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One of the new fads that started with the Cornell university boys is the fashion of wearing autograph hats. One sees them everywhere, for college men in other colleges have taken it up, and have scattered themselves here and there among the summer girls. The hats are made of white canvas, with stitched brims. Names can be written in ink anywhere on the surface. One of these had several names of well-known men written upon it, among them the name of the author of this article. Sentimental young men collect the names of their sweethearts, though this has its drawbacks, because there is always the chance that the last girl will want to know all about the other girls whose names she finds written on the hat before her. The words are usually printed, though script makes a prettier hat and looks less like an advertising device. To see what young fellows give on the impression of one of those impetuous individuals who march up and down upon the business streets with a printed placard on their backs to the effect that "a regular luncheon can be had at the Blank dairy lunch for 20 cents."

However, the fad is growing, and by fall the white hats will be black.

**Pastimes on Wheels.**

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There has been an evolution in the means of transportation, and it is very interesting. The more civilized people become, the more exciting it grows. The coaches now running between St. Paul and Chicago, and Omaha and Chicago, and free reclining chair cars are models of luxury and comfort, which in style and furnishings are far in advance of anything else. A great pleasure for the traveler on his sleepers and private compartment car, is the electric berth reading lamp, which is an exclusive feature with the "Milwaukee." The best of the old fashioned store. By all these means the fatigue incident to travel is reduced to a minimum.

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**A FLOODED MINE.**

Efforts to Reopen a Once Famous Property.

It is Estimated That It Will Take Two Years to Pump Out the Water Which Has Accumulated for Twenty-Eight Years.

After lying idle for over a quarter of a century the Allison Ranch mine, famous as one of the former big producing properties of Grass Valley, is to be reopened and worked to its fullest capacity. There is ample capital behind the enterprise, for the mine is now the property of John W. Mackay and James L. Flood.

The Allison Ranch has a unique history among California mines. As far back as the early sixties it was considered one of the banner gold properties of the state. In the height of its prosperity it was purchased by J. B. Haggin and A. E. Davis. Davis was known as a mining partner of James G. Fair, and the rumor was current at the time that the property had fallen into the hands of the "Big Four," who were then beginning to loom up as formidable capitalists. Subsequent developments showed that Fair was not interested in the deal.

The mine proved a good buy for its new owners. In 1866 it led Nevada county mines in the matter of dividends. Two years later it had paid over \$2,000,000 in dividends. One day a miner's pick tapped a vein of water in one of the levels. The fluid gushed through the aperture with the force of a geyser, driving the workmen before it. Almost in an instant a property valued at millions was threatened with absolute ruin. Haggin and Davis made some ineffectual efforts to stay the flood, but the water flowed faster than the pumps could lift. After a few weeks of this discouraging work Allison Ranch was left to its fate.

That was 28 years ago. During all this time the mine has been a waste of water. Tunnels and machinery were long since abandoned. Now and then an expert was asked to inspect the property and the report was always unfavorable. There were those who believed that the bottom of the mine had fallen out in their efforts to stop the big leak and then gave it up.

Eight years ago the property passed into the hands of John W. Mackay and James L. Flood for a mere song. Since that time there has been no cessation of the water flow until at the present time the water is actually running out of the mouth of the tunnel as if from some enormous mountain. Mackay and Flood made the purchase with the idea that some day possibly the leak at the bottom would exhaust itself. Now they are determined to pump the mine out in any event. A enormous pump with a lifting capacity of 1,000,000 gallons a day will be put to work. It is estimated that even with this machine two years will be required to clean the mine of water. After that development will be begun.

Owing to the aliphad manner of doing business in the early days no accurate record or survey of the underground workings of the mine has been made. It is beyond the fact that the lowest level is at the foot of a 750-foot incline, neither Mackay nor Flood has any definite knowledge of the interior arrangement of the property. As soon as the pumping is completed a definite underground survey will be the first work undertaken. As well as can be remembered the ledge is a big one and regular in its formation. After this a big stamp mill will be erected.

The projectors of the enterprise believe they have one of the best gold properties on the coast somewhere down among those deep gullions of the Sierras. At any rate they will spend a fortune to find out. Steam will be utilized as the pumping power at first, although it is probable an electric power plant will be erected this coming summer.

James L. Flood, Jr., private secretary, Walsh, and Richard V. Day, who represents Mackay on this coast, lately made personal inspection of the property. They are enthusiastic over the prospects. They believe that the Allison Ranch is destined for a new and long lease of prosperous life.—San Francisco Chronicle.

**A DOG'S CURIOUS ACTION.**

As Surprised That His Master Had Been Hurt.

L. C. Meachamp, living above Homer, La., on the edge of Arkansas, is a great hunter and has a fine deer house, Dan, of which he is justly proud. A few days ago, says the Philadelphia Times, Mr. Meachamp was going squirrel hunting, and in order to keep Dan at home he was compelled to tie him up. The hound whined and barked, but finding his master was obdurate, he at last lay quite peacefully before the kennel all day.

At 4 o'clock in the afternoon, however, when Mrs. Meachamp was beginning to look for her husband's return, Dan became so unusually restless that she went out to see what was the matter. In spite of her repeated efforts he would do nothing to pacify him, and at last, to her utter astonishment, he broke the rope and bounded away over the fence and into the woods. He was gone probably a half hour when he came running back panting and almost breathless with his master's ant in his mouth.

Mrs. Meachamp became at once alarmed, and calling her son, they set out to find Meachamp. The dog all the time bounding along in front and leading the way. At last they came upon Mr. Meachamp lying helpless in the woods, where he was peacefully sleeping. He had fallen in a little ditch and broken a small bone in his leg. The dog's knowledge of the accident at the very moment of its occurrence seems almost incredible, but the truth of this is beyond dispute.

**A FEATHERED MONSTER.**

Strange and Gigantic Bird Killed by a Man in West Virginia.

Elias Midkiff, of Hamilton, Lincoln county, was in Charleston the other day, and proposed to the State Historical and Antiquarian society that if it would send a taxidermist to Hamilton to examine a monster bird, the kind of which never seen before by anyone in West Virginia. The feathered monster, says the Baltimore American, is described by Mr. Midkiff, from measurements taken by himself and W. W. Adkins, of Hamilton, who killed the bird at the mouth of Vannatters creek, with five bullets from his rifle, while hunting recently. The bird is seven feet four inches from tip to tip, four feet from tip of bill to tail, flat bill four inches long and three inches wide, somewhat similar to that of a duck; web feet, covering nearly a square foot of area each; neck 10 inches long, legs about 11 inches long, and about one and a half inches through below the feathers; plumage dark brown, reddish on the wings and breast by light blue. The bird was seen at noon was clearing high in the air, but came down very quickly and alighted in the water, where Adkins got a good shot at it, crippling its wing. Adkins attempted to capture the strange fowl, but it was so vicious that he could not get near it without killing it, which required five bullets.

**MYSTERIOUS EGYPTIAN LAKE.**

Singular Body of Water from Which Egypt Draws Its Salt.

During the reign of Suid Pasha a causeway was built across the Lake of Mareotis. As a result of this work a portion of the lake became highly impregnated with salt, while the eastern part remained as formerly, only slightly brackish. Scientists are not satisfied as to the source of the salt, but some have conjectured an underground passage from the sea. However, there is no visible channel by which the sea water enters, and as one can ride all around it, it is to all intents and purposes a lake.

Its length is about nine miles and its breadth four, and it furnishes the entire salt supply for Egypt. A millinery railway runs from the workshops to the lake, where the salt is cut and trucks filled by gangs of Bedouins, who, during the season, are kept at work day and night. The shops at the end of the ground and packed, and from there distributed all over the country.

As one stands on the thick crust of salt near the shore, which stretches as far as the eye can see, one feels exactly as if standing on a bed of needles. In addition to the dazzling whiteness of the salt, its beauty is enhanced by a pink tinge, which, at the edges of the lake, deepens to a mauve. The cause of this color is the presence of minute organisms contained in the salt; whatever its origin, it fades as the salt becomes dry, but while damp the effect of the organisms is to make the salt sparkle. To get an entirely different phase of the sight one must ride over the causeway. Here one has the ice field on the right and on the left the rippling blue color of the salt, which is so regular that the lake is deeper and the blue sky reflected in it might be likened to a vast pool, and the setting sun, throwing a fiery ball into its depths, completes the simile.

This enchanting scene, however, is evanescent. As the salt is formed by evaporation, it is only during the hot summer months that this can take place, and with the first autumn rains the picture fades away, and the parking lake field resolves itself into a placid lake of blue.—London Telegraph.

**AN ANCIENT ARCHERY.**

The Cretans are reported to have been the first people to practice archery, they having learned the art from Apollo. Three of England's kings and two royal princes were killed by arrows. Harold Godwinson was killed by an arrow to the death by arrows shot from the cross-bows of the Norman soldiers. William Rufus was killed by an arrow shot at a deer, and Richard I, who revived archery in England, was finally slain by an arrow. Three Crete's battles in the fish history, Crey (1346), Poitiers (1356), and Agincourt (1415) were won by archers. In those days there were about 200 bows to an arrow, from 300 to 500 yards, and Robin Hood is said to have shot from 600 to 800 yards. Kenyon college, O., included archery as one of the courses of study about three-score years ago.—Chicago Chronicle.

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**AN IMPOSING CEREMONY.**

A Nepalese Tribute Mission in Peking.

The reception in the Chinese capital of the deerskin tribute mission from Nepal to the emperor of China is described in the latest paper from the far east. The mission consisted of 32 members, with a following of over 200 men, and was accompanied by a large number of their wives to Peking for sale. The whole arrived about the middle of September, bearing presents of elephants' tusks, gold dust, wolens and broadcloth, as well as a letter from the king of the Gurkhas, as the ruler of Nepal is officially styled in China. There were two envoys, one of whom died in Peking and was cremated with Gurkha rites. Special officials from the Mongolian superintendency took the visitors about to the sights of the capital. The return presents from the emperor were placed in the Southern Lake palace, outside the west gate of Peking, and the occasion of the visit to this place to receive them was one of great ceremony.

The surviving envoy was conveyed there in a green sedan chair and the other Nepalese on horseback or in mule carts, the start being made from the Tribute envoy's hall, where the whole party was lodged at the expense of the Chinese government from the moment of their arrival. The trading members of the mission were taken to another hall while the official members were conveyed to the great hall of the palace, where they prostrated themselves before the emperor commissioned to read the imperial edict authorizing the Nepalese to return to their own country. The presents consisted of 1,000 taels of silver (about £180), four complete suits of fur, robes of wadded cotton and gauze for each member of the mission, besides silk ponies and gauze Peking cloaks, and the like, according to the ranks of the recipients. These presents were ultimately conveyed to the residence of the mission in special carts and the members were taken to another part of the palace, about a quarter of a mile from the place where the emperor was supposed to be seated—for he was quite invisible—and there they presented the letter from his own sovereign avowing allegiance to China. When the ceremony of giving presents was over the mission was informed that it could begin its return journey as soon as the necessary arrangements for the Mongolian superintendency. The journey from Khatmandu to Peking occupied six months.—London Times.

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