BAHAMA TREASURES.

Interesting Experiences of a Scientific Party from Pennsylvania.

The little party of biologists sent out by the University of Pennsylvania to make investigations and researches have returned with abundance of glory and several boxes, tubs and tanks full of curious specimens. The primary purpose of the jaunt was to give the party an opportunity to determine upon the Bahamas as the site of a biological marine station that the university desires to establish and hopes to have in existence within three years. It already has a considerable fund for that purpose.

The residence of the party during their stay was at a comfortable house three miles from Nassau, almost on the water's edge. They lived in community, each member taking charge of the men in turn. The cost was extremely modest. The men went to work at once, taking advantage of such assistance as the people roundabout could afford. A young boatman and diver named Brown was found to be of great use, having already served three distinguished naturalists—Prof. Gardner, who was sent out by the English Government; Prof. Welden, of Cambridge, and Prof. Brooks, of John Hopkins.

All the party were good swimmers, and soon learned to do their own diving. Each provided himself with a crowbar and a water box, a small box with a plate-glass bottom. The glass, quieting the ripples on the surface of the sea, enabled them to see far down into the depths, many times to the very bottom. When any one saw a bit of rock-bearing coral, anemones, sponges, or other objects that he wished to secure he tossed the glass aside, dived down, and pried the desired specimen loose with the crowbar and carried it up under his arm. Practice enabled them to stay a long time under water. Mr. Marshall frequently remained two minutes submerged. Dr. Dolleys says that any man can remain under water a considerable time if he will only simply make up his mind to do so. There is an intense feeling of oppression at first, but Dr. Dolley says that it is simply nervousness, and soon passes away.

Several medicinal plants were secured and experiments will be made as to their therapeutic value. Among them is a curious bean that animals are very fond of eating. At first the animals grow fat and sleek. But in about two weeks their tails and manes drop off; in another week their hoofs and horns, if they have horns, go. Then they grow weaker and weaker and finally die of fatty degeneration. But even to the end they eat the beans with infinite relish. There are other plants in the collection that are used by the natives in the treatment of rheumatism and dysentery with apparent success. The doctors are "bushmen," who have learned the medicinal qualities of herbs and roots and trees by tradition. Governor Blake, for the party, sailed to the island of Alaco one day and settled the question as to whether flamingos sit in or stand over their nests, a question about which naturalists have been in dispute these many years. Dr. Dolley says Governor Blake reported that flamingos sit in their nests like other birds. The party went swimming at night in a wonderful phosphorescent lake. At every stroke the swimmers created waves of fire, and when they climbed out upon their boat their bodies seemed covered with myriads of flaming sparks. The "sparks," of course, were myriads of copepods, the little glowing creatures that give the appearance of fire to the surface of the lake.

Some skulls of the Luycayans, the original inhabitants of the islands, who were exterminated within thirty years after their discovery by Columbus, were found in a cave.—*Philadelphia Times.*

WHAT A MAN EATS.

Amount of Solid and Liquid Food Consumed by Every Individual.

It has been calculated that on the average each man who attains the age of three score and ten consumes during the course of his life twenty wagon-loads of food, solid and liquid. At four tons to the wagon, this would correspond to an average of about a hundred ounces of food per day, or say some one hundred and twenty ounces per day during adult life, and about eighty ounces during infancy and youth. Most modern doctors agree in regarding one hundred and twenty ounces of food per day, corresponding to five or six half pints of liquid food, and seven or eight pounds of solid food, as in excess of the real daily requirements of a healthy man or woman.

Yet, probably most of us take more than this, in one way or another, during the day. Dr. Lankester, from an extensive analysis of the dietary of soldiers, sailors, prisoners and the better-paid classes of artisans and professional men in London, found the average daily quantity of solid and liquid food to be 143 ounces. Doubtless many take much less; but unquestionably many take much more than this. When some one mentioned before Sydney Smith the twenty wagon-loads of food calculated for each man's allowance, he turned to Lord Durham, who, like himself, was corpulent (and not without sufficient reason), with the quaint remark: "I think *our* wagons, Durham, must be four-horsed ones." There are members of the London Corporation, to seek no further, whose wagons must be six-horsed ones, and well loaded at that.—*R. A. Proctor, in Cosmopolitan.*

—"I am sorry to make any complaint against a neighbor, but your cat has killed my canary, and I naturally feel bad about it." "But, my dear sir, you needn't be alarmed. No possible harm can come to the cat. She won't eat the bird. Very kind of you, however, to mention the matter. It is always pleasant to receive the sympathy of one's neighbors."—*Boston Transcript.*

—Mr. H. H. Hayter, the Victorian Government statist, has prepared the following return of the "apparent" population of each of the Australasian colonies at the end of 1886. The totals are as follows: Victoria 1,033,052, New South Wales 1,030,762, Queensland 343,768, South Australia 312,439, Western Australia 40,084, Tasmania 137,211, New Zealand 589,366. Grand total, 3,486,682.

THE FUNNIEST THING.

How Two Young Women Entertained Each Other in a Street Car.

They met on a horse car.

"O Mame, I've the *funniest* thing to tell you."

"No," said Mame.

"Yes, *indeed;* it's just too awfully funny for *any thing.*"

"Do tell me."

"You'll not tell if I do?"

"Oh, *no*—never!"

"Oh, indeed, you *mustn't.* Tom Delliker to'd it to me."

"He *did?*"

"You know Tom?"

"Oh, yes—like a book."

"Isn't he splendid?"

"Yes, I guess so—but what did he say?"

"Well, I'll tell you. We were going down Broadway looking at the things in the windows, and—oh, aren't the windows just *lovely* now? Did you *ever* see any thing lovelier than the new fall hats?"

"Oh, they're just beautiful! I think I'll get a high-crowned—but what did Tom say?"

"Oh, it was the funniest thing. We'd got nearly down to that lovely jewelry store, and—oh, did you know that Belle Blank had a pair of *perfectly elegant* new solitaire earrings as large as big peas?"

"No—*has* she?"

"Yes, indeed; I *saw* them with my own eyes. I just rave over diamonds. But what was I talking about? Oh, about what Tom said. I declare it was the funniest thing. I've laughed about it ever since. Isn't he awfully jolly, anyhow?"

"Oh, yes; I guess so—but what *did* he say?"

"Well, we had just met Sadie Meech—and did you know that she was engaged to that elegant Mr. Whyte we saw her with last winter?"

"*Is* she?"

"They say it's *true.* I never would have believed it. And isn't it funny that Kate Bartlet is to marry Fred Masterson? Tom said—oh, I was going to tell you about Tom's bit of fun."

"Yes, what was it?"

"Well, after Belle passed we met the Stephenson girls, and—*did* you know that *both* of them became engaged at Bar Harbor this summer?"

"No-o-o-o!"

"It's *true.* I'll tell you all about it; you see——"

I rode five miles behind those girls, then one of them left the car saying:

"And here I haven't told you what Tom said yet. I will next time I see you. It was the *funniest* thing!"—*Zenas Dane, in Tid-Bits.*

MEASURING YACHTS.

Explanation of the Rules Applying to American Racing Craft.

Every yacht is rated for time allowance according to its "racing length." This length depends upon several factors representing both sail area and water line length. The following rule applies to American yachts: To the square root of the sail area add twice the load water line length, and divide the sum by three:

$$\frac{\sqrt{\text{Sail area}} + 2\,L}{3} = \text{Racing length.}$$

The measurement shall be obtained as follows: A base line to be taken from the bee hole, or point of contact of the jibstay on bowsprit, or flying jibstay on jibboom, in a straight line to the end of the mainboom, with one quarter of the length of gaff, measured from after side of mast to end, added thereto.

For yawls, the base line to be taken from the same point to the end of the mizzenboom. A perpendicular line to be taken along the after side of the mainmast from the under side of the gaff topsail block or sheave on topmast to the upper side of boom when resting on the saddle, or on the lowest part of the goose neck, the distance of which point from the main deck or house-deck to be recorded by the measurer, together with the other points used in measurements. To obtain the estimated area from these figures, multiply the base by the perpendicular and divide the product by two.

Length is the length on the load water line, exclusive of any portion of the rudder or rudder stock, and is to be ascertained when the yacht is afloat and in her ordinary trim, and with the crew, if aboard, stationed amidships; the measurer, at the time of making his measurement, to fix a distinctive mark at each point. Any change in these measurements to be reported by the owners, as customary, to the measurer.—*Boston Budget.*

English Journalism.

An inquisitive American journalist while visiting a newspaper office in London asked the proprietor whom he regarded as his best editorial writer.

"An old fellow named Mason," the proprietor replied.

"I suppose you value him on account of his scholarly style and depth of discussion."

"Oh, I don't know about that, but you see his editorials all turn a column about three inches and a half.—*Arkansaw Traveler.*

—A hospital for animals in London is being planned, together with free dispensaries in the poorer quarters of the metropolis, where, besides treatment of the suffering creatures themselves, lectures can be given and pamphlets published for public instruction. In many poor neighborhoods, horses, donkeys, etc., often endure long misery owing to their owners being unable to pay for professional aid, and by this plan skilled treatment would be brought within reach of the poorest.

—Dr. Oscar Lenz, the eminent scientist, has lately returned to Europe, after traveling on foot across the African continent, through regions literally reeking with marsh fevers, agues and small-pox. During the entire journey he enjoyed robust health and not once felt the need of medicine. Not a drop of alcoholic liquor passed his lips. Rice, chicken and tea formed his staple fare, and he dressed entirely in flannel.—*N. Y. Witness.*

AT WAYNE JUNCTION.

How Two Women and Two Men Amused Themselves at a Dreary Station.

The four of us were put off at Wayne Junction the other day to wait for the train on the Flint and Pere Marquette road—two women and two men. None of us were acquainted, and we had an hour and a half to wait at a railroad crossing. There was a dreary-looking waiting room, 12x12, and there was a platform sixty feet long by eight broad. The scenery consisted of—

One water tank.
Ten freight cars.
Two fields.
Five telegraph poles.
One pile of lumber.

As the train left us I saw the two women closely surveying each other from hat to shoes. Each seemed to regard the other with suspicion and distrust. They entered the waiting-room and sat down, getting as far from each other as possible. The one dressed in brown seemed to be saying to herself:

"Good lands! but what taste that woman has! Who ever saw any one mix such colors together before? If she is going to the lunatic asylum she should have an attendant along. Such persons are dangerous."

And the one dressed in blue seemed to be saying to herself:

"Have I got to wait here for an hour and a half in the company of *that* thing? Such a hat! Such a cloak! What big feet! She must be some one going out to work in a creamery, and I doubt if she knows what county she is in."

My friend, the man, was a fat, mild-eyed specimen of the human race. We stood for a moment and looked at each other. I might have said to myself:

"Well, if I haven't just run across a bank-sneak and highway robber then I don't know a grindstone when I see it! Wonder when he got out of prison? Seems to have an innocent look, but that is all put on. No doubt he got off the train thinking to rob me of my four dollars and return ticket to Detroit, but I've spotted his little game and will be prepared for any move."

And he might have mused:

"Oh-ho! So here is Billy the Kid—the chap who is supposed to have had a hand in abducting Charlie Ross! Probably out on another child-stealing expedition, but I'm on to his game and will spoil it. My! but hasn't he got a hardened look! That fellow would tear an innocent babe from a dying mother's arms and dash its brains out against the family churn without one ray of pity!"

But neither of us thought any such thing. Even before the women got seated we threw our grips down together and he said:

"Old boy, do you smoke?"

"Yes, thanks."

"Well, here's something I can recommend. Which way are you going?"

"To Toledo."

"Good! I'm going there myself. Live in Detroit?"

"Yes. Do you?"

"Yes, your phiz looks familiar to me."

"And I know I have often seen you. Let's walk up and down."

And while those women sat twelve feet apart, each one with her veil down and her body huddled up in an exclusive sort of a way, we walked arm in arm up and down and joked and told stories and said we were glad we met each other. Forty minutes had passed away when one of the women became restive. It struck her that the train had come and departed while she was in a reverie. It was an awful thing to do. She might be addressing a murderess for all she knew, and she was quite certain that the other woman had at least run away from two husbands, but she finally got up courage enough to ask,

"Have you the time?"

The other gave a start of surprise. Did she hear aright? It might be that she was being addressed by the cook of the scow Mary Ann, but after taking five minutes to think it all over, she replied:

"No. Have you?"

And then both shrank away from each other again, and turned up their noses under their veils, and were sorry that they let down on their dignity. Meanwhile the stranger called me "old boy," and borrowed some fine-cut, and poked me in the ribs; and I called him "old fellow," and slapped him on the back, and borrowed every match he had. When the train came along we got into the same car and into the same seat. The women came out to give each other a look of disdain and enter separate coaches, and as each one found a seat she no doubt said to herself:

"Well, just catch me in such a scrape again if you can! I never passed such an hour and a half in my whole life! The railroad company ought to be sued for letting scerage passengers into the first-class ladies' waiting-room!"—*M. Quad, in Detroit Free Press.*

—Not a pleasant way of putting it.—Miss Spinster—"Really, Mr. Oldboy, you are so kind!" Mr. Oldboy—"Don't mention it, Miss Spinster. I dance with you, you know, because the others are all too young for a man of my years."

—"Did you think of me very often while I was away this summer, Elberta?" "Indeed, my own Ethelred, I did hardly any thing else; the weather was so beastly hot it was utterly impossible for one to make the slightest exertion."—*Burdette.*

—Mr. Bean and Miss Allibone were walking in Green's pasture last Sunday, and sat down on a mossy bank. "Isn't this moss beautiful?" said Miss Allibone. "I love to look at it; how it grows upon you." "Very likely it does on you, Miss Allibone; but it does not on me; I'm not a mossback." This remark shortened their walk about two hours.

—Little Margery, playing with her kitten, got a rather severe scratch from the animal. Her lip trembled for an instant, and then she assumed the commanding attitude and expression that her mother had assumed toward her under somewhat similar circumstances toward her, and, extending her hand, said sternly: "Titty, dive me dat pin."—*Boston Transcript.*

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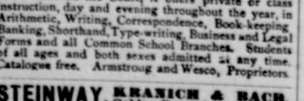

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