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An Interesting Letter.

ASTORIA, Oregon, December 12th, 1890.

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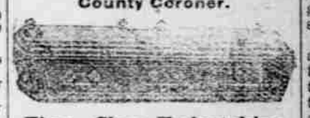

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SHIPS OF THE ANCIENTS.

Facts About Old-Time Vessels, including the Ark.

BOATS OF IMMENSE TONNAGE.

Some Mighty Craft Builded by the Egyptians—The Modern Ship Put to Blush.

We moderns are justly proud of the wonderful and magnificent specimens of naval architecture that crowd the great ports of the world. If there is anything new under the sun, a first class ocean steamer, it is believed, is that rarity. In our conceit we recall only the galleys and triremes of the ancients that scarce ever ventured beyond the coast line, and the small barks in which Columbus and those who followed him conquered a new world and gave commerce its greatest field. But the ancients built many goodly sized crafts and made luxury a study on some of them.

That much controverted craft, the ark, is an example of bigness. Her tonnage is estimated at about fifteen thousand tons, smaller it is true than that of the Great Eastern. No less an authority than Lindsay thinks that she was simply a raft of stupendous size, having upon it a structure resembling a huge warehouse. As no means of propulsion were necessary this description may be correct. The cargo however, was unique and probably the most valuable one ever carried. The description of the ark as given in the Scriptures, makes the vessel about 450 feet in length, 75 feet in breadth and 45 feet in depth, proportions similar to those now in use for great vessels.

But as the agnostic is not sure that this lifeboat of the human race ever existed, and as the materialist is sure she never was built, let us take for example of big ancient vessels some other craft vouched for upon the authority of profane and not sacred writers. The Egyptians, fond of large things and big dimensions, made the big tonnage vessels of ancient times. Ptolemy (Philopator) would have appreciated the *Great Eastern*. He was fond of building big boats. One of these is said to have been 420 feet long, 57 feet broad and 72 feet deep from the highest point of the stern. This vessel had four rudders, or what some would call steering oars, as they were not fastened, each 45 feet long. She carried 4,000 rowers, besides 3,000 marines, a large body of servants under her decks, and stores and provisions. Her oars were 57 feet long, and the handles were weighted with lead. There were 2,000 rowers on a side, and it is supposed that these were divided into five banks. That this extraordinary vessel ever put to sea is doubted, but that she was launched and used at times, if only for display, several historians are agreed.

Another "ship," the *Thalamegus*, built for one of the Ptolemies, is said to have been 300 feet long, 40 feet broad and 60 feet deep. This was a far more magnificent vessel than any previous one. An Alexandrian historian, Catlixenus, in describing her, speaks of her having colonnades, marble stairs and gardens.

Another great vessel, historical by reason of its size, is one built by Hiero, King of Syracuse. Her dimensions are estimated to be large from the description of her cargo and the number of her decks and houses. She is supposed to have been sheathed with lead, and accomplished at least one successful voyage. A full description of her would read somewhat like that of one of our Long Island sound or Hudson river steamboats. She had three entrances, the lowest leading to the hold, the second to the eating rooms and third appropriated to the soldiers. There were thirty rooms, each having four couches, for the soldiers; there were fifteen couches in the sailors' supper room, and there were three more cabins, each having three couches. The floors of all these rooms were laid in stone mosaic work. There was also a temple of cypress inlaid with ivory and dedicated to Venus. The mainmast was composed of a single tree, and the vessel carried four wooden and eight iron anchors. As a freight carrier she would rival the largest of ocean tramps. It is recorded that one or two of the launches belonging to her would carry about eighty tons. This vessel is said to have carried "sixty thousand measures of corn, ten thousand jars of Sicilian salt fish, twenty thousand talents' weight of wool, and of other cargo twenty thousand talents, all of which was in addition to the provision required for the crew."

These are the notably big vessels of ancient times, but the supposition is that as rulers, whether king or people, were as emulous in those days as these, other big craft were also built. From the foregoing description the thought is suggested that the first designers of our own river steamboats may have heard of the Egyptian and Syracusan vessels and taken a hint from them in building floating palaces. —*Maritime Register.*

Apropos of the Ames-West wedding in Boston, the father of the happy groom, Mr. F. L. Ames, has settled the sum of $1,000,000 upon his son as his share in the joyous occasion.

Something for the New Year.

The world renowned success of Hostetter's Stomach Bitters, and their continued popularity for over a third of a century as a stomachic, is scarcely more wonderful than the welcome that greets the annual appearance of Hostetter's Almanac. This valuable medical treatise is published by The Hostetter Company, Pittsburgh, Pa., under their own immediate supervision, employing 60 hands in that department. They are running about 11 months in the year on this work, and the issue of same for 1891 will be more than ten millions, printed in the English, German, French, Welsh, Norwegian, Swedish, Holland, Bohemian and Spanish languages. Refer to a copy of it for valuable and interesting reading concerning health, and numerous testimonials as to the efficacy of Hostetter's Stomach Bitters, amusement, varied information, astronomical calculations and chronological items, &c., which can be depended on for correctness. The Almanac for 1891 can be obtained free of cost, from druggists and general country dealers in all parts of the country.

Marriage Without Any Courtship.

This is how the late John Ruszits, the millionaire fur dealer, got married. While abroad on a business trip he visited a friend in Sweden. While in this friend's house he heard some one in the next room playing on a piano. The pianist was a young lady from Bremen, who was visiting there. Turning to his friend, Mr. Ruszits said: "If I should ever marry I would like to marry a woman like that." The gentleman went to the door and called the young lady in. "What do you think Mr. Ruszits just said?" he inquired. Of course the lady did'nt know. Mr. Ruszits struck in and said "Well, I'm not afraid to repeat it," and he proceeded to do so. The lady looked at him thoughtfully for a moment or two, and then said: "Well, I will accept," and they were married.

FINDING A LOST CITY.

Discovered at the Bottom of the Adriatic Sea.

The city authorities at Bovigno, on the peninsula of Istria, on the Adriatic sea, have discovered, a little south of the peninsula, the ruins of a large town at the bottom of the sea. It has been observed for some years that fishermen's nets were sometimes entangled in what appeared to be masses of masonry, of which fragments were brought up from the sea bed. A year or two later a diver declared that he had seen walls and streets below the water.

The city authorities recently decided to investigate. They sent down a diver, who, at the depth of eighty-five feet, found himself surrounded on the bottom of the sea by ruined walls. He said he knows they are the work of man. He is a builder by trade and recognized the layers of mortar.

Continuing his explorations, he traced the line of walls and was able to distinguish how the streets were laid out. He did not see any doors or window openings, for they were hidden by massed seaweed and incrustations. He traced the masonry for a distance of 100 feet, when he had to stop; his diving cord did not permit him to go further. He had proved beyond a doubt that he had found the ruin of a once inhabited town, which, through catastrophe, had been sunk to the bottom of the sea.

Some people think they identify this lost town with the island mentioned by Pliny the Elder, under the name of Cissa, near Istria. This island cannot be found now, and it is thought the submerged town may have been a settlement on the island that so mysteriously disappeared.—*New York Sun.*

The Dog Didn't Care to Walk.

This story is told of one of the intelligent dogs of Auburn, Me. Mr. W. H. C. Allen lives at the north end of Goff street in that city, while his store is on Lisbon street, Lewiston. The dog very often accompanied him to and from the store. He was at the store Friday afternoon, when, becoming tired of staying there, the order was given to go home. The dog started out, going up Lisbon street to Main, and down Main across the two bridges into Auburn. At the postoffice, however, he was seen to stand on the corner as though waiting sor something. A few minutes later a horse car came along, and the dog ran out and boarded it and rode home, jumping off when the car came opposite his master's house.—*Augusta Journal.*

The sub-treasury is making arrangements for the issue of the new two-dollar treasury note. It is elaborately engraved, and has on the right-hand side of the face a portrait of Gen. J. Birdseye McPherson, who was killed at Atlanta during the war.

Epoch.

The transition from long, lingering and painful sickness to robust health marks an epoch in the life of the individual. Such a remarkable event is treasured in the memory and the agency whereby the good health has been attained is gratefully blessed. Hence it is that so much is heard in praise of Electric Bitters. So many feel they owe their restoration to health to the use of the Great Alterative and Tonic. If you are troubled with any disease of the Kidneys, Liver or Stomach, of long or short standing you will surely find relief by use of Electric Bitters. Sold at 50 c. and $1 per bottle at J. W. Conn's Drug store.

AS "CLEOPATRA."

How the Great Bernhardt Drapes Herself as Queen.

Everyone knows that the dresses Bernhardt wears in her "Cleopatra" are not dresses at all, but strips of material wound around her little body and fastened with jewels. But there is as much individuality to each arrangement as to the confection of a French modiste.

The first costume which the divine Sara wears and which has no shape save that which her body lends it, is of sky blue, with a girdle of precious stones and a sacred serpent surrounding the coiffure made of gold and jewels. The next is a band of crepe de chine enveloping the body in pale rose color, with coiffure of wild passion robes and a golden serpent for a girdle, its head fashioned of a single emerald, its eyes of rubies. There is a wonderful costume of yellow stuff embroidered with gold and worn with a violet girdle. The feet are bare and the toes blaze with jeweled rings like the amorous queen's slender fingers. And there is a purely Grecian costume, richly embroidered, and last of all the magnificent golden Egyptian dress, embroidered all over with gold, and completed by a marvelous Egyptian head-dress, gleaming with countless precious stones of all colors. The jeweled girdles are all that will save Sara from encountering the full measure of the law at the hands of the spleeny Comstock. The snakes are rather more troublesome than Mme. Bernhardt anticipated, but two of them are becoming very docile. The tragedienne declares that the sensation of cold which contact with them produces, is indescribably charming and her greatest fear was lest they find it dull. She had tried to have them amuse themselves looking out on the boulevard, but they were not Parisian enough to amuse themselves in that way.

Different Indians.

Very different are the Sioux from the Indians on the Klamath reservation. The wild and lazy "Soo" loafs all spring, summer and fall on the largest and finest reservation in the United States, and in the winter he is a hungry Indian. The Klamath Indian also lives on a rich and beautiful reserve, but in the spring, summer and fall he works at farming and stock raising, and in the winter he has enough and to spare. The Sioux have sent the cry of hunger to the "Father" at Washington thus early in the winter, while the Klamath Indians sit by their cheerful pine blaze and laugh at the storm that whistles around their well-provided dwellings and comfortable barns. The Klamath Indians are workers, the Sioux are loafers.—*Star.*

If she is not taking so well as she used to with the London public, Mrs. Langtry is being taken more extensively than ever in a photographic way. She recently sat for pictures in sixty different positions, a feat, the photographer declared, that had never before been accomplished.

Senator Gorman is the handsomest member of the United States senate as well as the most youthful in appearance, age considered. He has a smooth, boyish face and the smile of a clergyman. And yet he is 50 years of age.

In the manufacture of gold thread for embroidery, a cylinder of silver is covered with gold and afterwards drawn out into wire. In this way six ounces of gold have been made to yield over 200 miles of gilt wire.

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Tale of Two Wedding Rings.

A sea captain from one of our Maine maritime towns was with his ship in Antwerp, where he was joined by his fiancee, where the twain were made one. A ring being a desired feature in the wedding ceremonial, the blissful commander sauntered forth to purchase it, which having selected he left to be marked. In due course he again sallied out in pursuit of the "sacred symbol," but having gone where he supposed it was it wasn't there. In other words, he had forgotten where the purchase was made, and ring No. 2 was selected to adorn the bridal finger. "All is fair in love and war," and with the original inscription erased the circlet has perhaps adorned another fair digit. Otherwise it may be still awaiting its climant.—*Lewiston Journal.*

CONQUERED AT LAST.

Confederate Killed by a Pair of Yankee Breeches.

S. C. Bowen, of Nashville, Tenn., says: The true story of the death of General Ewell is known only to a few. As a young man he was quite a dandy, and continued to pay a great deal of attention to his dress until August, 1862, when he lost a leg at the battle of Groveton. He recovered in a few months and led his troops until the close of the war, but with the loss of his leg he also seemed to lose all interest in his personal appearance, and after he went back to his farm in Tennessee was in the habit of wearing the most dreadful old garments imaginable, saying that it made no difference how a one-legged man looked. A year or two after the close of the war there was a sale of quartermaster's stores, and General Ewell bought a quantity of military trousers for which there was no longer any use.

He issued them to his workmen, and at last took up the habit of wearing a pair about his farm. They were shoddy goods, very thin and flimsy, and on a damp day in the winter Ewell took a cold, which developed into pneumonia, and from which he never recovered. A day or two before his death, when he knew there was no hope, he said to a friend: "The enemy has killed me at last. I was in many battles, was severely hit more than once, and on more than one occasion I thought I was as good as dead. When the war closed it seemed to me that I had nothing more to fear, but I was mistaken, for here I am at last dying of a pair of Yankee breeches."—*St. Louis Globe-Democrat.*

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General Nathaniel P. Banks began his career as a factory boy. He is still tall and stately, though midway between 70 and 80 years of age.

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