that read:

"How are you to-day darling?"

The answer went promptly back by the boy and was to this effect: "I am better, love." He once carried a message of death to a colored woman, and after reading it her emotion overcome her to such an extent that she caught the messenger in her arms and soundly boxed his ears. Another colored woman refused to open or sign for a message, but walked the floor and beat her breast, and screamed, supposing it announced a death. When all the neighbors had come in, one more venturesome than the rest read the message. It was simply a notice that the woman's sister would come up from Leavenworth that evening to see her.

A "CLEAN" SHAVE.

Precautions Which Might Be Adopted for the Safety of Customers.

Nothing is easier than for contagion to be conveyed from a diseased to a healthy skin during the act of shaving, and many cases have now been recorded, says the Medical Press, proving that diseased processes have in this manner been propagated. Probably the readiest manner available to the barber for preventing such untoward occurrences would be by sterilizing his "instruments" by means of heat, either by steam or boiling water. Razors should be made so that their handles would not suffer from the exposure to high degrees of heat, and the rule should be enforced that in no case should any of the "instruments" be used consecutively without having first been submitted to the sterilizing process. Under this rule, then, each customer would be sure of having a "clean" shave in more senses than one. Of course, also, on the principle of a "fresh pot of tea for each customer," a freshly scalded-out lather pot should be included with each shave. Unless these or similar precautions be carried out in barbers' shops, cases of the conveyance of infectious skin diseases from customer to customer cannot fail to occur.

FLAT FEET ARE THE THING.

Use Wide Shoes and You Will Be Able to Walk Erectly.

Not more than two men in 100 walk erectly. This observation comes from a man who is a crank about the benefits of wide, flat shoes, says the New York Press. He declares he has made notes and knows what he is talking about. He thinks that the "two men in 100" wear the same kind of shoes that he wears, which look like those used for walking on water. This man also believes that the percentage of women who walk straight is so small that it is not worth considering.

The whole trouble he attributes to shoes. He says men and women were never intended to wear shoes at all. It is his observation that when the foot is flattened out and the toes spread the natural movement of the body is to straighten itself. This he attributes to certain muscular action, and he has a chart to prove it.

When the foot is compressed by a shoe and the toes jammed together there is a sympathetic tension on the whole muscular and nervous system which draws the body forward or bends it.

It has been noted in his calculations that persons in bathing costume on the beach walk much straighter. It is also a notable fact that the Indian, who runs barefooted on the plains, has the proudest kind of a walk. He is as straight as an iron pole.

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS.

—It is said that a dog in Milliken, Mich., possesses and uses daily a full set of artificial teeth. The dog is very old, and it is a family pet. When it lost its teeth recently its owner, according to the story, had the local dentist make the animal a full set of teeth, and they are said to be a perfect working success.

—The old notion that southern women are languid, feeble folk ought to be dispelled by the act of four women in a suburb of Macon, Ga. A house took fire during the night and the neighbors gathered to help the inmates in saving their effects. Four women carried a large upright piano from the parlor all the way out into the middle of the street unassisted.

—A fox and a hunter together stalked a partridge near Tyson, Vt., the other day, but each unknown to the other. The bird alighted in an apple tree behind the barn, and the hunter tiptoed around one side of the barn and brought the bird down. But as the bird dropped the fox, coming round the other side of the barn, seized it and was off with his dinner before the hunter could appreciate what had happened.

—The tail of the crawfish serves that animal as an oar. By a peculiar jerk of the tail the animal can retire from a dangerous object with almost incredible swiftness. The tail is much more effective in moving the animal backward than forward, a singular instance of adaptation to its situation, for by means of its tail it can withdraw into its hole with such swiftness as in an instant to place it out of danger.

—The latest story of a wonderful gold find in Alaska is of a lake whose bed is literally paved deep with gold dust. The lake is 1,000 yards long, 400 yards wide and 150 feet deep. It is fed by water from a glacier, and its only outlet is a little stream two feet deep, but of incredible swiftness. The assay of the sand which a sea captain brought to Seattle recently showed $8 to $10 a cubic yard, and on this basis a man alone could take out $10,000 a year.

—The big white moose recently shot in the Maine woods by a Mr. Sargent, of Grafton, has greatly interested naturalists as well as sportsmen. It is the only white moose ever seen in Maine, and very few have ever been heard of elsewhere. The naturalists say it is, of course, not strange that there should be an albino moose, resulting from a freak of nature, as white deer and other albino game animals are not uncommon. But white moose are a great rarity.

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Notice of Intention.

LAND OFFICE AT THE DALLES, OREGON.
June 22nd, 1897.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE following-named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before J. W. Morrow, county clerk, at Heppner, Oregon, on August 7th, 1897, viz:

MARTHA C. HOSKINS,
Hd. E. No. 3999, for the S½ NW¼ and N½ SW¼ Sec. 1, Tp 6 S R 26 E W M.

He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz: Benjamin H. Parker, J. F. Ward, Nelson Cumpton and Samuel Ensley, all of Hardman, Oregon.

JAS. F. MOORE, Register. 556-67

SHERIFF'S SALE.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT UNDER and by virtue of an execution issued out of the circuit court of the State of Oregon for the county of Morrow and to me directed and delivered, upon a judgment rendered and entered in said court on the 9th day of September, 1896, in favor of Clara A. Cobb, Plaintiff, and against Morris D. Long, Linnie Long, his wife, F. O. Bucknum, Belle E. Bucknum, his wife, C. A. Hughes, L. Hughes, her husband, H. J. Faust, Daniel B. Brown and — Brown, his wife, Defendants for the sum of Three Hundred Seventy-One 85-100 Dollars with interest thereon at the rate of eight per cent per annum from the 1st day of March, 1895, and the further sum of $21 85 and interest at the rate of eight per cent per annum from March 1st, 1894 and Fifty-Five Dollars attorney fees and the sum of Fifty-one 75-100 dollars costs and disbursements. Whereas by said decree and order of sale it was directed that the following described real property in Morrow county, Oregon to-wit: The East half of the South-west quarter and the West half of the South east quarter of Section 28, Township One (1) North Range 26 East, W. M., to be sold to satisfy said judgment, costs and accruing costs. I will on Saturday, The 31-t day of July, 1897, at two o'clock p. m., of said day, at the front door of the court house in Heppner, Morrow county, Oregon, sell all the right, title and interest of the said Morris D Long, Linnie Long, his wife, et al., in and to the above described property at public auction to the highest and best bidder for cash in hand, the proceeds to be applied to the satisfaction of said execution and all costs, and costs that may accrue. E. L. MATLOCK,
Sheriff of Morrow County, Oregon.
Dated July 2nd, 1897. 558-67

SUMMONS.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE of Oregon, for Morrow county.

Rothchild Brothers, Plaintiffs,
vs.
Robert Krick, Defendant.

To the above named defendant, Robert Krick:

In the name of the State of Oregon: You are hereby required to appear and answer the complaint filed against you in the above entitled cause of action on or before the first day of the next term of the above entitled court, to-wit: Monday, the 6th day of September, 1897; and if you fail so to appear and answer, for want thereof, the plaintiff will take judgment against you for the sum of $141, the costs and disbursements of this action, and for the sale of the property belonging to you heretofore attached in this action, and will apply the proceeds of said sale to the payment of said judgment, costs and disbursements.

This summons is served on you in pursuance of an order of Hon. Stephen A. Lowell, Judge of the above entitled court, made and entered in said action on the 21st day of July, 1897.

BROWN & REDFIELD,
Attorneys for Plaintiffs. 64-77

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