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THE FLOATING HOMES OF BANGKOK.

Boats are the universal means of conveyance and communication, and a boat thus becomes a necessary adjunct to every person's household; to its dextrous use every child is trained; men, women and children are equally accustomed. Perhaps the most common form is a stout skiff about twenty-five feet long, turning up very sharply and high behind, like a Venetian gondola. It is broad in the beam, and two-thirds of its length is housed over, leaving a little flat deck in front, and a still smaller one behind. Behind stands the husband and scull; in front stands the wife, rowing and using a boat-hook to help their way through the crowds. The front of the boat is used for business, passengers or cargo. The rear third is given up to the family and domestic furniture.

For, incredible as it may seem, we soon see that each boat is the home of a family, father, mother, girls and boys, who are born there, live there and die there. In the daytime the children and the furniture are crowded into a space not over four feet square; at night they can spread out over greater surface. I looked into these homes with attention, and never could enough wonder or admire how closely all was packed, without seeming to jostle or painfully crowded. Also, that the children live so happily and contentedly in a space no greater than a large-sized Saratoga trunk! It is probably a fact that there are many 10-year old children in Bangkok river who never walked over twenty feet in a straight line; in short who have never been on land. But then, when they come in proximity to boats whose little inmates they know, they would—boys and girls from 5 to 12—jump out of their boat house, and dive and swim away to visit and gambol around together; now free in the water, now hanging to the boat's side or sitting astride of the scull oar. And a friend tells me that he has seen them in their visits take with them baby, to whose shoulders mother has prudently attached a light gourd or other light float to insure its safety.

In a minor excursion up a side canal I found myself at the city residence of the Prime Minister—whose name I have not now time to write out in full. I ran my boat all round through his pleasure grounds, and wondered whether the worthy old gentleman considered that he was living on the land or in the river. In one part of his aquatic asylum I saw magnificent specimens of the victoria regia, whose leaves, round like a platter, were over two yards in diameter. Their rim was sharply turned up in a ledge an inch high, and on the raft thus formed were settled, quite at home like, a family of frogs. They, too, seemed to fall in with the humors of the country.—*Rochester Democrat.*

The question involved in a St. Louis lawsuit was whether a wink, said to have been made by the defendant, qualified the words which he uttered at the same time. He told the plaintiff to levy on the contents of a certain safe, and it was claimed that, by covertly and expressively winking, he reversed the meaning of what he said. The jury decided against the wink theory.

The fact that within the last eight years 148,000,000 copies of the Bible have been published and circulated, contrasts strikingly with the prophecy of Paine, that within a hundred years of his day the last Bible would be printed.

Hair.

Not less than 90 per cent. of the women and 5 per cent. of the men of this country wear more or less false hair. The enormous consumption of the artificial and natural product suggests the fact, fearful but true, that nine women out of every ten about the street, in the church, or on the cars, charming or ugly to a line, have on a wig or a weft, a bandeau or a prepared net, bangs or waves, arranged at the hairdresser's.

Some people think that blondes never grow gray-headed. The fact is, one-third of white shreds may be mingled with such hair and few will notice it. The same proportion of blonde-headed people turn gray as those with any other colored hair.

The proportion of people who dye their hair is also surprising. Some 20 per cent are said to do this. Of course the greater proportion of these people are white-haired. A white head is often, though not always a sign of trouble.

The dresser is more than often amused by requests from the country for "cold-water frizzes." These of course comprise an article which will curl easily by application of water, and are easily supplied. Curly hair has been the fashion for a year or more.

Of the two, human hair is the most called for. "Hair-raising" is a sort of industry in Europe. The peasant girls, who are much in the open air, get their heads cropped once a year, and thus furnish a portion of the supply. They are satisfied with a stipend so small that an American woman would scorn to touch six times its value. Of the material imported, France supplies half the trade and England and Germany divide the rest. The raw material finds its way here on this side in great quantities, and is made up here on this side of the water. The business is young yet in this country.

Simple Polly.

A bill has been introduced into the House appropriating \$150,000 for the purchase of a suitable vessel for Arctic exploration. The person selected for the post of Commander is Lucien Young, of the United States navy. It is probable, says the Call, that a great international Arctic expedition may be organized on a scale of expeditions that will provide against such a fate as that which overtook Captain De Long, but until some such action is taken, no more expeditions should receive national aid or encouragement. The line which properly separates legitimate daring from foolhardiness is drawn a long distance this side of the North Pole. A naval officer must go where he is sent, but the Government has no right to require of its servants a useless sacrifice of life. There are men so greedy of notoriety that they would volunteer to do almost anything on condition that the world's eye would be directed to their position, but it is not within the province of Government to encourage or reward a useless waste of life.

It is stated as a fact, which the public may accept, that Jay Gould has absolute control of joint stock capital—chiefly railroad—of at least six hundred million dollars. Not only the market value of this immense amount of securities is at the mercy of the man's caprice, but also the management of the properties it is supposed to represent. Even besides the great enterprises among which the foregoing vast sum is divided, Mr. Gould has a controlling interest in many smaller matters of great variety.

A Dakota Yarn.

When a man becomes so morose or hardened that he cannot sit down now and then and indulge in a laugh, he needs repairing. Laughter sweetens the temper; just read this account of a Dakota farm tomorrow after dinner and see if it does not:

"Yes, sir," resumed the Dakota man, as a crowd of agriculturists seated themselves around a little table; "yes, sir, we do things on rather a sizable scale. I've seen a man on one of our big farms start out in the spring and plow a furrow until fall, then he turned around and harvested back. We have some big farms up there, gentlemen. A friend of mine owned one on which he had to give a mortgage, and the mortgage was due on one end before they could get it recorded on the other. You see it was laid off in counties."

There was a murmur of astonishment, and the Dakotas man continued:

"I got a letter from a man who lives in my orchard, just before I left home, and it had been three weeks getting to the dwelling house, although it had traveled day and night."

"Distances are pretty wide up there, ain't they?" inquired one.

"Reasonably, reasonably," replied the Dakota man. "And the worst of it is it breaks up families so. Two years ago I saw a whole family prostrated with grief; women yelling, children howling and dogs barking—one of my men had his camp truck packed on seven four-mule teams, and he was around bidding everybody good-by."

"Where was he going?" asked a Gravesend man.

"He was going half way across the farm to feed the pigs," replied the Dakota man.

"And did he ever get back to his family again?"

"It isn't time for him yet," replied the Dakota man.—*Brooklyn Eagle.*

Justice consists in doing no injury to any one.

He who has filled the measure of his days has only learned how to begin to live.

Great things are not accomplished by idle dreams, but by years of patient study.

It is said that hysterical persons have a marked taste for vinegar and green fruit.

About 4,000 roses are required to make one pound of otto of roses.

They who presume most in prosperity are soonest subject to despair in adversity.

A herring yields over 30,000 eggs, myriads of which are devoured by various enemies.

Great deeds need to be tested by their spirit. There can be no saintliness without humility.

The law can never make a man honest. It can only make him very uncomfortable when he is dishonest.

To show that Captain Eads' project of raising vessels 4,000 to 6,000 tons forty-six feet out of the water and putting them on a railway is not a visionary one, the fact is added that in the Bombay hydraulic dock, weights are lifted of 12,000 tons. Engineering skill, it is safe to say, can lift anything, except, perhaps, a mortgage.

A new amusement in Indiana is egg jumping. The act of jumping causes the involuntary closing of the hands in a tight grip; and in the contest of egg jumping whoever jumps furthest without breaking the egg that he holds in either hand takes the prize.

Furnished Rooms to Let

At Mrs. Munson's lodging house.

Notice.

For evening, see amount at Rose's refreshment saloon, Saturday and Sunday evenings. Occident block.

Notice.

The Astoria Shirt and Oil Clothing Factory has moved next house to CHURCH STREET. Persons wishing a good oil clothing to keep them dry will please call.

Don't Die in the House.

Ask druggists for "Rough on Hairs." It clears out rits, mites, bedbugs, roaches, vermin, fleas, ants, insects. Ten per box.

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On after this date an additional 10 cents per cord will be charged on all orders for saved wood not accompanied by the cash, at Grays wood yard, July 1st, 1881.

Attention Fishermen.

Use Nicholas's Balm of Gilead oil for sore or chapped hands, for sale by Joe G. Charters. Tide tables free to all.

For the latest tables in the city go to the Orient bathing rooms, opposite Holden's auction store.

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War! War! War!

Water front offered free to any person that will build a saw mill in the city of Williamsport. Lumber we must have to build this city. We have one store in running order at present. Quite a number have already located homes in this city, and yet no saw mill is in operation. Time to suit purchasers. Located on mile south of Astoria, on the sunny side of the hill, on Young's bay.

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To Live Men.

THE ASTORIAN has now reached a circular which places it at the head of the list of Oregon newspapers to advertise through the benefit for the amount paid that may be secured elsewhere.

To those who wish to reach the largest number of readers at the smallest expense, we offer the columns of an attractive daily, the success of which from the very start has been far beyond the expectations of the most sanguine.

Have Wistar's balsam of wild cherry always at hand. It cures coughs, colds, bronchitis, whooping cough, croup, influenza, consumption, and all throat and lung complaints. 20 cents and 50 cents a bottle.

A cough, cold or sore throat should be stopped. Neglect frequently results in an incurable lung disease or consumption. Brown's Bronchial Trochocides do not disorder the stomach, like cough syrups and balsams, but act directly on the inflamed parts, allaying irritation, give relief in asthma, bronchitis, croup, catarrh, and the throat troubles which singers and public speakers are subject to. For thirty years Brown's bronchial trochocides have been recommended by physicians, and always give perfect satisfaction. Having been tested by wide and constant use for nearly an entire generation, they have attained well-merited rank among the few staple remedies of the age. Sold at 25 cents a box everywhere.

HALL'S VEGETABLE SICHUAN HAIR RENEWER is a scientific combination of some of the most powerful restorative agents in the vegetable kingdom. It restores gray hair to its original color. It makes the scalp white and clean. It cures dandruff and humors, and falling out of the hair. It furnishes the nutritive principle by which the hair is nourished and supported. It makes the hair moist, soft and glossy, and is unsurpassed as a hair dressing. It is the most efficient and permanent restorative to the public, as its effects remain a long time, making only an occasional application necessary. It is recommended and used by eminent medical men, and officially endorsed by the State Assayer of Massachusetts. The popularity of Hall's Hair Renewer has increased with the test of many years, both in this country and in foreign lands, and it is now known and used in all the civilized countries of the world.

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