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THE CODFISH INDUSTRY. Codfishing is now the greatest the Pacific. The former, though many nations. The right of fishing on these banks has been esteemed as much as that of the acquisition of so much territory, and they take a conspicuous place in many treaties between the great nations of the world. The Atlantic fisheries are said to employ 250,-000 men, the result of whose in dustry is an annual catch valued at one hundred millions of dollars. The total area of Atlantic fisheries does not exceed 70,000 square miles. Those of the Pacific, as ter as known, have an area of 680,000 square miles, or nearly ten times, those of the Atlantic. If, therefore, the fisheries of the Pacific were as industriously worked as arethose of the Atlantic, an immense army of two and a half millions of men would be employed while the result of their labors would be equal in value to a thousand million dollars yearly. No matter what may happen, the codfishing never can fail, for as many as nine million eggs have been and the abundance of the fishing never fails. The discovery of the codfishing banks of the Pacific was a pure accident. The Tilmandra, in 1863, was becalmed in the sea of Okhotsk, when returning from a trading voyage to the Amoor river. Here her sailors fished for pastime and the result was a catch of 30 tons of cod; then the business was naugurated. The catch was dried on Yerba Buena or Goat Island This led to the fitting out of seven vessels in 1865, which returned

1872, it was worse, for only five vessels went out, while the catch did not exceed 470 tons. of it in years to come.

that year, twenty-one vessels were

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Next year there was a revival, but 1874 was almost as bad as 1872. Now, bowever, there was an increase again, and year after year matters improved, In the eager rush for lucre, they till 1879 saw thirteen vessels out and the catch 2350 tons. This was the largest yet. Again, however, there was a falling off, till 1884, when seven vessels caught 1500 tons. The next two years witnessed a rapid revival and in 1883 sixteen vessels were employed while the catch was 2700 tons or 1,720,000 cod. In 1884, seventeen vessels made a smaller catch. Since then, the catch declined until last year only eight vessels were out and it was less than in 1878 Of the total catch, over onehalf was made at the Choumagin Islands, where the water is shallower than in the Okhotsk sea, not exceeding forty fathoms, and being as low as twenty fathoms. The Okhotsk produces the next largest qualify and Behring's sea least of all, because it is not as accessible as the others. Of course the business is yet in its infancy, but we may expect a great development

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stale excuses when excuses weren't required. He would never speak unkindly of another surger's power, and he made the world about him like a gladsome summer bower; shall we never other singers Would that he again were with us! But he died some years ago. the owner would admit that his was a steady increase in the catch circulation hadn't in a decade and in the number of vessels. In grown a bit; that it didn't hold a candle to the sheet across the way, and he often used to wonder that it lived from day to day. He'd advise the advertisers not to patronize his sheet, for it had no circulation in the mails or on the street; now he twangs a harp serenely where subscribers seldom go, for too good for earthly labors, ab! he died long years ago. There have been, alas, so many, who have crowns upon their brow, if they left behind descendants, where are those descendants now? are crowding side by side, full of strife and selfish longings, eager, wild and evil-eyed; for they say the world was better when our gray-haired sires were young,

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