

WATCHES THE CLOUDS.

One New Yorker's Easy and Well Paid, but Important, Job.

There is one man in New York who would seem to hold an easy and unique job. From Jan. 1 to Dec. 31 he puts in his whole time watching for clouds from the top of one of the tallest skyscrapers. He does nothing else, is well paid if he performs his duty vigilantly and has no one to boss or bustle him around—except the clouds. For tools he works with a telescope, and he can smoke, read poetry or do what he pleases, provided he keeps his weather eye keenly peeled for the first sign of a storm cloud sweeping down the Hudson. On that rests his whole job, for should a thunderstorm catch him napping it would mean a serious strain on the leading electric light and power company.

In no other city but New York do conditions make for such a contingency. Owing to the compact construction of the huge blocks of downtown skyscrapers an enormous amount of electric light is suddenly demanded whenever the sky becomes darkened. Thousands of bulbs are simultaneously switched on. At nightfall this need for light is easily calculated, but no certain provision can be made against the sudden overshadow of a storm cloud other than by stationing a lookout man on the top of a skyscraper. Consequently when he sees a cloud sweeping down the Hudson or advancing from any other direction it is his business to watch its approach carefully.

Therein he must use a bit of judgment. If it is likely to sweep clear of the city he need not bother about it. But should he reckon it will pass over Manhattan it is his business to telephone the chief power station a warning that a storm cloud is coming. At once a red light glows in the engine room, and the stokers hustle to shovel coal into the furnaces. Presently the huge generators revolve at greater speed to supply the emergency demand for electricity. Thus when the thousands of lights are switched on downtown few are likely to guess how the sudden call for light has been met. Meanwhile the cloud watcher is in no fear that a mechanical device will deprive him of his job, for the weather instrument that can record just the direction a cloud will take in sweeping on toward Manhattan is yet in the dim future of invention.—New York Tribune.

Course of the Panama Canal.

There is a somewhat popular delusion about the Panama canal—to wit, that the course from Colon, on the Caribbean or Atlantic side of the isthmus, to Panama, on the Pacific side, is from east to west. Of course the Atlantic is at the east and the Pacific is at the west, but the isthmus is very crooked and at this point tends from a little south of west to north of east, and Colon is actually farther west than Panama. As a result the canal runs from north-northwest to south-southeast, and on reaching the Pacific one finds himself farther east than he was when he left the Atlantic. Queer, isn't it, to go westward by going eastward? But it's a geographical fact, all the same, which few realize until they study the map.—New York Tribune.

Canine Etiquette.

In their relations one with another dogs have a keen sense of etiquette. Unless they are on very intimate terms they take great pains never to brush against or even touch one another. For one dog to step over another is a dangerous breach of etiquette unless they are special friends. It is no uncommon thing for two dogs to belong to the same person and live in the same house and yet never take the slightest notice of each other. We have a spaniel so dignified that he will never permit another member of the dog family to pillow his head upon him, but with the egotism of a true aristocrat he does not hesitate to make use of the other dogs for that purpose.—Henry C. Morwin in Atlantic.

No Canes For Actors.

There is one profession that has always refrained from carrying a walking stick. The actor knows well that on the stage he must walk without extraneous support, and he knows that the mere hint of a walking stick in his hand as he walks the streets is a temptation to lean this way or that. Actors, even when out of a job, never lean on a stick. They know that their balanced walk is their asset. If the whole of society recurs to walking sticks the actors will refrain.—London Chronicle.

Not Even Bent.

Little Eric had dropped a basket containing some eggs on his way home from the grocery. "How many did you break?" asked his mother. "I didn't break any," replied Eric, "but the birds came off two or three."—Chicago News.

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Made Him Too Good.

"Do she started him to reform him. And what is the result?" "He's no good now that he's shocked by the girls she wears."—Boston Herald.

As in the accompanying illustration, the girl who wears—Louis Kossuth.

WHAT ROOSEVELT PLANNED TO DO

As Told by Himself in Last Letter From Brazil.

TOPOGRAPHY OF WILDERNESS

Perils Faced in Attempt to Go Down Unexplored River—Resume of Final Stage of Journey Against Great Odds, Which Colonel Expected to Complete in April.

News from Anthony Fiala, the arctic explorer, that the Roosevelt South American expedition, of which he is a member, has lost its equipment may interfere with Colonel Roosevelt's intention to complete his trip in April.

The former president sailed for South America on Oct. 4, after having received a hearty sendoff the night before from more than 2,000 persons in New York.

He spent several weeks in the Argentine Republic in November and December, traveling more than 5,000 miles through that country by every conceivable means of transportation except aeroplane. In December the party started from Buenos Aires by slow stages up the Parana and Paraguay rivers.

Colonel's Letter Tells Plans.

The last letter to be received by the American Museum of Natural History from Colonel Roosevelt was dated Jan. 16 from Tapirapan, in Matto Grosso, a large province in the south central part of Brazil. This letter was received by Frank M. Chapman, curator of birds in the American museum.

Colonel Roosevelt stated that the party expected to reach the headwaters of an unexplored river in a month or six weeks and that he expected to go down this, taking with him his son, Kermit; Anthony Fiala and George K. Cherris, a representative of the museum. He also wrote that this exploring party would be accompanied down the river by Colonel Bandon and other Brazilian members of the party.

No mention was made of the name of this unexplored river, but in another letter to his family the colonel had referred to this river as the Rio Dulvata or the River of Doubt. The headwaters of this river are at Matto Grosso, between the Madeira and Tapajos rivers, two large streams that flow northward to the Amazon.

The Roosevelt party reached Corumbá, in Brazil, on the upper Paraguay river, on Dec. 15. A little north of Corumbá this river is not navigable. The headwaters of the Paraguay river are in the plateau that extends into Matto Grosso. The sources of rivers that run southward to join the Rio de la Plata are sometimes within a few miles of the streams that flow down the north side of the plateau and become tributaries of the Amazon.

By Horseback Five Hundred Miles.

From the headwaters of the Paraguay it is a journey of 500 miles by horseback to the headwaters of the River of Doubt. These headwaters are on a great plateau, between 3,000 and 4,000 feet above sea level. From there the rivers drop abruptly to the floor of the Amazon, making navigation exceptionally dangerous because of the numerous rapids and waterfalls. The Madeira and the Tapajos both contain great waterfalls, among them being some of the greatest in South America. If not in the world, in which it is thought that the Roosevelt party "lost everything," is believed to have equally dangerous rapids and falls.

On March 15 a message was received in Rio Janeiro from Colonel Bandon stating that the party, after a 500 mile journey on horseback, had reached Barao de Malgato. He said no savages had been met and that Colonel Roosevelt was in good health. Barao de Malgato is on the border between the states of Matto Grosso and Amazonas and is near the headwaters of two rivers, the Comemoracao Floriano and Gypanara, which flow into the upper Madeira.

The Madeira river joins the Amazon some distance below Manaus, the first city which the party had expected to encounter on their arrival in civilization. Santarem, whence Mr. Fiala sent his message, is several hundred miles below Manaus.

AWESOME AMERICAN PISTOL.

An Amusing Anecdote Related by Explorer Anthony Fiala.

Mrs. Anthony Fiala, wife of the arctic explorer, who is with the Roosevelt expedition, relates an anecdote from one of her husband's letters telling of an experience which he had at Corumbá, on the Bolivian border of Brazil. This town is the resort of lawless adventurers.

Mr. Fiala, accompanied by his body servant, went to a coffee house in Corumbá with a French engineer of his acquaintance, and there the party was joined by a group of other Frenchmen. After a short time one of the men suddenly produced a small ivory handled revolver and began to toy with it, whereupon Mr. Fiala's servant, known as "Big," nonchalantly threw back his coat and displayed a 45 caliber revolver resting in its holster. This ended the display of firearms and led one of the strangers to exclaim: "These Americans are marvellous. They carry cannons!"

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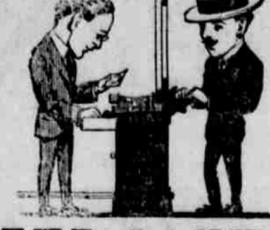
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