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SCIENCE NOTES.

Fifty-seven unmarried persons commit suicide to forty-three married. Switzerland produces \$3,000,000 worth of manufactured chocolate annually.

Bathing the head behind the ears with hot water often will cure an obstinate headache.

Peat will be the only fuel used in a great German electric power generating station.

A healthy horse eats nine times its weight in food in a year, a healthy sheep six times.

During 1909 Chile produced 18,179 tons of copper, as against 19,463 tons the year before.

At the last semi-annual official estimate there were 299,293 Indians in the United States.

More than fifty bacteria to the cubic inch were found in a recent test of rain water in Paris.

At an elevation of ten feet the horizon apparently is slightly more than ten miles distant.

The rudder of the transatlantic liner Olympia weighs 100 tons, being the heaviest ever built.

A web filament two and one-quarter miles long has been taken from the body of a single spider.

China will hold its first great exposition, national in character, at Nanking from May to October.

FASHION HINTS



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Simplifying the Labor of Procuring It Increased the Output.

It was feared at one time that the rate of coal consumption would soon outrange the rate of production and there was talk of curtailing the use of coal in many industries, says a writer in Lippincott's. But the inventor proceeded to make coal mining machinery which lessened the labor of extracting the raw product from the earth and increased the output tenfold. England to-day bases her hope of extending the period of her profitable coal mining upon the invention of machinery that will compensate for the added cost of deeper mining. In America coal mining machinery has doubled and tripled the output. A coal digger cuts and extracts the coal from its bed as fast as three or four skilled miners could formerly do; it falls automatically upon cars, which swing upward like elevators to the light of day, and deposit their contents into chutes.

Down the sooty mass tumbles to the breakers, where it is pounded and broken into sizes suitable for commerce. Thence it slides on to the washery, and comes out at the other end to be dumped on cars. The cars quickly cross the country to some river or bay, where canal boats are waiting. The transference from the cars to the boats, and from the boats to the wholesale and retail dealers' coal yards is performed automatically. Even when the coal comes into our homes it is shot down chutes into the cellar, and not carried there in buckets and baskets as of old.

And yet, for all this simplifying of labor, this invention of machines to reduce the dust and ashes, nobody likes coal, and we all pray for the time to come when its use may be abolished. It is not a popular article of commerce; it is a clumsy and dirty fuel, and in this age of invention and discovery it seems woefully out of date. The output that we are longing for, but the discovery of some new method of obtaining heat and power.

The Why Denier.
Indignant Customer—I want to return this jewel box. It's not ivory, as represented.
Dealer (musingly)—Now, I wonder if it can be possible that elephant had false teeth.—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

The Kind It Was.
"Water, this chuck steak I ordered is like wood."
"Yes, sah. Dat am wood-chuck steak."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

BATTLE WITH SHARK

FISHERMEN HAVE DESPERATE FIGHT WITH MAN-EATER.

Find Human Bones and Part of a Kodak in Stomach of Huge Fish After They Succeeded in Getting It Ashore.

Seattle.—After a terrible struggle lasting seven hours, a gigantic shark, 36 feet long and estimated to weigh more than fifteen tons, was captured by the combined crews of the fishing boats Goodpartner and Pioneer II, between Port Angeles and Port Crescent recently.

The monster is believed to be the largest fish ever caught in these waters.

The Goodpartner and the Pioneer II, much battered and battlestrained, with half of the crews nursing more or less serious wounds, towed the mammoth carcass into Elliott bay. In spite of the 30-horsepower engine with which each is equipped it took the two boats 15 hours to get the big carcass down from Port Townsend.

When pulled to the surface the tall was seen to be full of splinters and blue paint as the result of the struggle to demolish the Goodpartner. The shark is 18 feet in circumference at its middle and about twelve feet around the head.

The huge triangular mouth on the under side is five feet across. The flukes of the powerful tail are six feet apart. The body is gray and covered with tiny spikes which make it feel like a file.

One result of the shark's capture is that the crew of the Goodpartner will never do any more Sunday fishing. Captain Dragich and five men were hard at work early on Sunday morning pulling up their big salmon net.

They had not pulled very much of it into the boat when the leviathan made its presence known by thumping the bottom of the Goodpartner with its tail. A minute later it appeared alongside and hit the Goodpartner amidships.

Luckily the shark had entangled its front fins and its head in the stout meshes of the net. Before it could tear itself free three thicknesses of the net were wound around it.

Then the struggle began. The six men on the Goodpartner worked desperately to keep the head of the big fish near the boat and the death-dealing tail away. Again and again it would rear its big bulk out of the water and smash in the sides of the cabin.

Olaf Larsen, the youngest member of the crew, had his arm broken. Captain Dragich was cut in the head and chest by flying glass.

The Pioneer II came to the assistance of the desperate fishermen on the Goodpartner after about an hour of the conflict. They towed the fish and the boat to a sandy beach.

Tackle was fastened to a tree on the shore and the Pioneer's winch managed to pull the fighting fish into the shoal water. As the tide ebbed the shark was left high and dry and its struggles diminished.

At 1:00 p. m. Capt. George Saehar of the Pioneer II got close enough to the fish to chop a hole in its throat with an ax. A couple of barrels of blood flowed out and the long struggle was over.

Besides the personal injuries suffered by the various members of the crew, a big net valued at \$1,000 was destroyed.

When first examined the fish was believed to be a whale or basking shark, but when the belly was cut into after 15 minutes' work with an ax, bones were found which indicate that it is a man eater. The bones, from their size and weight, are believed to be human, although the largest fragment is only four inches long, making it difficult to decide.

Another unusual find in the stomach, which might be taken as an indication that the bones are really human, is a piece of aluminum, now in the possession of Captain Dragich. None of the fishermen could explain of what the thin curved plate of aluminum had originally been a part. As soon as they came ashore, however, it was identified as part of a folding kodak.

The leather which covered the aluminum frame and the wooden parts of the kodak had been eaten away by the powerful juices in the shark's stomach. When the deposit of grease was scraped from the plate the words "No. 3 Folding Pocket Kodak, Model A, Patented" were plain.

It is believed that perhaps the owner of the kodak can be traced through the maker of the camera, as there are other factory marks on it which may allow of its being identified.

Not Her Suit.
Enraged at the tailor who had promised to send her suit time and again without any intention of fulfilling that promise, the young woman set out to call for that suit herself. When she was half way up the street she met a young man with a box under his arm who looked very much like the apprentice she had seen at her tailor's shop. To save herself a possible unnecessary trip downtown she approached this man with a polite "Good morning," and said:
"You come from —?"
"What?" said the man.
"Isn't that the suit for Miss Johnson?"
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