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A Great Hunter.

Daily Telegraph.
Towards the end of last November Jerry Greening, a bear hunter and trapper of great local renown in Pike county, Michigan, set off by himself upon a hunting expedition in the vast marshes that fringe the left bank of the Pawpaw river. As he remained absent for a considerably longer time than had previously been his wont upon similar excursions, a party of his friends, hunters like himself, started on the 9th ult. in search of him, taking with them blood-hounds to follow up his trail. This the dogs succeeded in doing, the surface of the huge swamp being frozen; and in a few hours they guided the party to a wooded knoll, where the carcasses of four enormous bears lay stretched upon the ground. In the jaws of one of these dead monsters was found a frozen human foot, probably torn from the leg of its original proprietor in a supreme spasm of the gigantic brute's death agony. Hard by lay Greening's mighty hunting-knife, blood-stained to the hilt; and a little farther off, the mutilated corpse of the gallant trapper, who had evidently dragged himself painfully along the ground for some distance, in the vain hope of escaping from his mortally wounded foes. Greening's body was conveyed to his hut, there wrapped up in a bearskin—fitting shroud for so skillful and intrepid a hunter—and buried with the utmost reverence by those who had, during his life, vainly striven to rival his extraordinary exploits, the last of which was perhaps the most surprising of all his famous feats; for who, before Jerry Greening, ever encountered and slew, single-handed, a quartet of full-grown bears? In his hut were found, amongst other trophies of the chase, 584 bears' tails, 348 wisk cats' paws, 224 pairs of foxes' ears, and the poison fangs of 122 rattie-snakes. The immortal Natty Bumppo himself might have envied the crowning deed and glorious death of this mightiest of modern American frontiersmen.

In the inquest on the remains of Gen. Upton, who suicided at Presidio on the 15th, personal testimony and letters written by deceased to his sister and to the adjutant general of the United States army, confirm the previous impression that suicide was due to depression of mind consequent upon inability to adapt his system of tactics to the movements of companies of 200 or more men. A coroner's jury returned a verdict of suicide due to an over-taxed brain, the result of expected failure of a work in which he was engaged.

Dr. Carver, the celebrated marksman, has won the championship in England. In London the scores in the glass ball match recently stood as follows: Scott, 6812; Carver, 6805. In the third stage of the pigeon match Carver beat Graham, 49 to 36, and Scott beat Gordon, 40 to 39. A deciding heat at 100 birds each was then shot in four stages. At the beginning Scott was rather the favorite in the betting. Scores: Carver, 21, 18, 21, 19, total, 79; Scott, 15, 19, 24, 16, total, 74. Carver thus wins the champion cup and £550 stakes. Scott has challenged Carver to a match for the cup and £200 a side, the contest to be within two months. A gentlemen offered to bet £500 that Scott would win.

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James Gordon Bennett to Search for the Jeannette

Among the stories that are current in New York, is that James Gordon Bennett is seriously contemplating another Arctic expedition. Harry Jerome, who is in Europe with him, has recently written to a friend that while Bennett is enjoying himself greatly as master of a hunt somewhere in England, yet he is very depressed and anxious over the Arctic expedition which he equipped and sent out in the name of the Herald. He considers it to be his duty to fit out another expedition and go in search of the lost one and take command of it himself. He has already telegraphed to stop work on the new yacht he contemplated building in this country, and thinks that the money he proposed to expend that way shall be devoted to the building of a vessel constructed with a view to encountering ice in the northern seas. Already he has had some interviews with Scotch ship builders on the subject. Therefore news that Bennett has seriously entered upon this new project may be expected at any time. It is a characteristic of Bennett that execution follows closely on the heels of conception.

A Welsh judge has convicted a British ship-owner of prospective manslaughter as will be seen by the following cablegram from an eastern paper, "At the Glamorgan Assizes, on the 12th instant, William Lynch, a ship-owner, was charged with sending his ship, the Hubert, of Cork, to sea in an unseaworthy state, whereby the lives of the crew were endangered, at Cardiff, on the 14th of October. The prisoner, who is seventy-five years of age, was sentenced to three months' imprisonment and fined £500.

The approximate value of vessels of all nationalities, with their cargoes, lost during the year 1880, was no less than \$341,635,000, including British property \$237,475,000. The grand total number of wrecks reported was 1,680, which compared with the total at the end of 1879 shows a decrease of eight. British-owned ships numbered 913, and those of all flags wrecked on the coasts of the British Isles were 480. The registered tonnage aggregated upwards of 900,000 tons, inclusive of 150 steam vessels mostly owned in the United Kingdom. Nearly 4,000 lives were lost, and about 200 vessels were lost through collision.

The Liverpool Telegraph says: "The lighthouse, which stands on the summit of St. Catherine's Down, about 800 feet above the level of the sea, on the southern coast of the Isle of Wight, is reported to be in danger, owing to the disturbed condition of the cliffs. For some miles on either hand landslips have occurred during the last few days at short intervals, and a short distance below the structure, which is one of the finest lighthouses in the world, a mass of land has just given way, slipping toward the sea. It is stated on good authority that unless some measures are adopted for the prevention of the catastrophe the lighthouse will be down with a crash in less than two months."

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There is no doubt that water becomes the vehicle of poisons to the human system, perhaps as often as the air. Numerous authors declare that impure water has been the acting cause of the prevalence and mortality of cholera and typhoid fever. Dr. Thompson has demonstrated that water impregnated with organic matters have been the direct cause of cholera. Other zymotic diseases have often had the same origin, as we have had opportunity to know. It is the organic matters undergoing decay that renders the water unhealthful. Live animals or plants probably do not injuriously affect human health. It is the dead and decaying materials, whether liquid or solid, that are to be feared. The presence of such matter may readily be detected by the fluid. Take a tumbler of clear water and drop into it one or two drops of the fluid, and if it sinks down, remaining of a pink color, no impurities are present; but if the drops of fluid lose their color at once, the water is unfit for use, for drinking purposes. A few drops of fluid will purify a large quantity of water if the impurities are not excessive, requiring so little that the taste of the fluid is imperceptible.

It has long been the custom of agricultural papers, not all, we are pleased to say, to carp against and denounce the United States Agricultural department at the capital. Mr. Reed, one of the English commissioners sent hither to investigate our agricultural methods and prospects, expressed admiration for the efficiency of the United States Department of Agriculture. He said: "Another advantage the American farmer has, and one of considerable importance in a newly developed country, a government department of agriculture." It is surprising the amount of benefit which results from the expenditure of a very small sum of money. The United States Department of Agriculture has undoubtedly effected much good for American agriculture—much more than it is generally credited with. Its annual reports have been the means of widely diffusing a large amount of useful information.

The detail of officers and men for the Jeannette search expedition will not be made for several days. It is generally believed that Lieut. G. A. Berry, United States navy, will command the expedition.

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