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## WHAT A MINING TUNNEL IS.

The Great Economies Secured by New  
Developments.

Many persons residing at a distance  
from mining districts have the most  
erroneous idea as to the supposed sim-  
plicity and enormous profits of mining,  
apparently deriving their information  
from the data of phenomenal assays, or  
occasional pockets of rich ore, mis-  
takenly assuming that such cases are  
average samples, and that ore can be  
dug almost as potatoes are dug. On the  
contrary, with the exception of a very  
few mines which may pay expenses  
from the grass roots down, successful  
mining to-day involves the maximum of  
practical knowledge and financial means.  
This is fully borne out by the following  
brief notice of some of the leading min-  
ing tunnels of Colorado.

The outcrops of mineral-bearing  
veins or ledges are usually found on  
the steep, rocky slopes of high moun-  
tains, separated by deep and great  
gulches or ravines. As the veins usually  
dip into the solid interior of the moun-  
tains, shafts are sunk either on the  
veins themselves, or being taken out  
as the process goes on, or in such  
proximity to the veins that they can be  
reached from the shafts by drifts or  
levels (which are really side tunnels  
from the shafts) and the ore stopped out  
and conveyed in small ore wagons along  
such drifts or levels to the shaft, hoisted  
to the surface, and thence lowered down  
the steep mountain side to the nearest  
wagon road leading to the mill or rail-  
road. As the shafts are frequently  
hundreds of feet deep and the mouths of  
the shafts frequently hundreds, if not  
thousands, of feet above the bottom of  
the adjoining gulch or valley, the ore has  
to be hoisted by steam power to the  
surface (such steam power involving the  
conveyance of fuel from the valley to  
the shaft house), and from the mouth  
of pumping plants, in addition to  
the cost of hoisting the ore and subse-  
quently getting it down the steep hill-  
side.

The expense of pumping, hoisting  
and hauling seriously reduces the mar-  
gin of profit, and in some cases exting-  
uishes it altogether.

It is obvious that, under the above  
circumstances, through a tunnel  
driven into the mountain and reaching the  
ore bodies at a low level—say, from the  
level of the bottom of the adjoining  
gulch—not only can the ore be extracted  
from below and taken out almost by  
natural gravity or the minimum of  
power, thereby saving the expense of  
hoisting and subsequently conveying  
down the steep hillside, but also drain-  
age can be had by natural gravity, there-  
by dispensing with the expensive pump-  
ing plants, costly fuel, wages of engi-  
neers, etc.—Engineering Magazine.

**TRYING TO BE FUNNY.**

Almost Every Man Has His Pet Joke,  
Usually Silly.

"Did you ever stop to think," said the  
licensed misanthrope, "what a lot of  
fools men are?"

Without waiting for a reply—the li-  
censed misanthrope never waits for a  
reply—he continued:

"The dreary imbecility resulting  
from the American national disease of  
trying to be funny is something awful  
to contemplate. Now, I met a man this  
morning—a man with large interests  
in the city, an operator in real estate, a  
banker and a prominent citizen." He  
shouted out to myself and my compan-  
ion: "Well, you're a nice pair to draw  
to," and I doubt if he has seen two of his  
acquaintances together in 15 years  
without springing that poor, pale,  
shrinking jest.

"There's another man who has a big  
mercantile business down the street  
who never meets a friend without ask-  
ing: 'How does your constitutionality  
sagacitate?' He's considered a man of  
intelligence, too, and yet he's been chirp-  
ing that bit of idiocy at everybody he  
knows for ten years.

"Then there's the head of a big manu-  
facturing firm in the south end, a man  
of wide culture, a man of the world,  
who ought to have some sense, who was  
so delighted with his discovery of  
'Nix' a few years ago that he regards  
it as a brilliant witicism in itself, and  
never loses an opportunity to inject it  
into his conversation with an air that  
amounts to a demand for recognition of  
his wit.

"And so it goes. Nine out of every ten  
men you meet have some pet phrase  
like that, which has ceased to mean  
anything, if it ever did, and which they  
fire at the heads of all with whom they  
come in contact. Dr. Nordau has de-  
fined this affliction as scholalia, I be-  
lieve, but the proper designation for it  
wouldn't look well in print."—Chicago  
Journal.

**HE GREW NERVOUS.**

Could Not Afford to Lose a Hair or  
Two Per Day.

The subject of baldness is just now  
agitating one of the members of the  
United States senate. Until a man be-  
gins to grow bald he considers it a mark  
of infirmity; after he begins to molt he  
regards the desert space on his dome of  
thought as an evidence of intellectual-  
ity.

The senator in question is very  
averse, however, to the loss of his locks,  
and made deep and long researches into  
the matter of hair restorers, making  
practical tests of such as recommended  
themselves to his judgment, but they  
did not have the desired effect. He was  
overjoyed, therefore, when a brother  
senator returned from abroad bringing  
with him a tale of a marvelous hair re-  
storative of magic power. One applica-  
tion would make the hair sprout and  
several applications caused it to come  
forth in rich, luxuriant locks. The  
senator's mouth fairly watered at the  
description of this hair restorer. He  
begged the happy possessor of this joyous  
fluid to let him have a bottle, and  
the senator replied that it should be de-  
livered to him on the next day.

But it didn't come that day, nor the  
next, nor the next, and the senator grew  
sick at heart with the hope deferred.  
Meeting the possessor of the regenerat-  
ing elixir in the senate elevator the  
other day he at once buttonholed him  
and inquired when he could expect that  
hair restorer.

"Oh, I'll send it down to-morrow,"  
was the reply.

"Well, now, look here," said the sena-  
tor, earnestly, "I want to get it just as  
soon as possible. This thing is getting  
serious—very serious. Why, great  
Scott, I'm losing a hair or two every  
day, and can't spare them."—Washing-  
ton Herald.

## LOCAL SQUIBS.

One inch of snow fell at Lehman  
springs in the mountains on last Tues-  
day.

**Back from the Grave**

We cannot come, but we can often  
stay our progress thither. Disease,  
like everything else, must have a begin-  
ning. All chronic maladies tend to  
shorten life, and render it a species of  
martyrdom while they last. Malaria,  
kidney complaint, chronic indigestion,  
rheumatism—all have small beginnings,  
and may be stayed at the outset with  
Hosetier's Stomach Bitters. This ex-  
cellent tonic and alterative is adapted  
alike to the prevention of disorders  
of the system and their removal,  
and its early use cannot be too  
strongly advocated. To renew appetite  
and insure tranquil rest, there is no  
surer and pleasanter means than the  
Bitters. The effects of overwork and  
exhaustion, mental or physical, are  
counteracted by it, and the busy mar-  
chand, the tired clerk or operative, and  
the brain weary student, author or  
newspaper man derive from it present  
relief and future energy.

Reports come from Alaska that the re-  
cent rains have made the crossing of the  
Chilkoot pass an impossibility this winter  
and the hundreds of Klondike bound  
gold seekers will be obliged to remain  
on this side of the pass until spring.  
This fact will force many with limited  
means to return, as they will not be  
able to buy a sufficient amount of sup-  
plies in the spring to carry them any  
farther.

**Dreadfully Nervous.**

Gents:—I was dreadfully nervous, and  
for relief took your Karl's Clover Root  
Tea. It quieted my nerves and strength-  
ened my whole nervous system. I was  
troubled with constipation, kidney and  
head trouble. Your Tea soon cleaned  
my system so thoroughly that I rapidly  
regained health and strength. Mrs. S.  
A. Sweet, Hartford, Conn. Sold by  
Conner & Brock.

**Pandemonium Tribune:** Miss Catherine  
Quaid, of Heppner, who has come here  
to attend St. Joseph's academy, is visit-  
ing Miss Ethel Thompson for a few days.

**Did You Ever**

Try Electric Bitters as a remedy for  
your troubles? If not, get a bottle now  
and get relief. This medicine has been  
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choly, or troubled with Dizzy Spells,  
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need. Health and Strength are guaran-  
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**The Cariboo Mining Company** in  
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000 this season.

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A transaction in which you can not  
lose is a sure thing. Biliousness, sick  
headache, furred tongue, fever, piles  
and a thousand other ills are caused by  
constipation and sluggish liver. Cas-  
carole Candy Cathartic, the wonderful  
liver stimulant and intestinal tonic  
is sold by all druggists and guaranteed  
to cure or money refunded. C. C. C.  
is a sure thing. Try a box today; 10c,  
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sons were poisoned recently by eating a  
rotten watermelon.

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dyspepsia, constipation, sick headaches,  
sallow skin and loss of appetite. You  
have never tried DeWitt's Little Early  
Risers for these complaints or you would  
have been cured. They are small pills  
but great regulators. For sale by Con-  
ner and Brock.

**Portland Tribune:** Zoeth Houser is  
a capable and popular man, though the  
Umatilla county people wanted Judge  
Fee, not Houser. But people can't  
have everything they want in this world.

**A Cure for Bilious Colic.**

R. source, Sorotou Co., Ga.—I have been  
subject to attacks of bilious colic for  
several years. Chamberlain's Colic,  
Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy is the  
only sure relief. It sets like a charm.  
One dose of it gives relief when all other  
remedies fail.—G. D. Sharp. For sale  
by Conner & Brock.

**Portland Tribune:** T. F. Geer has  
got the pools and declines to be stuck  
away in the Oregon City land office.  
He wants something nearer his size.

Small precautions often prevent great  
mischiefs. DeWitt's Little Early Risers  
are very small pills in size, but are most  
effective in preventing the most seri-  
ous forms of liver trouble and stomach  
troubles. They cure constipation and  
headache and regulate the bowels. For  
sale by Conner & Brock.

Now it is Congressman Tongue and  
Farmer Geer. Possibly a year from now,  
if the first Oregon district should go re-  
publican, it will be Congressman Geer  
and Lawyer Tongue, says an exchange.  
Why? Must Mr. Tongue buy Mr.  
Geer's silence?

**It Exces the Country Children.**

Seaview, Va.—We have a splendid  
silo of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy,  
and our customers coming from far and  
near, speak of it in the highest terms.  
Many have said that their children  
would have died of croup if Cham-  
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given.—Kellam & O'Brien. The 25  
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**Burkley's Arnica Salve.**

The Best Salve in the world for Cuts,  
Bruises, Sores, Ulcers, Salt Rheum,  
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tions, and positively cures Piles or  
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Price 25 cents per box. For sale by  
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## WOMEN WORKERS.

Their Increase in Numbers in the  
Last Ten Years.

Advances of Employment for the  
Weaker Sex Opened Up by  
Mechanical Improvements—  
Things in Their Favor.

The department of labor lately con-  
cluded an investigation, made at the  
request of congress, to ascertain whether  
women are superseding men as  
wage-earners in manufacturing pur-  
suits, and, if so, to what extent. It  
appears from the report, which has just  
been made public, that the increase in  
the number of female employees during  
the last ten years has been greater than  
that of males. This is in accordance  
with the showing of the last three cen-  
suses.

The information on which the report  
is based was obtained from less than a  
thousand establishments, but they are  
scattered over 30 states and have so  
many employees that the figures fur-  
nished by them may be taken as rep-  
resenting fairly the general situation  
for the manufacturing industries cov-  
ered.