Topics of the Times

The old downger empress continues however, to be China's real General

The helress of the future will be known, perhaps, as a rare and radium

Of course, those Frenchmen who ride in airships look down on people in

If one must die of overdrinking how pleasant it must be to have the coroner's physician call it "refined alcohol-

A European princess has eloped with a coachman. Isn't it about time for the chauffeur to get in on this eloping

his shape, but a woman, who is more resourceful, gets her shape made to fit This brigandage of those young Chicago ruffians was really getting to be

police broke it up. Russia and Japan have agreed that there is enough good looting in fat old China for two, and there is no use in

mussing up the scenery. When Chicago is not in the throes of a labor strike it is in the grasp of highwaymen. Chicago seems to be the Insomnia center of the nation.

It was a mistaken report that James Lane Allen, the novelist, had found a fortune in an oil well. He is still looking for his fortune in an ink

If the sting could be removed from football people wouldn't pay to see the And the same is true of prize-The more stings the more

It is reported that the Duke of Rox burghe is not pleased with the Americans, but if he has any complaints to make about the quality of our money he has not yet volced them.

But it is not necessary for the pub-He to read Miss Ida Tarbell's articles in order to discover that Mr. Rockefeller is converting the country's wealth into Standard oil dividends.

It may comfort the consumers of meat and butter and eggs and coal to learn that a German scientist claims to have discovered a process by which the price of radium may be reduced several thousand dollars an ounce.

Young men who seek short cuts to wealth or fame may find a useful suggestion in this recent utterance of a Western financier: "The young man who goes around looking for a soft place has got one already-under his

A man who was caught in the act of committing burglary at Paterson, N. J., was ducked several times in clean water and then told to leave town. It is reported that the friction he created in the air as he left almost set his clothes on fire.

Rev. Dr. Newell Dwight Hillis thinks Mr. Rockefeller may some day own the President of the United States. Dr. Hillis probably goes upon the theory that the President is about the only thing worth while remaining for Mr. Rockefeller to grab.

Bishop Huntington deplores "noisy levity, excessive display or inordinate Christian marriage." We trust those friends of the a defiance of the predominant forces groom who tag the baggage, tip over of the time. In it he exhibits a settled ot at the officiating clergyman and try to wreck the train, will of government, for the modern "edu-

Give the friend you meet a smile and a cheery word as you pass along. Unless your troubles are urgent and you are looking to him for aid do not volunteer a recital of your worries. He has troubles of his own. Talk on pleasant things. Have confidence in the present and faith in the future Nobody cares to hear your misgivings or your predictions of worse things that are to come.

One does not like to give up beaten and American newspapers are peculiarly averse to an acknowledgment of defeat. But can any of them boast a larger circulation than is claimed by a new Buddhist paper in Tokyo? Listen This paper has come from eternity. It starts its circulation with million and millions of numbers. The rays of the sun, the beams of the stars, the leaves of the trees, the blades of grass, the grains of sand, the hearts of tigers, elephants, lions, ants, men and womer are its subscribers. This journal will henceforth flow in the universe as the rivers flow and the oceans surge."

Year by year the work of the institutions for trade and technical institutions is becoming greater and more va-In the South there are schools which teach carding, spinning, wear ing, dyeing and designing in cotton. In the East many colleges have added a textile department and throughout the country we have industrial schools which give instruction in the building and mechanical trades, in barbering, brewing, dairying, domestic science, dressmaking, tailoring, millinery, watchmaking, drawing, painting, com merce and other businesses too numerous to mention. There is hardly a vocannot now be learned in some school

The trouble with the American sys tem of government is that, while in theory it is as near perfection as anything can be, in practice it is subjecto the gravest abuses through the fact that officeholders have come to regard the public places with the salaries and perquisites attached to them as private property, to be owned and enjoyed without the least regard to the public good. This is why our political arena standing.

In filled with seif-seekers, whose sole purpose is to get into public place, and who constantly fill the air with their denunciations of the actual holders of office and weary the ears of the community with complaints that others have had the benefit of the places which complainants persistently wanted, but which they could not get.

The value of brains in business can ot be overestimated, of course. But ROSY FUTURE OF WOMEN. neither can the value of manners Don't make the error of supposing that brains are everything. You may have the best set of brains in the town, but if you haven't the manners of a gen tleman nobody is going to appreciate you. Your manner is the outward in dication of what you are within, in the estimate of most people, and if the manner is disagreeable few will take the trouble to examine into you any further. The consensus of general opinion is that the man who goes about with porcupine quills as his manners hasn't any brains worth bothering about. Did you never notice that the men who employ farge forces of in-telligent people look at an applicant A man gets his clothes made to fit closely, ask a few seemingly unimportant questions, and promptly employ or dismiss him? They don't sound his brain depth; they don't obtain his biography; they don't inquire into his social standing; they size him universities will be co-up from his manners, and if he is brass carry off all the prizes. almost as fatal as football before the on the surface they don't look for gold within. The employer knows that if DISASTER AHEAD OF THE UNITED STATES. an applicant's manner strikes him favorably it will also favorably strike people with whom he comes in contact in his work. And nobody knows better than a big business man that a favorable impression means half the sale. People are apt to think that if there is any place where manners are of little consequence it is in business, where cold calculation so largely takes the place of feelings. But the truth is that nowhere else are manners of such importance as in every day dealings. There is no capital and equipment any young man can have that will pay him etter than good manners. There is no possible calling for which this does not better fit him. If he has brains, the world owes him something, but unless he has good manners he wil save a hard time collecting it.

> There will be no dissent from the pinion that the world loses a man of transcendent greatness by the death of Herbert Spencer. This will be admitted by those who have gone farthest in the reaction against his philosophy. He was great in his marvel-ously comprehensive outlook upon nature and mankind, great in original mental endowment, great in the cultivation of his powers, in his unseifishness, his unwearying devotion to a bigh ideal. He was great also in his influence and his following, and al-though he must have been disappointed both by the slow recognition that was accorded him and by the quick trend away from his theories he had ome of the confidence of greatness, and was sustained perhaps by convictions of the permanency of his work which others do not share. One can imagine that he was not wholly indifferent to his own case when in speaking of the ebb and flow of opinion in his little essay on "The Esti-mates of Men" he said: "Let me restate this thesis by setting out with the truth that all movement is rhythmical-that of opinion included. After going to one extreme a reaction in course of time carries it to the other extreme, and then comes eventually a re-reaction. This is clearly observable in the case of reputations." He certainly showed few signs of yielding to opposing currents, though the pathetic element of his growing isolation has been feit even by persons who were out of sympathy with him and thoroughly convinced of the failure of his main purpose. The book "Facts and Comments," which contains the essay which we have referred, is in truth aversion for the increasing activities cational mania," for the boasts of commercialism, the development of militarism, and he has the hardihood to make this distinction: "Were anyone to call me dishonest or untruthful he would touch me to the quick. Were he to say that I am unpatriotic he would leave me unmoved." However, men who are stung by the last sentence will remember that he was honest and truthful, that he fought disease and practiced a patient selfdenial with fine heroism, that his life was a long and wonderful mental discipline, that he acquired learning berond any of his contemporaries, that se kept an unblemished character and set a noble example. If the synthetic philosophy shall go the way of all philosophies, leaving only a few helpful fragments, there is enough in such career to secure a lasting fame and to command the admiration of future

Genius in the Bud. The eccentricities of James McNeil s only lately that we have had a glimpse of Whistler the boy. A lady was "Aunt Kate" to him all his magnetize axes and knives, he advised life, although neither a relative nor allowing it to stand in an iron tank for Harbor. connection, has written a charming

etter about him to the London Times. She had known him ever since he York Tribune. was a child of two years. She was a neighbor of the Whistiers, and after a long absence from home, she called upon them and asked at once:

"Where is Jemmie?" "He was in the room a few minutes was the answer. "I think he Hiram Silas Cronk, the last pension must be here still."

Presently Jemmie's tiny form was discovered, stretched on the under shelf of a table. The visitor went to ecure the prize, and asked:

"What are you doing there, Jem-"I's dworin'I"

generations.

In one small hand was a pencil, erhaps two inches long, and in the ther a morsel of paper about three inches square. Yet in these tiny proportions the little artist was even then doing work that showed an exquisite promise.

like the average old soldier, however, College professors and the boot

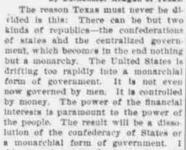
PAPERS THE PEOPLE

By N. D. Hillis, D. D., of New York. If you don't want women to outstrip you in the industrial race and compe you to come to them when you want 50 onts you would better stop drinking poor whisky and quit gambling at race racks and in pool rooms. Women, in spite of man's refusal to

give them the rights and privileges to which they are entitled, are to-day in 145 branches of business and in instances showing more ability than the men. In one of the greatest duancial institutions of this ity not long ago a well known man, drawing a salary of \$25,000 a year, suffered a nervous collapse. The directors selected as his successor the young woman who had been the stenographer for ten years. She, the directors told me, has done better work than the man she succeeded

and is doing it for but \$10,000 a year, In fifty years the women will know more than the nen. They have more time to read and study and they are improving their time. Eventually they will vote and tell the men for whom they shall vote. Eventually all the universities will be co-educational, and the women will

By Ex-Senator Reagan of Texas.



want Texas to be big enough to stand slone when the dissolution of the Union shall come. This is reason enough for never dividing the State.

PLANT LIFE SHOWS BEGINNING OF NERVES.

is Cartersburg Springs, another is Le-

all of these places the fluid posesses, for a short time after rising from the

earth, the power of magnetizing steel objects immersed therein.

that the water contains a quantity of

carbonic acid gas, and it retains the

property just mentioned until the gas

takes place a sediment, which is probably ferrous carbonate, is formed at

Repeatedly, before dipping knives

and needles into the water, Mr. Leigh-

ton would test them carefully to be

sure that they were not already mag-netized. Then five minutes after im-

mersion these objects were withdrawn.

They so aftracted each other that one

would hang from another, point to point. One of the knives was found

to exhibit magnetic qualities thirty hours after immersion. Another experi-

ment made by Mr. Leighton personally

compass needle near the pool. Here a

marked deflection from its normal

At Lebanon the water comes from a

scheme rendered it innocuous .- New

On a small farm cleared by himself

more than seventy-five years ago,

of the war of 1812, is now living near

Mrs. Sarah Crowley, now more than

Mr. Cronk was born on the 29th day

of April, 1800, at Frankfort, Herkimor County, N. Y., and is now 108 years

old. His health is moderately good and he does not look to be as old as

he is. True it is that the old soldler's

mind is growing weaker, and he takes

but little interest in present day af-

Ava. N. Y., attended by his daughter.

OF THE WAR OF 1812

at Cartersburg Springs was to place

position was observed.

THE LAST SURVIVOR

60 years old.

the bottom of the receptacle.

From a contribution of Mr. Leighton

the Engineering News it appears

After that double change

Br Andrew Wilson. That certain plants are highly sensitive is a fact doubtless familiar to many readers. We have the case of the English sundews, whose leaves are provided with sensitive feelers. When an unwary fly stumbles across the leaf its legs ome entangled in the gummy secretion of th tentacles, and these last bend downward over the insect, and thus tie it to the leaf surface. Escape is impossible; the insect dies, and the converts itself into a digestive hollow, within which the insect is digested by means of secretions hearly aking those which are represented in the animal's digestive The resultant, in the shape of animal matter, is absorbed by the plant as part and parcel of its nourisl ent. Without insect food these plants cannot flourish. It is the general rule of nature that the animal feeds or Here the ordinary order of things is reversed; for the plant, as if in retaliation, demands the sacrifica of the animal to its nutritive needs. Other plants exhibit a an example in point. Its leaf is divided by a hinge into man only while that elasticity lasts.

"My father has always been sweet- purchase she will seek a secluded spot



knees and offering up that little pray-

At Lebanon the water comes from a driven well of the Big Four Railroad Company. When it was first used in locometives it betrayed powerfully corrosive qualities. For that reason it was resive qualities. For that reason it was Casper and John, and his father, James almost ruinous to boilers. Dr. John Cronk, enlisted at Western, N. Y., on Whistier have been a favorite topic of H. Hurty, the company's chemist, could the 4th of August, 1814, when he was anecdote-mongers for many years. It find no ingredients which would ac- just a little more than 14 years old. count for the peculiarity. Later, when The father and three sons served he had learned that the fluid would Captain Edmund Fuller, New The father and three sons served with Volunteers, in the defense of Sackett's a time before using it is bollers. That

For a number of years Mr. Cronk received a pension of \$12 per month, but in February of last year Congress passed an act increasing the pension to \$25 per month.

WOMEN AND THEIR CASH.

No Two Have Same Method of Carrying

Of a haif dozen Washington won to be found any day in a street car probably no two adopt the same means of caring for their cash. "Women have almost as many ways of carry ing their money about with them as

local detective. an to carry greenbacks is in her stockings. Since the days when Evel fairs, but he remembers vividly the daughters began to wear this article stirring times of young manhood. Un of dress it has been a favorite safe Mr. Cronk does not like to talk of three out of every ten shoppers in a "war times" save to his own children. department store will have a little re'l blacks both strive to pollsh the under- his youngest son now being 53 and the of money incked away in her stocking. and when she decides to make a large tion.

two lobes, or halves. Each half is provided with three ensitive hairs. If an insect touches a hair the leaf halves close upon it after the manner of the old fashlaned rat truy only the insect is inclosed within the leaf and is there duly digested.

general view of vegetable existence at large, it is a matter of common observation that ordinary plants show a certain degree of sensitiveness to heat and to cold. The dalsies on the lawn will close their petals when a cold wave comes and open them again when the sun shines. We may with safety assume that no living being, animal or plant, is non- he pays no more heed to the menace have said so," she growled; "guess sensitive. They must one and all possess a faculty of sen- of the arctic than he did to the victs— we've not good enough things to eat sation, for the plain reason that one and all possess living situdes of the desert. He follows each to satisfy snybody."

matter, and everywhere we meet with living matter we stream as long as its sands will show.

The extreme North find it exhibiting sensitiveness as one of its primary qualitica. Is this the beginning of nerves? In my opinion it fire are hardly dead before there is a

forms of speech are peculiar. One day We have only to suppose that in the animal body, owing to its special construction, there is freer scope for the The way is hard on account of nature's play of nervous action than exists in the plant to explain resistance to his encrosediments upon why sensitiveness is more apparently a quality and feature her domain, but the result is always of the animal than it is of its living neighbor.

WOULD CHECK IMMIGRATION.

By Rev. Dr. R. S. NacArffur. In the last fiscal year nearly 1,000,000 foreign ors have come to our shores. The illiteracy that they brought is astonishingly great and the vious tendency corresponds to the filteracy. They are for the most part from countries whose people are not readily assimilated to American ideas and

Lodge's bill would exclude a great number of these ignorant foreigners, and that bill or some it must be passed or our most cherished fasting tions will be endangered, if not destroyed.

Our naturalization laws are loose enough in themselves. and even those laws are not enforced. Men are made citi zens who are ignorant of the first principles of the digpliy and the duty of an American citizen, and I hope that the day will come when no man will be made a citizen who cannot read in English the constitution be swears to support and no man be made a voter who cannot read th

TOO MUCH TIME SPENT IN COLLEGE.

By Dr. Janus, President Northwestern University. A young man should get into business early the ten years between twenty and thirty are critical years. I believe that a young man look-ing to a business career should be through with iris college work by the time he is twenty or twenty one years of age. He will become a better usiness man, other things being equal, than the ne who stays by his books until he is thirty or older. Men who stay long in college get such a sent away from business that without great natural ability cannot break through the culture that hedges them and become great business men. At the age of thirty-five the man who entered business at twenty will be a better usiness man than the one who began his career at thirty University culture is not always the best preparation

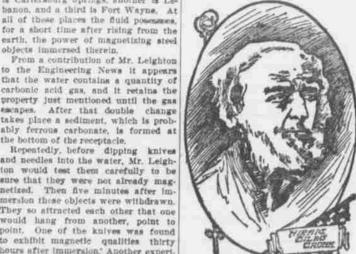
for life. It often stunts natural business ability, and this is an age when business ability counts for much. Very often I advise a college student as young as eighteen years to drop his studies and go to work. I would not do this in the case of one who is advancing in a line toward his siness career, but with the one who is at a standstill as far as his preparation is concerned it is better to tell him high degree of sensitiveness intended to assist the capture to go to work. A young man loses his elasticity by the time of insect prey. The "Venus fly trap" of North Carolina is he is thirty. Usually he can be made into a good business he is thirty. Usually he can be made into a good business

MAGNETIC WATER PROPERTIES

When First Used Showed Powerfully
Corrosive Qualities.
So absurd has the notion that water

My father has always been sweet such that diving," said his daughted and dive down for the money.

"When a woman is calling she usu very old days we children can detect ally carries a little change in her card little or no difference in his loving concase, especially if she is obliged to ride could have magnetic properties seemed to competent judges that stories of its discovery have been generally discredited. M. O. Leighton, a hydrometric field States reclorical to the time. Throughout his life father the time is obliged to rule case, especially if she is traveling on the street cars. If she is traveling everyone, He is never out of humor she wears a tiny chamois bag about her neck for the purpose of safe guarding the time. Throughout his life father in the time is obliged to rule case, especially if she is obliged to rule case, especially if she is traveling to rule case, especially i grapher of the United States geological has been an industrious, temperate and



er:

'Now I lay me down to sle

Money or Valuables.

they have changes of the heart," said a

"The most common place for a wom deposit vault. It is safe to say that

grapher of the convexigating some of survey, has been investigating some of these marvelous tales, and he feels obliged to confirm them. The scene by a pious mother when he knelt at her knee in childhood, he never retires to meeting gown. The little space because the has found such water in candy, chewing gum or lead pencil.

Now that the alceves resemble nothing so much as a good-sized satel. el, they are used for carrying money tled up in handkerchiefs. The full front shirt walst is a convenient hiding place for money and other feminine belongings. A petticoat pocket is often used by women for their valuables. They know this pocket is an impossible thing to find, and would as soon think of having the garment made without a band as without a loe Juneau wandered up Silver Bow

"Many girls wear little finger purses the town which bears his name. let purse of leather or silver is worn lions, and which will continue to conby the fad-loving maiden; but no one tribute to its wealth for many years money in it. Perhaps the girl who fearless characters who helped to con carries her car fare in her mouth is quer the wilderness. He was a paththe least common of all, but she ex- finder in the full sense of the word, lata."-Washington Star.

Unworthy Son.

than trustworthy if read in the light of a happening which the New York Tribune notes:

During his recent visit to the Yelwatone Park, the President of the United States, who is a close student of American dislects, thought he de tected in the speech of the driver of

not?" asked Mr. Roosevelt. The driver pulled in his four horses, set his brake with his foot, and turned impressively toward the chief mag-

twenty years. During thet time I was born; but I want to tell you right now that I'm no derned Missourian."

Ridiculous. "Isn't it ridiculous for Tenspot to think he can play football?" asked

"Why?" "Why, he's as bald as an egg." Town Toples.

Ten Consumption of the Country Americana consume 35,000,000 pounds of Chinese teas, 31,000,000 of Japanese and about 4,000,000 of Indian.

Experience often provides the ray material for unnecessary converse

FORTUNE HUNTERS WHO **BRAVE DIREST PERILS**

Life in the Gold Fields of Alaska, Where the Rough Element Is Honest, and Always Insists Upon Fair Play for All

To explain these curious facts we have to take a broad and when the trait of the American pioneer town sits where he pitched his tent. I was in a jewelry shop in Dawson ly onward. Everything in this world has its price and the gold hunting men of the North must pay in some coin for

the privilege of the trail. The loose way in which fortune flings her favors is unaccountable. One night some bunko men of the gold fields sold a tenderfoot an old claim that was supposed to be worthless. The knowing ones said they would not have it as a gift. When the raw Easterner took possession of his property he was the butt of many jokes. Hower, the swindlers and the Jokers soon sughed out of the other corner of helr mouths, for their dupe began taking such quantities of dust out of the abandoned claim that it soon turned out to be a bonanza. Up to this time it has paid him nearly \$300,000.

Ketchikan, Alaska, Correspondence: | fasts. As soon as they were seated a Frontier life lost none of its flavor waltress came forward and said; when the trail of the American ploneer "Mush, gents?" They took their hats

The extreme Northerners have man nerisms which are as odd as their when a miner came in to get a watch that had been left for repair. He put it in his pecket and without a word about the price handed over his sack of gold dust to the leweler, who proceeded to weigh out the amount of the charge. The miner not only failed to ask the price, but turned around to talk to some one standing near, and did not even look to see how much was be ing taken out. Gold dust is worth \$16 an ounce, and it would have been an easy matter for the jeweler to have poured out half as much again as the watch was worth without his action being seen or the overcharge known. After the miner went out I asked the dealer if many of his customers were so reckless with their dust. He re-"A man has to be honest up here, whether he is naturally so or not When men place absolute confidence in each other there are few who will abuse it. Unless a man bas a mean



TRADING POST IN ALASKA

Teh scapegoat son of a down East streak in him he will do what is right reacher drifted into the Klondike to when he is taken for a gentleman. nake a new try at life. He had got a good profit for fixing that watch sown enough wild outs where he came and there was no need of stealing from from to make a bountiful crop of re- my customer-and, mind you, if a felmorse, and it would seem that one who had played so hard and fast with good opportunities would hardly be entitled to hit upon the best claim in a thousand. But he did. He took the precious stuff out at a rate that was astonishing and broke the record for riotous living. His good resolves

ouldn't stand prosperity. matil noontime, or recess, when she tune, and finally came out with hardly enough money to pay his way home. or means of fransportation robbed of the last dollar he had in the world. On the same boat was a young allfornian who had tackled the frozen North with less than \$100 and had no experience, who had \$140,000 worth of suggets to show what his luck had tone for him. All signs fall in a dry time, and no man can tell much about the hiding place of gold.

basin, the beautiful canyon back of Hu and tiny silver bags suspended from panned the first gold from a field that chains to carry their change. A brace- has enriched the world by many milwould ever suspect that there was to come. Juneau was one of those yet he died penniless. When the news came to Juneau that the old man was feed in Dawson and it became known Shakespeare's counsel, "Look with that his last wish was to be buried on hine ears," becomes more picturesque the mountain overlooking the town that was named for him the money was quickly subscribed to bring his hody to the spot where he said he

wanted to walt for the judgment. Idioms of the North.

The people of New England, as well is those of Dixle, have a distinction the coach the region from which he in their language, and so do the resi-halled. are in use here that are not known "You come from Missouri, do you elsewhere. When a person arrives he is not known as a newcomer, but is mentioned as a "chee-chowker." A pi neer is not known by that name, but is called a "sour dough." Anyone who "Mr. President," he said, "my fath. has braved the hardships of one winter er 'n' mother onct went to Missouri in the gloomy arctic can then take to on a visit, and they visited there himself the honor of being a "sour dough." The word for "move on" is "mush." This odd word of command originated with the dog drivers. The dog what "amen" is to the trained canine that says its prayers in the circus-a signal which he understands and nots upon, and one for which he will not accept a substitute. Although sush" had its origin as a word for dogs, it grow in popularity until it beame the generally accepted order for anything or anybody to move on or get out.

> The vernacular of the cold country has a strong hold upon its people, as shown in the incident when a couple of returned prospectors went into a cellulose were exported to Bussia, and contaurant in Sertie to get their break- in 1002 only 2,076 metric tons,

low ever gets caught cheating here be might as well pack up and get out. for he will be a marked man.

Everybody Has Credit. Everybody has credit. everybody will pay some time. One cannot well run away. The impossible distances can be well understood from midn't stand prosperity.

Many who are well schooled in the federal Jail at Sitka. When there are craft of hunting gold may stumble no ships in port the lumates of the over it, while the uninitiated often run | Jall are let out to haul water and just enough for the offering and car right into it. The man who was responsible for the discovery of the rich-thange wrapped up in the corner of her handkerchief. There it remains the man who was responsible for the discovery of the rich-thange wrapped up in the corner of her handkerchief. There it remains the man who was responsible for the discovery of the rich-thange wrapped up in the corner of the remains the man who was responsible for the discovery of the rich-thange wrapped up in the corner of of making his way without provisions Before the ship reached Scattle he was men have tried it and were glad to come back. But the situation is not without its agreeable features for the prisoners, for, although it is against the rules, the fishermen among them som imes manage to watch over a pole and line near where they are working, and it is even said that the ball players do not allow themselves to get out of

practice. The one thing above all others which In 1880 a French Canadian named is characteristic of the North is the na tive dog. The horse, automobile ships. trains, nothing can turn its face to the wind with the assurance of that child of the arctic, the malapoot. When ice chokes the rivers and snow blocks the way of the trains he is put in harness and goes where none can follow. Half brother to the wolf, no living thing knows better the way of the wild or how to survive its rigors. He turns his keen nostrils to the wind and scents with unfailing instinct the approach of the storm while it is yet afar; he knows how to break through the ice for water when he is thirsty, as well as the trick of making his bed in the snow Although he has been made the slave of man, the wolf in him does not wear out with work and he has the eventure and endurance to take his food alive as it runs.

The Saltiest of Salt Lakes.

Probably the most remarkable lake n the world is one with a coating of sait that completely conceals the water. It may be seen at any time during the year, fully exposed, being even at its best when the sun is shining

directly upon it.

This wonderful body of water is one of the saltiest of the sait lakes, and is situated near Obdorsk, Siberia. The lake is nine miles wide and seventeen long, and within the memory of man was not entirely roofed over by the salt deposit. Originally evaporation word "mush" is to the Alaskan sledge played the most important part in conting the lake over with salt, but at the present time the salt springs which surround it are adding fast to

the thickness of the crust. In 1878 the lake found an underground outlet into the River Obt which lowered its surface about three feet. The salt crust was so thick, however, that it retained its own level, and now presents the curious spectacle

of a salt-roofed lake, Ceitulouse to Russia In 1899 10,393 metric toos of German