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## RETURN OF PEARY.

Arctic Expedition at Sydney in Good Health.

Sydney, N. B., Nov. 23.—Flying the flag of the United States, which had been placed nearer the Pole than any other nation's standard, and weather-beaten and disabled, the Peary Arctic steamer Roosevelt arrived here today under sail and steam after 16 months' vain effort to reach the pole. Though not entirely successful, the expedition nevertheless got to 87 degrees 6 minutes north latitude, or within 243 miles of the pole.

The Roosevelt left Port Aux Basque, N. F., at 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon, averaging five miles an hour to Sydney, experiencing light winds and rains. The ship came to anchor off the Yacht Squadron pier. Though the hour was early, the Roosevelt was soon visited by the American Consul and various local officials, and an invitation was extended by Commander Peary on behalf of the Sydney Board of Trade to be the guest of the commercial body at a banquet in his honor tonight. Commander Peary came ashore almost immediately after the steamer came to anchor, and joined Mrs. Peary, who has been here for two weeks waiting for her husband's return.

When asked what he thought of the suggestion embodied in Fridtjof Nansen's recent interview, to the effect that Peary's latest experience served to strengthen the plan of reaching the pole by drifting from Behring Sea, Commander Peary said he always believed there were great possibilities in the drifting theory for men of the temperament to stand imprisonment for several years in the ice. For his part, he could not adopt himself to it. Touching the outbreak of the gale which has unexpectedly come up in the Arctic and destroyed the iceberg, Commander Peary said the prevailing wind was westerly in the Arctic region, but it was not always of the force of a gale. No person could anticipate the coming of a gale either in the Arctic region or elsewhere. He would not talk about the Wellman-Chicago Herald expedition plans, as he said he made it a point not to discuss the ideas of other explorers.

The Commander said his immediate movements were in doubt. He thought he would pay off the Newfoundland members of his crew at Sydney, make some repairs to the Roosevelt, get a new crew and proceed to New York.

Commander Peary looks in the best of health and spirits, and though disappointed at the failure to reach the pole, he is satisfied with the advance actually made. Plans for another expedition will probably soon be made.

Dr. L. J. Wolf said the health of the party had been excellent. There was no death and practically no sickness. Dr. Wolf said that he had not the slightest doubt if the gale in the early part of March had not occurred the pole would have been reached without difficulty.

Dr. Wolf said he and other members of the expedition intended to stay by the Roosevelt until she reached New York.

## CHRISTMAS.

Negroes consider Christmas day the best in the year for a wedding.

Christmas was first celebrated as a feast of the Christian church about the year 190 A. D.

At Cullinstown, in Ireland, the game of kamman, a sort of hockey, is played on Christmas day.

A leaf from Christmas decorations is preserved in Yorkshire as a remedy against toothache.

Scottish servants each endeavor to be the first to draw water from the well on Christmas morning.

It is an old Irish superstition that gold should not be paid away on Christmas day nor silver lent.

Christmas day at Cape Town is usually celebrated with picnics. The temperature averages 82 degrees.

On Christmas morning in Norway every gateway, gate or barn door is decorated with a sheaf of corn fixed on a tall pole in order that the birds may eat from it their Christmas dinner.

## To Make a Canary Sing.

Generally any kind of soft, sibilant noise will tempt a bird to sing. A canary hung in a kitchen will usually start his song if he hears, say, the frizzling of a frying pan. We utilize special devices to tempt the shy singer, who is perhaps rendered the more bashful by finding himself in novel surroundings. For this purpose we employ whistles and song organs, which artificially reproduce the "songs" of the robin. This latter method is found to be irresistible when all other plans have failed. The bird feels apparently that he is being challenged and forthwith responds to the challenge by pouring forth the best of his song.—London Post.

## THE BEAUTIFUL HAND.

A Decision That Stood the Test of All Time.

There was a dispute among three ladies as to which had the most beautiful hand. One sat by a stream and dipped her hand into the water and held it up, another plucked strawberries until the ends of her fingers were pink and another gathered violets until her hands were fragrant. An old, haggard woman, passing by, asked, "Who will give me a gift for I am poor?" All three dashed her, but another who sat near, unwashed in the stream, unstained with fruit, unadorned with flowers, gave her a little gift and satisfied the poor woman, and then she asked them what was the dispute, and they told her and lifted up before her their beautiful hands. "Beautiful indeed," said she when she saw them, but when they asked her which was the most beautiful she said, "It is not the hand which is washed clean in the brook, it is not the hand that is tipped with red, it is not the hand that is garlanded with fragrant flowers, but the hand that gives to the poor is the most beautiful." As she said these words her wrinkles fled, her staff was thrown away and she stood before them an angel from heaven, with authority to decide the question in dispute, and that decision has stood the test of all time.

## STATE LOTTERIES.

They Were Once Very Common and Very Popular in Europe.

Lotteries were common in ancient Rome, and during the middle ages lotteries were utilized by the Italian merchants for the disposal of their goods. Some of the Italian states then adopted the lottery as a means of raising revenue, and the institution of state lotteries afterward became very common and very popular throughout Europe.

The earliest English state lottery of which there is any record was in 1590, when 40,000 chances were sold at 10 shillings each, the drawing taking place in the west door of St. Paul's cathedral.

The prizes consisted of articles of plate, and the profits were employed for the repair of certain harbors. Early in the reign of Queen Anne private lotteries were suppressed "as public nuisances," but government lotteries, however, were still maintained, and from 1700 to 1824 considerable sums were annually raised in lotteries authorized by acts of parliament.

The average yearly profit to the government from 1793 to 1824 was over \$340,000. On the ground of injury to public morals lotteries of all kinds were abolished in England in 1826.—London Saturday Review.

## FORGET YOURSELF.

No One Can Grow While His Thoughts Are Self-Centered.

Forget yourself. You will never do anything great until you do. Self-consciousness is a disease with many. No matter what they do, they can never get away from themselves. They become warped upon the subject of self analysis, wondering how they look, how they appear, what others will think of them and how they can enhance their own interests. In other words, every thought and every effort seems to focus upon self; nothing radiates from them.

No one can grow while his thoughts are self-centered. The sympathies of the man who thinks only of himself are soon dried up. Self-consciousness acts as a paralysis to all expansion, strangles enlargement, kills aspiration, cripples executive ability. The mind which accomplishes things looks out, not in; it is focused upon its object, not upon itself.

The immortal acts have been unconsistently performed. The greatest prayers have been the silent longings, the secret yearnings of the heart, not those which have been delivered facing a critical audience. The daily desire is the perpetual prayer, the prayer that is heard and answered.—Success.

## What the Blind See.

"I can always tell when people are looking at me," said a blind man. "Indeed, nearly all blind persons can tell when people are looking at them. I have always about me a soft golden glow of light. When people whom I like come into my presence this glow becomes paler, lovelier. When those I dislike are about the glow is darkened and dimmed. I can tell what kind of characters people have by the touch of their hands. There is individuality in the touch. A man's touch shows me whether he is alert or sluggish, cold or passionate, kind or cruel."

## Stone in the Heart.

A Greek woman employed in the American hospital in Caesarea, Turkey, was stirred by a revival. She straightway asked leave to visit a woman whom she had injured and to whom she had not spoken for ten years. When she trudged through the snow three or four miles to ask her "enemy's" forgiveness her relatives were sure she had gone daft, but the next day, when she came back to the hospital, she said, "We made peace, and the stone in my heart is gone."

## Not So Resourceful as Most Girls.

Nell—Some of our proverbs are so ridiculous. For instance, "Where ignorance is bliss"—Belle—What's the matter now? Nell—Why, you know, Charlie gave me my engagement ring last week, and I simply can't find out how much it cost him.—Philadelphia Ledger.

## Not Altogether Unsuccessful.

Bobby—Went fishing yesterday instead of going to school. Tommy—Catch anything? Bobby—Not until I got home.



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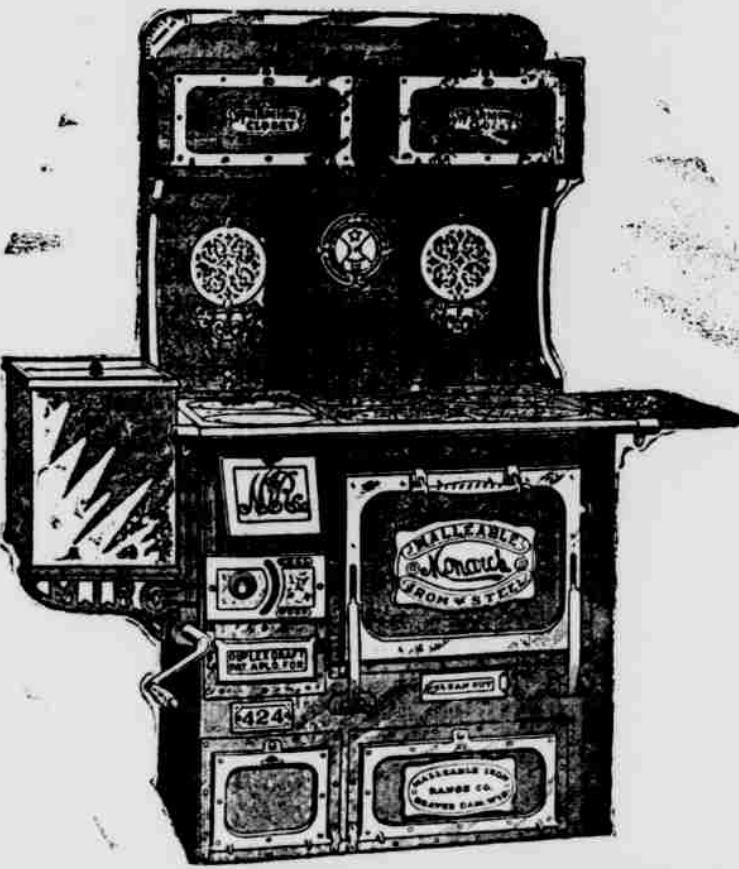
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The One to Blame.  
"He's bragging that he doesn't owe a cent to any man in the world."  
"Well, he needn't brag that he does not owe me."  
"Why not?"  
"I'm doing the bragging for that."—Omaha News.

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Heppner Gazette—Weekly Oregonian.

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