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CREMATION IN ALASKA.
Bodies Burned on the Beach at High-Water Mark.

Having had information the other day of a cremation to take place at the Indian village, I went to the beach to witness it. The defunct siwash was known around Juneau as Frank and was formerly employed at Martin Brothers store in the capacity of Indian clerk, and the klookman (it being a double cremation of one of each sex) had been called Jennie; both, as it happened, having died of consumption. The mourning service consisted of the ancient ceremony known as "pottlach," which is always customary among the Indians of southeastern Alaska on the occasion of the death of one of their number. The pottlach is a division of whatever temporal goods the deceased may have possessed, such as blankets, dry goods, etc., among his or her relations, according as the merits of each individual case may justify.

In the services of the mourning, which are very long, and to the Indian mind very impressive, the first in the order of the day is a eulogistic discourse by one of the old men, which, being delivered by him in sections, so to speak, is taken up and sung by the rest in a monotonous sort of chant; the old man is then superseded by another venerable buck, who goes through the same service, and he in turn by another, until all the old men have had their individual say. The chanters keep time by thumping on the floor with sticks and beating on a drum. This performance being gone over for a day or two, the pottlach takes place.

The body of the deceased is first wrapped in a matting, woven from split roots, and in appearance resembling coarse straw. They then convey the body to the place of cremation, which is always on the beach at high-water mark. On this occasion they had on hand for the purpose of burning the two bodies, about one cord of wood, some split and some in small logs. First a platform of small logs is laid a foot from the ground, and a space of four inches between each log. On this pyre, which was about seven feet long by five feet wide, the two bodies were placed, about three feet apart, and around them a miniature log hut was built to the height of four feet; The inclosed space is then carefully filled in with split wood and fine kindling, and now, everything being in readiness, the fire is lighted from the bottom. The native diet being chiefly salmon, an oily substance, the bodies of the Indians seem to contain a considerable amount of oil, as they burn very readily. While the corpses were charring, the friends of the deceased continued to poke them with long sticks, occasionally raking the fragments of burnt flesh from the fire and wrapping them in skins, blankets, etc. Returning from the cremation of the two natives, I heard singing in a native house and dropped in to see what was going on.

There was quite an assemblage of natives squatted around a small fire in the center of the room, and at one end of the house the corpse of an old woman lay, covered with sheet and blankets. All around the room was strung up muslin, pieces of calico and a few blankets; also three umbrellas, etc., all of which will be distributed among the relatives and near friends. Then the process described above will be gone through.—*Alaska Free Press.*

PLEURISY CURED.
KINGSTON, ONTARIO,
December 7, 1885.
Six years ago I caught a severe cold standing in an ice house with my coat off. I felt myself getting chilly and went to the house, where I shook for half an hour and then had high fever and terrible pain in my side and through my lungs. I put an ALLCOCK'S PLEURISY PLASTER on my back and one on the front of my chest, and in a short time the pain decreased and I fell asleep, and did not wake until the next morning, when I was again quite as well as ever. In telling my doctor about it, he said I had been attacked with pleurisy and, possibly, pneumonia.
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Victoria, June 2.—A goodly number of the British sealing fleet have already started for the hunting grounds in Behring sea. The balance of the fleet will leave in a few days. It is understood that after the jubilee celebration the admiral and a war vessel will leave Esquimaux for Behring sea, for the purpose of protecting the sealing fleet from foreign interferences.

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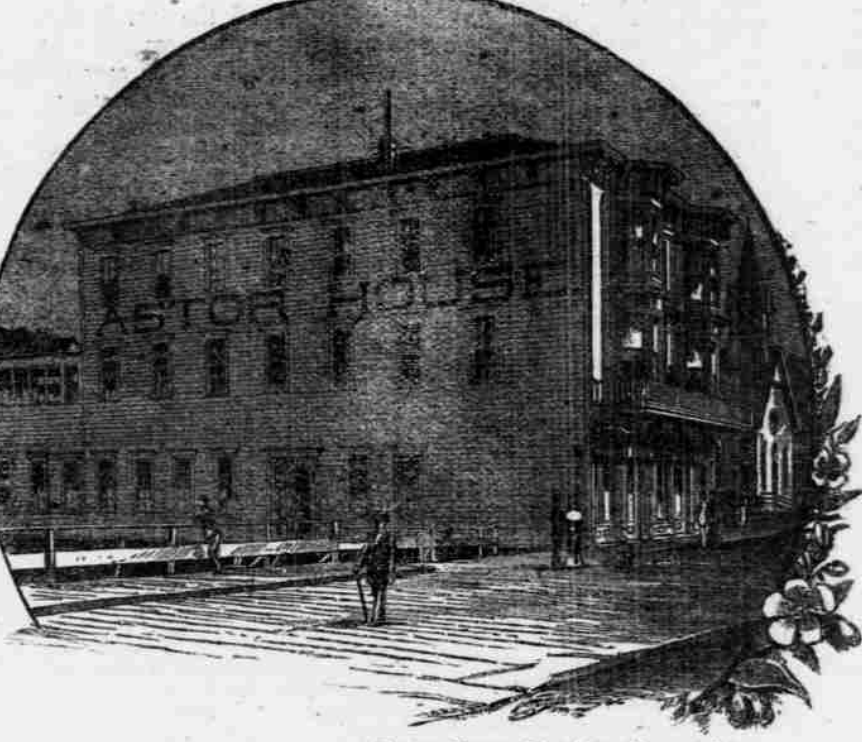
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