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## THE LAND OF THE MIDNIGHT SUN.

The history of animal and vegetable life on the Tundra, is a very curious one. For eight months out of the twelve, every trace of vegetable life is completely hidden under a blanket, six feet thick, of snow, which effectually covers every plank and bush—trees there are none to hide. During six months of this time at least, animal life is only traceable by the footprints of a reindeer or a fox on the snow, or by the occasional appearance of a raven or a snowy owl, wandering above the limits of a forest growth, where it has retired for the winter. For two months in midwinter the sun never rises above the horizon and the white snow reflects only the fitful light of the moon, the stars, or the aurora borealis. Early in February the sun only just peeps upon the scene for a few minutes at noon and then retires. Day by day he prolongs his visit more and more until February, March, April and May have passed, and continuous night has become continuous day. Early in June, the sun only just touches the horizon at midnight, but does not set any more for some time. At midday the sun's rays are hot enough to blister the skin; but they glance harmlessly from the snow, and for a few days you have the anomaly of an unbroken day in midwinter.

Then comes the south wind, and often rain, and the great event of the year takes place—the ice on the great rivers break up, and the blanket of snow melts away. The black earth absorbs the heat of the never-setting sun; quietly but swiftly, vegetable life awakes from its long sleep, and for three months a hot summer produces a brilliant Alpine flora, like an English flower garden run wild, and a profusion of Alpine fruit, diversified only by storms from the north, which sometimes for a day or two bring cold and rain down from the arctic ice.

But wonderful as is the transformation in the aspect of the vegetable world in these regions, the change in animal life is far more sudden and more striking. The breaking up of the ice on the great rivers is, of course, the sensational event of the season. It is probably the grandest exhibition of stupendous power to be seen in the world. Storms at sea and hurricanes on land are grand enough in their way; but the power displayed seems to be an angry power, which has to work itself into a passion to display its greatness. The silent upheaval of a gigantic river four miles wide, and the smash-up of the six-feet-thick ice upon it at a rate of twenty square miles an hour, is to my mind a more majestic display of power; but for all that, the arrival of migratory birds, so suddenly, and in such countless numbers, appeals more forcibly to the imagination, perhaps because it is more mysterious.—*Chambers Journal.*

### The Dude.

The New York correspondent of the Brooklyn Eagle, a sort of "Man About Town," notes the introduction of a new word into the language. It is d-u-d-e or d-o-o-d, the spelling not having been distinctly settled yet. No body knows where the word came from, but it has sprung into popularity within the past few weeks, and everybody is using it. The correspondent says:

It means a masher, and yet it means something more than a masher. For instance, a masher may be young or old, he may mash by virtue of his politeness, or his accomplishments, or his wealth, beauty, eyes, nose or face; he may be a man of mature years, an old man, a young man or a boy. In speaking of mashers one is never sure exactly what sort of man is meant. There is a class of mashers in New York who will have a definite place in the language of the town as dudes. A dude cannot be old; he must be young, and to be properly termed a dude he should be one of a cer-

tain class who affect the metropolitan theaters. The dude is from 19 to 28 years of age, wears trousers of extreme tightness, is hollow-chested, effeminate in his way, apes the English, and distinguishes himself among his fellow man as a lover of actresses. The badge of his office is the paper cigarette, and his bell-crowned English opera hat is his chiefest joy. They are seen in large numbers at the theaters, where they form one of the interesting features of the evening entertainment. They are offensive because they blow cigarette smoke into ladies' faces and monopolize the bar between the acts. As a rule they are rich men's sons, and very proud of the unlimited cash at their command. They call all actresses by their first names and affect extreme familiarity with all things pertaining to the stage; but in reality they know very little personally of the men and women of the dramatic profession. Still the dudes always poses as a reigning theatrical celebrity. They are a harmless lot of men one way, for they are to shallow pated and weak to accomplish any harm, but they are sometimes offensive. No dude is a real dude who does not talk to a fellow dude in a loud voice during the play; also, no dude who respects himself ever takes a lady to the theater. They run in pairs, and compare notes between the acts.

### Anecdotes of Governor Stephens

The Springfield Republican tells some interesting anecdotes of the late Alexander H. Stephens. The Whig party in the national house of representatives was led by three men, Mr. Lincoln and Mr. Stephens being of the number. The first was familiarly known as "Big Savage," and the latter as "Little Savage." Just before the collapse of the Confederacy, Mr. Stephens was appointed one of the commissioners to meet President Lincoln and Secretary Seward at the Hampton Roads conference in February, 1865. When President Lincoln entered the room, Mr. Stephens was sitting at a table with his back turned. Lincoln went up to him and, slapping him on the back, said: "Hello! Little Savage." It is said Stephens was moved to tears at this. Mr. Stephens frequently recalled in private an incident connected with his departure from Washington and congress in 1858. As his steamer was going down the Potomac he gazed back on the receding dome of the Capitol, when a friend noting his meditative mood said: "You must be looking up there and thinking about your reelection to congress." Mr. Stephens replied: "No, I am taking a last look at that dome, for I never expect to see it or be in Washington again until I come as a prisoner of war." "Would you believe me," Mr. Stephens would earnestly add as he told the story, "when I next visited Washington and gazed on that dome I was a paroled prisoner of war who had just been released from Fort Warren." It was latterly his custom, after he had been rolled in his chair out in the air, and had disposed of callers, to dictate to a secretary, often propped up with pillows, and so intense would be the pain that the muscles of his face would contract and he would be compelled to stop from exhaustion.

The largest Ink House in the world (Thaddeus Davis & Co.) is at 127 William St., New York, and Mr. Geo. W. Davis was induced to employ St. Jacob's Oil in seeking relief from the pangs of rheumatic gout, a disease which he inherited, and which at times proves very troublesome. He has used the remedy with very great satisfaction, indeed. It relieved him within twenty-four hours after commencing to apply it of a pretty sharp attack of his hereditary foe. He was therefore disposed to think kindly of it as an extremely efficacious liniment. Mr. Davis further stated, that St. Jacob's Oil had been used by members of his family for neuralgia, and, in one case for the mumps, with the most gratifying results.

The postoffice department will soon issue a circular, in view of the reduction of letter postage, which takes effect October 1st, calling the attention of postmasters and the public generally to the fact, and admonishing the former to cut down the stock of stamps kept on hand. No steps have yet been taken toward the issuing of a new stamp other than that the head of Washington, which now ornaments the three-cent stamp, and will be printed upon the new two-cent issues. The color and design of the stamp have not yet been determined, but will ere long, so that in the intervening six months everything may be made ready for the change. The Canadian Government has decided not to follow the example of the United States in establishing two-cent postage.

A Crow Indian chief was shot by a white man about two weeks ago, between Big and Little Porcupine rivers, M. T. The particulars are as follows: Some difficulty arose over the ownership of a horse that the Indians had in their herd and claimed on the ground that they had traded for the animal. They were not willing to turn over the horse to its original owner, who then and there drew his gun and shot the chief through the heart, killing him almost instantly. He was arrested by the tribe and taken to Fort Custer, where he will be held for trial before the United States authorities.

A Montana man claims to have found a big quarry of pure bone in the Rocky mountains, the remains of the skeletons of some prehistoric herd of buffaloes which perished ages ago. He induced some Englishmen to listen to his monumental lie and he has made arrangements to conduct them to the place next spring. As he is to get good pay for his services, the prospect is that the "tender-foot" capitalists will spend the summer roaming around the Rockies and will never get any nearer to the great bone mine than Moses did to the promised land.



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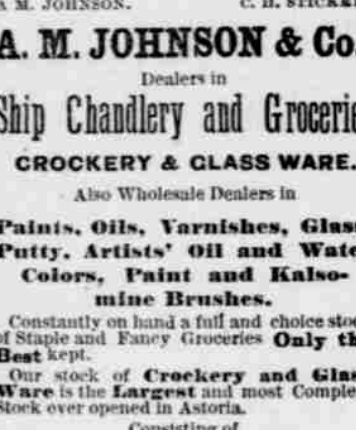
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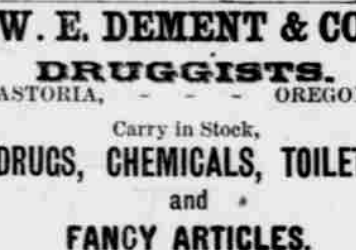
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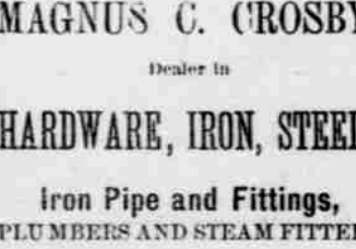


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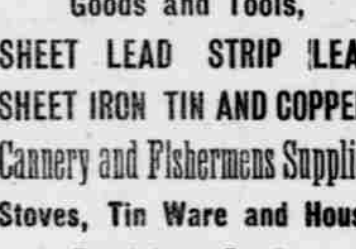


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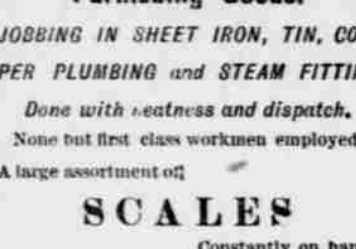
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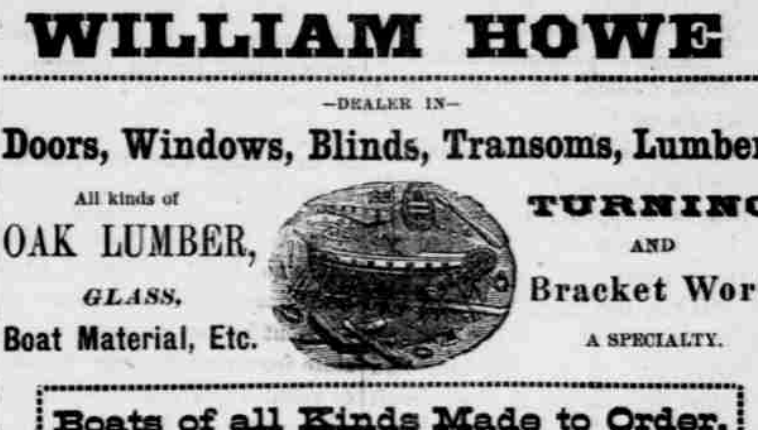


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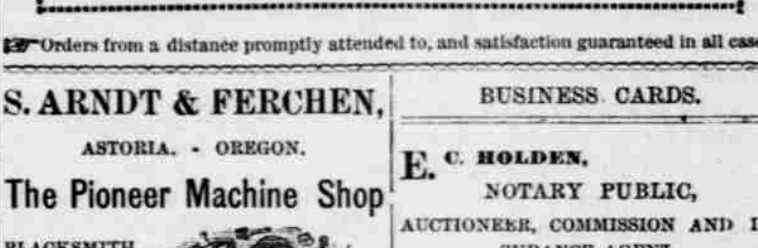
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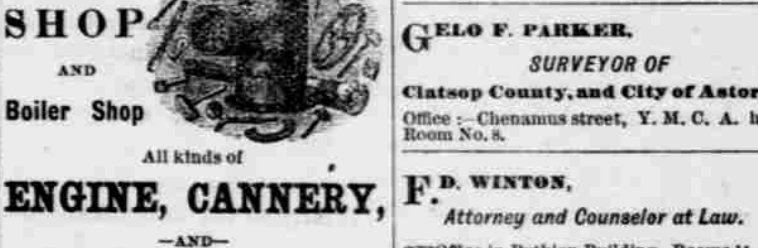
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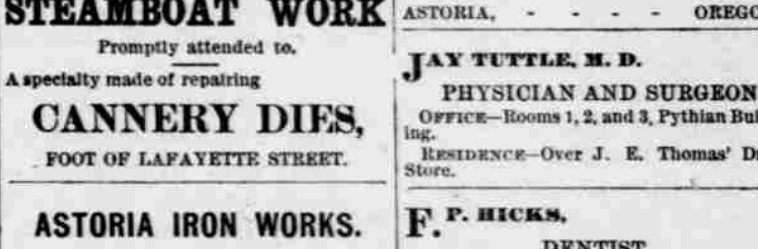


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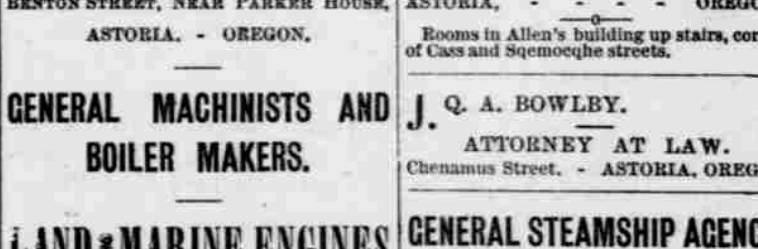


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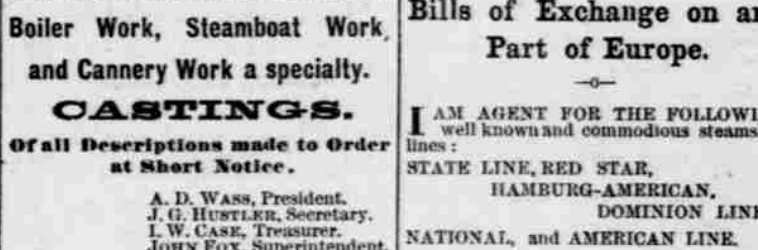
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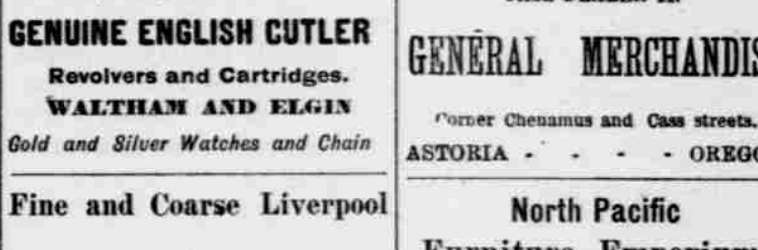


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