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UP AND DOWN IN NORWAY.

A Norwegian inn was a novelty to me. That at Trondhjem bore a French name, Hotel d'Angleterre, and was scrupulously neat, quiet and economical. June flowers bloomed in the parlor, and a piano of peculiar sweetness and power furnished me much enjoyment. On arrival your name is written on a large blackboard, and for thirty-six names, and placed in the lower hall. Meals are furnished when ordered. An excellent breakfast, including delicious butter and roasted salmon and other toothsome adjuncts, was furnished for forty cents. Two days' lodging and attendance were \$1.25. On leaving, I was driven alone in style in an open barouche, to the railway station, with a driver in showy livery. For his top boots and gold lace I fancied a good fee would be exacted; but the whole thing cost fifteen cents and no more.

The garden were green, for it was the summer's solstice; but I met snowballs just above the roadside from a bank of snow left from the unusually large deposit of the previous winter. The continual day was a strange experience. Retiring at 11 P. M., the heavens were as bright as when with us the June sun flared the western horizon. It seemed out of place to undress and go to bed in the daytime, as it were. But unless one has proper sleep he feels the effects on his nervous system in a few days of travel.

I preached one evening, through an interpreter, to a little Baptist congregation. There were five nations represented: the United States, England, Sweden, Norway and Denmark. English melodies greeted my ears, sung to Norsk hymns, "Shall we gather at the river?" Like a shepherd led us, and the like. The hand-slappings and farwells at the close, extended to the stranger from over the sea, were touchingly fervent, for tens of thousands of Scandinavians have found a home in the New World. Living links of love bind hearts on both continents together. Addressing an audience of six or eight hundred, some days later in Stockholm, I began, in pleasant, by saying, "Your faces look familiar. I have seen some of you before. I'm sure I shall soon see some of you in New York. A young man—near the door—started up with surprise, saying in his heart, as he afterwards told me, "Is it possible? There is my old college teacher, Professor Thwing, who cared for me when I was in need, years ago, in America." He afterwards came to me and embraced me and shed tears of joy. Then, falling on his knees, he gave God thanks for this unexpected meeting after long separation. A few weeks later in Wales I met two of my students from Brooklyn. These episodes are delightful. At Christiania my townsman and valued friend, Dr. T. L. Cuyler, overtook me and for eight days I was "filled with his company." The only American acquaintance met in Norway. Few tourists have found out the enticing paths of the North compared with the thousands that flock to Switzerland and Italy.

Thronhjem is the cradle of the kingdom and the home of the ancient tribe of the Throner. By the banks of the Nid, the Norsk kings were crowned. Many are the legends that have grown about the place the past thousand years—"Der et saa faerit in Thronhjem at hvile," as the old song runs, "Tis so pleasant in Thronhjem to dwell." It is a distance of three hundred and thirty miles to Christiania. The trains run slowly. There are six or three stations. Twenty-four hours are spent on the journey. The carriages are really third and fourth class, though called first and second. In each compartment there is fastened a card giving the names of the stations and the time of arrival and departure, also a thermometer. The scenery is tame and grand by turns. Wooden huts and houses, one or two stories high, battened and roofed, perhaps with earth or green sods, barns and farm houses, log-built and dove-tailed; tunnels and cascades; waterfalls dashing over black rocks in thin, lace-like sheets; roaring rivers among the wooded ravines, with quiet valleys where the cow-bell tinkles, and the lynx, the elk or red deer, sometimes ventures; sunny meadows or forest glades, where partridge, bear or wolf may hide; pine trees, maple, spruce, fir and pine, beech and pine; wheat fields, and sorrel, a substitute for corn, barley and oats; distant mountains—the highest, 6000 feet; glimpses of glaciers—the largest in Europe is in Norway, 515 square miles in area—winding streams and shining lakes, these are some of the objects that diversify the trip, whether by rail or carriage.

Stopping at a station you notice the smooth, solid, painted door; an elaborate fireplace with moulded stone brackets; polished hard wood chairs and tables shining like glass; decanters of water, bowls of cream, pots of coffee, and sandwiches waiting; leaves of juniper and birch fastened about the walls of the out-houses and lace curtains in the station master's room; beds of flowers outside, and a big brass bell, bright as gold, secured to the building by a bracket having a leather strap affixed to its tongue. This bell announces the departure of trains.

The Hotel J'Angleterre opened spacious and elegant quarters to me at the royal city. The porter, Andrew Nilsson, spoke English and other languages. This functionary in foreign cities is a man of importance, and the post is honorable and remunerative. He is not a porter to carry burdens, but to stand at the porta to welcome people in their own tongue and give them needed information. What we saw—for there were two of us now—must be briefly summarized. Sunday we worshipped in the Festsal, a rich semi-circular hall of the university—an English service. An out door band concert was given at noon. People stood in the rain to hear. A Norsk service at 5 P. M., and a walk outside the castle of Akershus and by the banks of the picturesque fjord followed. We both were charmed with the view we had

from the roof of the king's palace, which we visited on a week day. At the university there are many ethnographical relics well worth description but guide books give that information.

From Christiania to Stockholm is 354 miles. Much of the country is "distrainingly like home," to use my companion's phrase. It was so much like Maine he almost expected to hear the conductor call out Saccarappa or Biddeford, as we stopped amid piles of lumber, and noted the Yankee houses with board and picket fences and well sweeps. We were all night on the road—there is "no night there," to be sure, but what passes for it, a sort of sickly daylight. We had a four hours' stop at Laxa. Ladies were shown into a room by themselves. Dr. C., with astonished gaze, pointed at the cards on the door, in large capitals, "DAM BRYM." As an ardent temperance advocate he thought the epithet, so far as it characterized the beverage, was truthful, but its use here seemed ambiguous. The phrase is pronounced "dahnu room," and simply means "ladies' apartment." When the explanation was given we were satisfied and went to our own place to take the "rum" furnished for men.—Edward P. Thwing.

Character of Coeur d'Alene Mines.

The general formation of the Coeur d'Alene country is slate; not the laminated slate in thin strata with which miners are generally conversant, but the more permanent formation which exists in solid slabs, broken by fissures and crevices. Through a canyon, in such a formation Pritchard creek flows. The bed of the creek varies from 20 to 80 rods in width. The diggings have been represented as very deep, but as a matter of fact bedrock has been tapped at a depth of six feet in one instance where drain ditches have been cut. This is an important fact which will prove of immense value to the camp, and which will do much to enlist capital to aid in the development of the placer fields when it becomes generally known. In several of the opened claims bedrock is found at four feet, and even less. The gravel in the "dead" variety, very loose and coarse, but carries fine color from the water level to the bedrock. The bulk of the gold is, of course, found on and in the fissures of the bedrock. The character of the gold is water worn shot gold, the larger nuggets carrying more or less quartz and assaying \$16.75 fine to the ounce. With a uniform system of drain ditching on the several claims hydraulic power can be successfully and economically employed. The work already done and the prospects obtained on several claims have demonstrated the fact that Pritchard creek will pay to work for its entire length. Many of the side gulches of Pritchard creek are undeniably rich. So much work has been done prospecting the different claims that the status of the placer mines as gold producers is an assured fact.—Coeur d'Alene Eagle.

A Brave Man.

His name should be passed around. Charles Slater, steward of the English ship *Jupiter*, was a witness of a wreck off the point Louis rocks, on the coast of Mexico. The sea and wind were too great to allow boats to approach the wreck, and several shots had been fired across the vessel, but the line would not hold on to the shore and fell into the water. Against the advice of his captain, who told him the feat was impossible, Slater swam out to the wreck with a coil of small line upon his shoulders. Twice he was beaten back by the waves on to the beach; but a third time he plunged in, and after forty minutes' battle with the breakers, the heavy fellow reached the ship and clambered on board. The small rope enabled him to haul a cable from the shore, which was made fast, and by means of what sailors call "a buoy and breeches," a boy and three ladies were successfully sent ashore. The other passengers and the crew quickly followed—thirty-two souls in all—and last of all came Mr. Cases Abbott who owed their lives, who fainted as soon as he reached the beach. The work of rescue occupied three hours, and only an hour afterwards the wreck completely broke up.—Honolulu Press.

A Cow Full of Snakes.

A strange but well vouched for story is told from the Pine-tree district of Lawrence county, Ga. Mrs. Bryant A. Gay ordered a beef killed, and pointed to one which was small for its age, thinking that it would never be of any size. The cow was four years old, and its remarkably small size had frequently been the subject of comment. After the beef was killed and the disemboweling process gone through with, Mr. Cases Abbott noted that in one of the large intestines something was seen to move and keep up a constant motion. Curiosity led him to cut it open, and, as this was done, a very large snake, the choicest whip, sprang out on the ground some distance, but was killed. By this strange revelation, Mr. Cases Abbott was convinced that the cow was almost confounded, but proceeded with the process of butchering. When the windpipe was opened and the sac covering the lungs or lungs, they were doubly confounded to discover thirty-seven smaller snakes of the same species, each one of which was holding on to the lungs, and thus probably sustaining life. After dressing the beef it only weighed 80 pounds.

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