

APART from its salmon fisheries Alaska would be of little or no consequence to-day if it were not for women, who have made the furs gathered in that territory fashionable. Alaska sealskins and other furs gathered in that region are worn, not because they are handsome or always comfortable, but rather because a caprice of fashion demands this concession. What will happen whenever fashionable women refuse to wear furs? Is the result impossible? Very few men in temperate climates wear furs of any sort. The muff for the most part went out of fashion some years ago. Its use has been partially renewed because it is a very comfortable thing for the hands. The buffalo robe, the muff, the sealskin and the Arctic shoes are all well enough for cold weather. The Russians wear furs. The symbol of their national life is the bear. The grizzly bear of this coast is not a fur-bearing animal. His hair is nearly as coarse as bristles. That is because there is no cold weather. Going north the polar bear has a coat of fur as white as the snow or the floating islands of ice from which he fishes for seals, or for any other marine animal that will afford him a comfortable breakfast.

Some years ago women created the fashion of wearing fur sealskin cloaks. A garment of this kind costing, say \$250, was the dream of many a woman's life, and many a man whose entire income for a month was not an equal amount was persuaded to come down with the funds. Now, what would result if the fur-bearing woman should decide that she would no longer wrap herself in the heavy, clumsy and altogether cumbersome seal-skin? Clearly the value of Alaska would drop down to a nominal figure. There would be little use in sending revenue cutters up to that territory to chase down the clandestine fur seal-hunters. It would make little difference whether the whole of Behring sea were included in the transfer which Russia made in conveying Alaska, or whether only half of that water was conveyed. Probably no foreign sealers would have been arrested in Behring sea were it not for the prominence of woman as a fur-bearing animal. She has given all the importance to Alaska which that territory at present possesses. When Mr. Seward closed with the Russian proposition to convey Alaska to the United States, and said with great emphasis, "it is a *whack*," he had a long foresight. He knew that in all probability fashionable women would take lovingly to the fur-bearing seals. The Russian fur companies had made a great deal of money, but that was in part because in Russia and in all countries of very high latitude man is the principal fur-bearing animal. He makes most of the journeys and has the greatest exposure to cold. But the fashion is reversed in all temperate and warm climates. Women hold tenaciously to furs. If the seal-skin cannot be obtained, there is the squirrel, the gray fox, the lynx, the badger and the cat. Yes, the tom-cat; for thousands of these, perhaps millions, have their hides taken off every year, and when colored are sold under the name *jeuet skins*, which are largely used in the trimming of outside garments.

Now, who can give any assurance that the caprice of fashion will not change some day? Who can say that the wearing of furs will not some day be rated as vulgar, especially in temperate climates—and that soft wool textures will not supplant these Arctic furs? A few years ago it became the caprice of fashion to wear the skins of all birds of beautiful plumage. Millions of songbirds were sacrificed. Rural districts were devastated to supply the market. No ordinary protests availed anything. One day there was an arrest of this cruel and senseless fashion. Victoria of England gave judgment against the practice. It turned out that a fashion that could not have the stamp of royal approval was no fashion at all. It was dropped at once. The aristocratic seal of condemnation had changed a fashion almost in the twinkling of an eye. Millions of birds had fallen a prey to this caprice, but millions more were saved. Women all at once ceased to be feather-bearing animals, as to all singing birds.

One can see from this sudden change in the caprice of fashion what would be the result if a like change should ever occur as to the wearing of furs. Suppose a royal stamp of disapproval were set upon the prevailing fashion of wearing any fur from the otter and silver fox down to that of the muskrat, on the ground that it was a cruelty to strip animals of their hides, thereby sacrificing millions of animal lives for a mere whim of fashion? The change is not advocated by a long

way, because it would involve something of a financial shock to the commercial world. Yet no one can demonstrate that at no distant day women will not abandon their furs. Could any one demonstrate that woman would all at once cease to adorn her person with the plumage of small birds? And yet the change did come, and very suddenly. But at present the house cat, converted into a muff, is a far more useful animal than when prowling around at midnight. And the fox never looked so thoroughly respectable as when his fur is attached to the border of some handsome garment. It ought to be a great comfort to him to know how his character is elevated and dignified at last. As to the poor seal, it is probable that he would much rather wear his own fur than to have it worn by the most fashionable woman in the land. At present the ethical question does not seem to be so important as the commercial one.

THE COMING RACE.

The approaching yacht race between the *Volunteer* and *Thistle* attracts attention all over the country. September 16th, 1885, the *Puritan* beat the *Genesta*, and the "America cup" was retained on this side the Atlantic.

It is now nearly twenty-one years since the celebrated race for the prize and the cup was made between the *Henrietta* for America and the *Vesta* and *Fleetwing* for England.

The schooner yacht *Henrietta* was modeled by Wm. Tooker and built by Henry Steers, of Greenpoint, N. Y., for James Gordon Bennett. She was a keel yacht of 205 tons, 107 feet on deck, and 99 feet water line, and was designed for the great mid-winter ocean race from Sandy Hook light ship to the Needles light on the western end of the Isle of Wight, in the English channel. Her contestants were the *Vesta*, center-board, 201 tons, and the *Fleetwing*, keel, 212 tons. The stakes were \$30,000 for each yacht, the whole to go to the winner.

The start was made December 11, 1866. The race was a close one, the three yachts making the anchorage within two hours of each other. Capt. Samuels, of the *Henrietta*, carried off the purse of \$30,000, having made the trip in thirteen days, twenty-two hours and forty-six minutes. George Lorillard sailed on the *Vesta* and James Gordon Bennett on the *Henrietta*. During the war—the *Henrietta* was built in 1861—she was offered to the government as a revenue cutter. In this capacity she did good service between the ports of New York and Florida. She returned to the New York squadron when the war was over. In 1865, the *Fleetwing* was the winner in a race off Cape May, and later in the season the *Hector* was victorious over the same course. Both of these yachts were beaten by the *Henrietta* in the ocean encounter. After the successful ocean issue, the *Henrietta* was sold for a fruiterer, and made several successful voyages. She was lost off the coast of Honduras, in 1872, while bound for New York.

The *N. Y. Times* of the 17th editorially says: "In one of the addresses upon the Nicaragua canal delivered at Columbia college, J. W. Miller relates that in 1870 a steamer drawing ten feet of water left New York, and in less than a month was anchored in Lake Nicaragua, within eleven miles of the Pacific Ocean. Sailors going aloft forty-one feet could have overlooked the divide between the lake and the sea, and could have seen ships sailing upon the Pacific. When this is the case it would seem that the problem upon which discoverers have been at work for nearly four hundred years, which has absorbed the energies of Balboa, Cabot, De Sota, Ponce de Leon, Cortez, and many others in more recent times, might not be so difficult of solution."

THE bill to allow the construction of a tunnel under the English channel has again been defeated, but the number of members of the house of commons who are afraid that it might serve as a pathway for invasion from the continent is evidently decreasing.

INVESTIGATION as to the wages paid in the coal mines in Pennsylvania shows that many of the coal-diggers in the anthracite region "are paid less than it costs to support paupers in the poorhouses of that state."

THE ruddy sunsets, about which there was so much profitless discussion four years ago, have returned with the regularity of a presidential election to worry and perplex people.

Final Account. I take notice that the affairs of the estate of Frael Bros. have been closed and that I will apply for settlement, and discharge, at the next term of the Circuit court for Clatsop county, state of Oregon.

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Notice.
THE BOARD OF EQUALIZATION OF School District No. One will meet at the office of the clerk on Monday, August 22, 1887, to equalize the tax roll of the district for the current year.
J. G. HUSTLER,
Clerk School District No. One,
Astoria, Aug. 18, '87.

Notice to Contractors.
NOTICE is hereby given that bids will be received at the office of the Auditor and Police Judge of the city of Astoria, Clatsop county, Oregon, until Monday, August 22d, 1887, at 1 o'clock P. M., for the improvement of the crossing of Concomly and Washington streets, by filling to its established grade and by planking full size with plank four inches in thickness, according to the provisions of ordinance No. 153.
Bids must be accompanied with a guarantee, signed by one or more householders residing in the city of Astoria, to the effect that if a contract should be awarded to such bidder that he will within forty-eight hours after receiving notice of such award, enter into contract with the city of Astoria with good and sufficient surety for the faithful performance of the contract.
The right to reject any and all bids is hereby reserved.
By order of the Common Council,
R. CARRUTHERS,
A. L. FULTON,
F. SHEPARD,
Committee on Streets and Public Ways.
Attest: T. S. JEWETT, Auditor and Police Judge,
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J. G. HUSTLER,
City Treasurer and Tax Collector,
Astoria, August 18, 1887.

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Stockholders' Meeting.

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