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PEARLS FROM THE PACIFIC

The Fisheries on the Coast of Lower California.

New York Herald.

On the coast of Lower California an important industry has been developed by the pearl fisheries of that remote region. Five merchants and a thousand daring divers are wearing out their lives in supplying the markets of Paris, London and New York with the rare and costly black pearl, which is found in a state of great perfection in the deep waters off La Paz. The latitude is a little south of Key West in Florida, and not far north of Havana. Since the recent Mexican fever began, an increasing public interest has been taken in the resources of the ancient empire of the Montezumas, and the gold and silver and other precious products of that land are exciting much curiosity among American capitalists. As the pearl fisheries of Lower California belong to Mexico, they will of course rank among the other natural riches of that country. Chief Engineer Magee of the United States navy, who has lately returned from the gulf of California, was found at the Fifth-avenue hotel recently, in company with one of

The Principal Pearl Merchants

of Mexico, who had just arrived from Paris, whither he had been on a mission to dispose of his annual harvest of precious stones. This merchant, while hoping to see his country developed and American capital, industry and machinery encouraged for this purpose, did not think that the present condition of the pearl fisheries of the gulf of California would warrant the investment of more capital or labor. The following facts were given during the interview: Pearl oysters are found from one to six miles from shore, in from eight to twenty-one fathoms of water. The one thousand divers who are engaged in searching for them are generally employed under the contract system, as they make greater efforts to discover the pearls than they do when hired by the day. Boats, diving apparatus and money for provisions and outfits are supplied by the merchants, on condition that all the pearls discovered shall be sold to them at such prices as may be agreed upon—in other words, that he may have the refusal of all the pearls found.

The Pearl Season.

Sailboats of five tons burden and containing six men each are fitted up with sleeping and cooking accommodations, and six months are devoted to pearl diving up and down the coast, from May until October and November. The total product of a years work is estimated at about \$500,000—that is, valuing the pearls at the first cost price. The United States is a very poor place to sell pearls of any kind and black pearls, which are most valuable, are bought exclusively by wealthy and titled people in Europe. St. Petersburg ranks next to Paris as a good market for them, while in the United States there is a great demand for diamonds of extraordinary value. Of the entire yield of Mexican pearls ten per cent. are white, forty per cent. are blue, and fifteen per cent. are black. The blue stones are of little value. The oyster in which the pearl is found has the shape of a large clam or saddle-rock oyster but it is smooth and brilliant, with all

The Colors of the Rainbow.

The shells, which are known as the mother of pearl, are carried once a year in ships of 2,000 tons, around Cape Horn to Hamburg, where they are sold to German merchants and manufacturers for sawing into buttons, knife handles, paper cutters, and a thousand other ornaments for bouidoir and studio. Americans are beginning to use this material, and it is thought that there will be a large demand for pearl shells in a few years. They are worth from \$400 to \$500 per ton. Boston buys more of them than any other city in the United States. The value of pearls depends entirely upon

A MISSISSIPPI HURRICANE.

Wind that Levelled Forests and Shattered Dwellings.

Corr. Memphis Appeal.

I have seen some notices of the storm that swept through De Soto county, but none of them describe it fully. About three o'clock in the afternoon of the day it occurred, attention was attracted to the east by two or three loud claps of thunder, where a cloud of peculiar blackness was seen rapidly pushing above the horizon, and in a few minutes appeared to be wrapped in a sheet of flame. It had the appearance of a volcanic mountain pouring forth torrents of burning lava, while from the open crater red flames shot above the burning mass. Very soon a heavy sound was heard as of a distant waterfall, and in twenty minutes increased to the roar of a hundred railroad trains. Forked tongues of electric fire now leaped out from the bosom of the cloud, gleaming like

The Consuming Flash of Omnipotence.

And the rapidly succeeding peals of thunder made it a scene to strike the boldest heart with terror. When it crossed the Mississippi river at Commerce and struck the timber on the east side it was like the crash of a falling mountain. The large storehouse of Mr. Fry was unroofed in an instant, and twenty-two other buildings dashed to the ground and broken into fragments. Then it rebounded from the earth, rising high above the timber, and went on its way with its fires and thunders, smoking, roaring, boiling and flashing, until it became

The Very Sublimity of Terror.

Suddenly it descended to the ground again in the vicinity of Hernando and began anew the work of destruction, tearing down houses, trees and fences in its destructive march. The large gin house of Mr. Reilly was nearly torn to pieces. Mrs. Gores place was literally cleared of fences and all outhouses, and in attempting to close the door of her dwelling she was driven some distance from the house and the door shivered to pieces. Continuing eastward, it wrecked a number of houses on Mr. Newsums place, killing a negro woman and two children. On Mr. Banks place the chimney-stack to his mill was thrown down and the building crushed. At Dr. Landerdales, six miles northwest from Hernando, his storehouse was blown down to its foundation and its contents driven miles away. The Doctors dwelling and all his other houses were

Hurled to Destruction.

And he was so much bruised that his life was despaired of for several days. His wife had her thigh broken, and strange, but true, his daughter, in bed with an infant eight days old, was rolled up in the bed and laid down again without injury to either. An eyewitness says he saw a fence-rail driven through an oak tree twenty inches in diameter, splitting the tree open in its passage. A barrel of salt, three hundred pounds in weight, was lifted up by the wind and carried three miles, and put down without bursting it. Beyond Camp creek the dwelling of Ben Harvell was torn to pieces and he killed. Trees were torn from the ground or twisted off like corn-stalks, and driven away. Everything in its track is a wreck. Seven persons in all are said to have been killed, and the destruction was continued some distance into Marshall county.

Dr. Swing is only partially

satisfied with the work of the revising committee on the bible. He strenuously advocates a bible for popular use that may be printed in comparatively small compass with large type. This he thinks can be done by retaining the essence of the book, and throwing away such parts as have no practical every-day value. The bible, he claims, can only be injured by excessive timidity, and not by setting it free from some of the weights which impends its progress.

A Fair Proposition.

From this date the Astoria photographic gallery will conduct business on the following plan. We will take negatives of any lady and everybody that will favor us with a call, we will print a proof of the same free of charge, no one being under any obligation to order from such negatives unless they desire to do so.

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Chenamus Faber.

The Count Clinch was the Spanish Viceroy in Peru in 1538. The Countess, his wife, was afflicted by an intermittent fever, from which she was freed by the use of the native remedy, the Peruvian bark, or, as it was called in the language of the country, "Quinquina." Gradually, for her recovery, she returned to Europe in 1542, she introduced the remedy in Spain, where it was known under various names, until Linnaeus advertised fifty years since, the ingredients of these bitters to be absolutely pure, and of the best known quality. A trial will satisfy you that this is the best in the world. The powder of the bark is the best in the world, and we willingly abide this test. For sale by all druggists, grocers and liquor dealers. Order it.

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Ingersolls Infidelity.

Dr. J. L. York, the noted orator of California, will be here about the 20th of this month on his way to eastern Oregon and Washington territory, at which time he will speak on Ingersolls infidelity and its results.

Notice to Fishermen.

From one to 1500 pounds of black spawn from Sturgeon was dropped. Cash paid at J. T. BOCHERES Dew Drop Inn.

AMUSEMENTS.

HILL'S VARIETIES.

Geo. Hill, proprietor and manager, Fred Giers, stage manager, A. Schneider, leader of orchestra, Geo. Lamberti, leader of brass band, Nielson once more to the front, and will manipulate the bones. Mr. and Mrs. Cook will officiate with the tambourine and Gers will interrogate. Mrs. Lou Cook, in new songs and dances. J. G. Gers, in social songs, seven people on the first part, a splendid orchestra, and the best brass band in Oregon, and don't you forget it. Come and see the new musical comedy, a new musical selection by our official orchestra, and new music by our excellent brass band on the grand stand at precisely 7 P. M. Curtain rises at exactly 8 P. M. Entrance on Benton street; entrance to private boxes, on Chenamus street.

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Are you disturbed at night and broken of your rest by a sick child suffering and crying, with excruciating pain from cutting teeth? If so, get at once and get a bottle of Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup. It will relieve the poor little sufferer. It is the best remedy for teething. There is no mistake about it. There is not a mother on earth who has ever used it, who will not tell you at once that it will regulate the bowels, and give rest to the mother, and relief and health to the child, operating like magic. It is the best remedy for teething, and pleasant to the taste, and is the prescription of one of the oldest and best female physicians and nurses in the United States. Sold every where. 25 cents a bottle.

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