

He who thinks to please the world is duller of his kind; for let him face which way he will, one-half is yet behind.

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THE PACIFIC COAST.

Sealing This Season Said to be Unsatisfactory.

A Half-Breed Indian Maiden Sues for Her Rights, and Its Sustained by a Montana Jury.

Utah's population is 206,408, an increase of 12,538.

Extensive codfish banks have recently been located in Alaskan waters.

The Neptune mining claims at Disbee, A. T., have been sold to New York parties for \$80,000.

Nevada Indians predict a mild, short winter, and will not begin stealing wood until November.

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A FLOATING ISLAND.

Vermont Possesses One of the World's Great Curiousities.

The floating island in Sadawaga Lake, in the town of Whitingham, Vt., is one of the most remarkable curiosities of nature and one of the greatest curiosities in the world.

The island contains over a hundred acres, and it actually floats upon the top of the water. When the ice wears about it. It is not attached to the main land on any part of the lake. One can pass entirely around it in a boat.

The fact that it really floats on the water was made evident last year. At that time a stone dam was built at the outlet of the lake over six feet high, which raised the water a little more than a foot. When the ice wears about, and the water for the first time began to rise in the lake, there was great curiosity to see whether the island would be submerged or rise with the water. It floated about forty-eight hours for the water in the lake to rise to the top of the dam, and it was then discovered that the island presented exactly the same appearance that it did when the water was six feet lower. There was no part of the island that had ever been more than two or three feet above the surface of the water. There is a small forest of tamarack trees growing upon it, and it is raised six feet by this new dam. It would have been entirely submerged.

Since the water was raised this great mass of land has floated about more readily than it previously did. Portions of it, containing from one to three acres, have been broken away from the main island, and go swimming around independent of it. There are four such pieces. Three of them are now in the water, and already fifty or sixty rods to the north-east of the main island. Sometimes they are five or six rods apart. Then again they will be all in a cluster, the portions floating around faster than the larger ones, as the wind carries them more easily.

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EASTERN ITEMS.

The Legislature of Iowa Passes a Stringent Tramp Law.

A Scheme to Connect Lake Erie and the Ohio River by Means of a Huge Ship Canal.

Detroit doctors are quarreling over their ability to kill diphtheria germs.

The membership of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen is 19,000.

The prospect for passing the copyright bill at this session of Congress is not bright.

It is reported from Washington that Senator Evans is threatened with total blindness.

La Grippe has reappeared in New York. It is stated that over seventy cases were reported a week ago.

Work has commenced on the Belt Line road for Baltimore. The line will tap all the railroads in the city.

A new branch of the Salvation Army, known as the Salvation Navy, is saving souls along Erie's water front.

The crop bulletin of Iowa estimates the yield of corn throughout the State at thirty-four bushels per acre.

The Illinois Board of Equalization is discussing a proposition to raise the Cook county assessment \$122,000,000.

The public school of Largo, Ind., was obliged to remain closed on account of the prevalence of scarlet fever.

Apartment houses have been multiplied to such an extent in New York that a decline in rent is imminent.

Sarah Bernhardt is to open at New York in February, and will sail from San Francisco for Australia in May.

Discussed meat has been sold, it is charged in Chicago by the firm engaged by the State to kill lumpy-jawed cattle.

Jay Gould says excessive railroad construction need not be feared.

Three of the members of the House in relation to building as long as initial legislation continues.

The Iowa Commissioners have ordered suits to be entered against several railroad companies for refusing to obey the order in relation to joint rates.

There is a movement to consolidate the tobacco-warehouse interests of Cincinnati and Louisville and confine the amalgamation to American parties.

It is now said that the yield of the wheat crop of Michigan will be 24,000,000 bushels, nearly a full average product. This is twice as large as was predicted in July.

Captain Sherwood has been appointed postmaster of New York. His appointment is a direct recognition of civil service rules, as he has been assistant postmaster for eight years.

Outside of the New York delegation in the House, the members of the House of Representatives express themselves in favor of the removal of General Grant's remains to Arlington.

Having picked up most of the available property of the bankrupt and insolvent breweries and distilleries of the land, the Interstate Commerce Commission is now prospecting among our mines. Just now tin mines are the most attractive.

Advices received by the Ottawa government state that notwithstanding the fact that the damage to the wheat crop of the Northwest is much more serious than is generally known.

A peculiar and destructive disease has appeared among cattle in Southern Kansas. Like the animals they are dying by hundreds. A quarantine against Southern cattle is being establishing in Kansas.

Major Powell of the geological survey says that diamond fields are likely to be developed in the United States. He states that diamonds of fine water have already been found near Atlanta, Ga., and near Louisville, Ky.

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THE AEROPHOR.

A Contrivance for Producing Atmospheric Moisture in Cotton.

It is of the first importance in textile factories to have continuous and equable degree of atmospheric moisture. In spinning sheds a large amount of frictional electricity is generated by the running of the spindles and of the machinery generally, and this electricity, if it be not absorbed by moisture in the air, has an injurious effect upon the yarns and fibers. In weaving sheds a humid atmosphere is of equal importance, otherwise there is a continual breaking of threads and other prejudicial occurrences. The necessary diffusion of moisture has hitherto been secured at the expense of the health of the operatives, by the projection of steam into the atmosphere and by dampening the floors with water. In either case damage is caused to the machinery and buildings, while an unhealthy atmosphere is created, in which the operatives are obliged to remain.

In order to obviate all this the aerophor has been invented by a German engineer, and is largely in use in Germany. The aerophor is an apparatus for distributing moisture in the form of a very fine water cloud, which is produced by the action of a pump, which is not large, contains no movable parts, and a single high pressure pump can work any number of aerophors. The contrivance, which is fixed just under the ceiling at given points, consists of two separate nozzles, one for propelling the air by creating an induced current, and the other for atomizing it. A jet of water under pressure is projected through a horizontal nozzle into a casing in which there is a vertical nozzle. The jet from the horizontal nozzle causes the induced current of air to act upon the water entering the casing at its upper part through the vertical nozzle. The water is forced into the atmosphere in the form of a fine, diffusive cloud, the large drops of water being caught and retained by the apparatus.

The aerophor will only project into the atmosphere such particles of water as are capable of being atomized, and it does not damage to the machinery or fabric is impossible. In the same way, the atmosphere not being supersaturated, there is no injury to health. Installations of this invention have recently been put up in several Lancashire mills, and in the mill belonging to the Huddersfield Company, Ashton-under-Lyne, was recently inspected by a number of mill owners and other gentlemen interested in the production of textile fabrics. In the shed inspected there were 468 looms out of the 2,100 at work in the mill. The weather glass was 57 degrees Fahrenheit with 75 per cent. of moisture. Inquiries of the manager and of several of the operatives, who were all well, showed that the atmosphere was very satisfactory. Mr. Osborne, one of her majesty's inspectors of factories, was present, and stated that the aerophor met the requirements of the government and was a boon to the operatives.

He observed that the aerophor, or any similar apparatus, is a very desirable object, and that it was greatly wanted in textile factories.—Public Opinion.

The Relation That Should Exist Between the Style and the Matter.

No romance is any the worse, but for the better, for being well written, and for the matter being suitably written, and the style which is excellent for a sober, delicate, scientific survey is not so excellent for a tale of adventure. Even the most brilliant newspapers, as long as they are written in a language of incident, do not grumble, probably because the language is good. Its excellence, however, depends on the matter. Elegant and flowing descriptions are not in place in a novel of romance; they cease to be in place as soon as the separate charm of the style becomes a mere ornament.

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The mechanical difficulties in the application of the new ballot law are attracting attention in New York. One of the greatest undertakings will be the printing and numbering of the 10,000,000 official ballots, which must be done in ten days.

Iowa has passed a stringent tramp law. It declares that any male person who is over thirty years of age, and who is wandering about begging or idle, and who cannot show reasonable efforts to secure employment, shall be deemed a tramp, sent to jail and put to hard work.

The latest thing in trusts is reported from Chicago, where a broker named Russell has incorporated the "National Tonsorial Parlor Company," with a capital of \$25,000. Barber shops are to be established in the principal cities, and tickets of membership issued good for service for a year.

Senator Stewart has been successful in having an amendment attached to the House bill repealing the timber-culture law, which has passed the Senate, practically putting an end to the suits brought by