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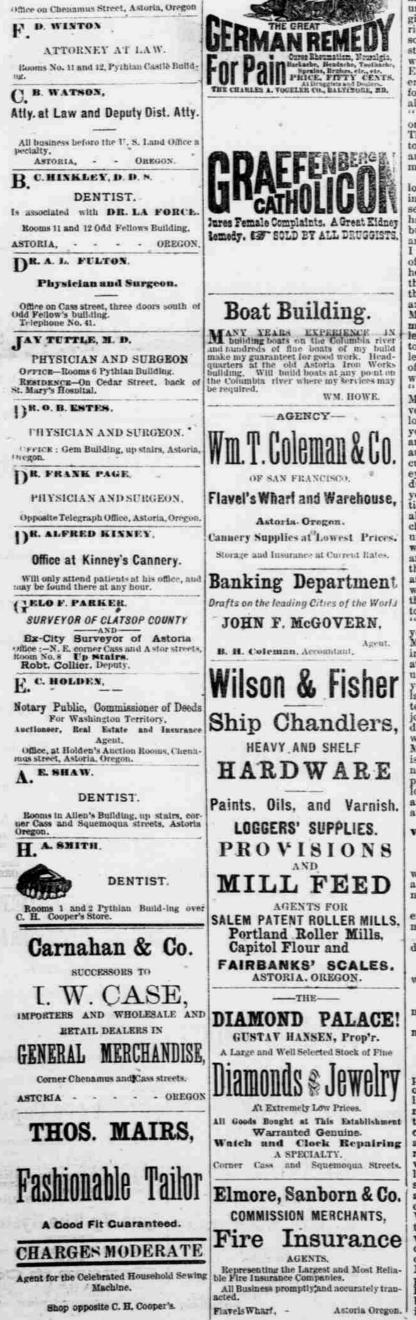
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AN UNCLE'S STRATEGY. How to Make a-Young Wife of an

Old Maid It is quite frequently the case that the more beautiful and the richer the girl is the more difficult are both her parents and herself in the choice of a husband, and the more offers they refuse. The one is too tall, the other too short, this not wealthy, that not respectable enough. Meanwhile, one spring passes after another, and year after year carries away leaf after leaf of the bloom of youth, and opportunity after opportu-nity. Miss Harriet Selwood was the richest heiress in her native town of -shire, England; but she had already completed her 27th year, and beheld almost all her young friends united to men whom she had at one time or other discarded. Harriet beand she herself lamented in private a position which is not a natural one, and to those whom nature and fort-une have been niggardly of their gifts are obliged to submit; but Har-riet, as we have said, was both hand-some and very rich. Such was the state of things when her uncle, a wealthy merchant in the north of England, came on a visit to her parents. He was a jovial, lively, straight-

forward man, accustomed to attack all difficulties boldly and coolly. "You see," said her father to him one day, "Harriet continues single. The girl is handsome; what she is to have for her fortune, you know; and yet she is getting to be an old maid." "True," replied the uncle; "but, look you, brother, the grand point

in every affair in this world is to seize the right moment; this you have not done-it is a misfortune; but let the girl go along with me, and before the end of three months I will return her to you as the wile of a man as young and wealthy as herself." Away went the niece with the uncle. On the way home he thus addressed her: "Mind what I am going to say. You are no longer Miss Selwood, but Mrs. Lumley, my niece, a young, wealthy, child-less widow; you had the misfortune to lose your husband, Colonel Lum-ley, after a happy union of a quarter of year, by a fall from his horse while hunting." "But, uncle--" "Let me manage, if you please, Mrs. Lumley. Your father has in-vested me with full powers. Here, look you, is the wedding ring given you by your late husband, jewels, I will return her to you as the wife you by your late husband, jewels, and whatever else you need, your aunt will supply you with; and ac-custom yourself to cast down your eyes." The keen-witted uncle introduced his nicce everywhere, and the young widow excited a great sensa-tion. The gentlemen thronged about her, and she soon had her choice out of twenty suitors. Her uncle advised her to take the one who was deepest in love with her

An Arctic Thanksgiving. The next Thanksgiving, one year later, we spent on our sledge jour-ney returning to Hudson Bay, which we spoke of as "home," from the isl-ands in the Arctic Ocean near the How's

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mouth of Back's Great Fish River. The last Thursday in Novemberfound us crossing a broad peninsula passing from one large arm of the Arctic Sea to another, where the Back's River emp-ties, and which we were extremely anxions to reach. That day we came upon a river some sixty to seventy paces broad, and it was named Thanksgiving River to commemorate the event.

It was of a great deal of import-ance to us to know just which way it flowed, for should its waters run eastward, all we would have 's do would be to sledge along its icy. ov-ering, and it would take us by an easy grade to Back's River. Usually the Esquimaux can tell which way the current of a frozen river trends by lying flat on the ice, and placing the face close to it, and turning the eyes alternately to the right and left, or up and down stream, sighting along the level ica; but although two of the keenest-sighted of the Esquimaux young men tried this plan on several parts of Thanksgiving River, they gave it up in despair, shaking their heads, and informing me that if the ice was off the river so that we could see the water flow ing it would be a very sluggish cur-rent. The only way to settle the matter would be to dig through the ice, some five or six feet thick, and sink a pole in the ice-well, first on one side and then on the other, un-til the force of the current, however

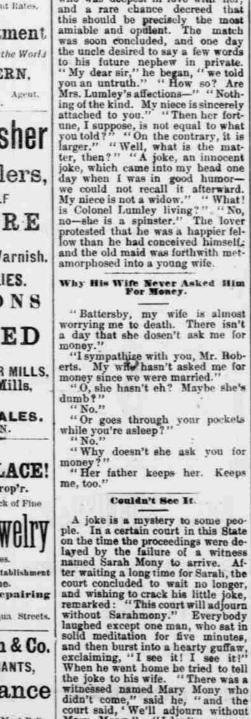
sluggish, would carry it across to the other side, and determine the di-rection of the current. This cutting an ice-well is very in

teresting and is done with two in-struments, each on the end of a long pole. The first is a chisel, a sharpened spike, a bayonet, or any such instrument, with which the native cuts a hole about a foot deep in the ice and probably a foot and a half wide. This chopped ice made by the ice-chisel is then scooped out by a sort of ladle made of musk ox horn on the end of another pole, and this alternation of cutting and scooping is kept up, digging out from six to twelve inches each time, until the water is reached six or secon feet below. The farthest I ever saw them dig an ice-well to get to fresh water was eight feet and a half. After we had dug a well about a

foot and a half in diameter, I put down the scoop beyond the bottom of the ice on the western side, and there it remained; then on the eastern side, and it lazily floated over to the west, which showed that the current flowed that way, or in the direction from which we had been oming. It was a great disappoint ment to us, and a river that we could hardly be thankful for; so it was

abandoned next day. Our Thanksgiving dinner that day PATRONIZE HOME INDUSTRY was nothing but riendeer meat, the same as any other day, for the good and sufficient reason that we had nothing else. For breakfast we had three or four pounds of boilded reindeer meat, drinking the soup after-ward. For lunch while traveling we had raw frozen reindeer cut in chunks abou' half as big as one's hand, and then beaten into brashy shreds with the back of the hatchet. For dinner as soon as the snow-house was finished, we had the same frozen meat, and a hot dinner of boiled meat and soup about an hour after. Now that the intensely cold winter weather of the Arctic wascoming rap idly toward us, we ate large quantities of reindeer fat to help us ke p warm. oftentimes as much in quantity as the meat itself. Just about this Thanksgiving we were living on re-duced rations, however, for we had but little reindeer meat, and could





not see our way clear to Back's Great Fish River, where we could procure fish. Our poor dogs! they had even less to be thankful for than we, as they were being fed only about once a week.-[Lieut. Scb-watha in Harners' Young Poorle

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