

OUR GREAT VOLCANO.

Discoveries Lately Made About Mt. Wrangell in Alaska.

Thousands of Square Miles of Snow- and Summit-ice In One Top A Tough Problem for Mountaineers.

Only a few years ago the incessantly active volcano, Mount Wrangell, in Alaska, was represented on all our maps as an isolated mountain situated in the midst of a great snow covered plateau.

Exploring parties of the United States Geological Survey have been particularly active in this region for the past three years and are at last able to give much definite information about it.

Mount Wrangell is not a solitary mountain, but is in the midst of a vast array of summits covered with snow and glaciers spreading over an area of no less than 5,500 square miles.

Within this area are at least ten snow-covered peaks 12,000 feet or more in height. Several of these are still unnamed and are Mount Sanford, 16,700 feet, and Mount Blackburn, 16,140 feet, are higher than Mount Blanc or any of the peaks within the United States south of Canada.

Mount Wrangell, which has attracted more attention than the others, because it is an active volcano, is 14,000 feet in altitude.

This entire mountain region, in the Basin of the Copper River, is now known as the Wrangell group of mountains. W. C. Mendenhall, of the survey, has an article on the group in the latest number of the National Geographic Magazine.

Among his illustrations he gives a panoramic view, about three feet high, of the part of the group which contains some of the highest summits.

It is a wonderful scene of the grimmest description, with a peak rising from high valleys, their black, steep sides streaked with snow and the higher elevations completely white with it.

But Wrangell itself is a grand mountain, though dwarfed by the higher cones of Sanford and Blackburn. It is a wide-spreading cone nearly three miles high and eight times as broad.

From its eastern slope descends the Babena glacier, a frozen river 50 miles in length. On its western face a dozen jets of steam may be seen on a still morning issuing from as many vents.

CASEY FOUND HIS MATCH.

Only When He Spoke to His Colonel "as Man to Man" Did the Truth Come Out.

Judge Marcus Kavanagh, of the superior court, used to be colonel of the Seventh regiment, the famous Irish regiment of the Illinois National Guard.

During the Spanish-American war Col. Kavanagh took his regiment into camp, yearning for active service. There was a private in the regiment named Casey. Casey was, in a way, the butt of the regiment.

Col. Kavanagh got to be sadly cynical. One day Private Casey managed to slip by the sentinel in front of Col. Kavanagh's tent and presented himself before his commanding officer, with his right hand at salute.

"Colony," said Casey. "Me wife is lyin' at the point av death in Chicago," said Casey, rubbing his eyes with his coat sleeve.

"Your wife's sickness must have been sudden, Casey," said the colonel. "I got a letter from her only this morning saying the only peace and quiet she had since she married you was since you've been down here in camp."

"Colonel," burst out Casey, the tears vanishing from his eyes, "may I speak to ye as man to man?" "You may, Casey."

"Not as a private speakin' to his commandin' officer?" "As Mike Casey speaking to Marcus Kavanagh."

"No guardhouse, no matter what I say?" "Say what you please, Casey."

"Well, thin, colonel, there's the two biggest liars in th' camp under your tint roof this minute. I'm not married at all, be gob."

Under the old age pension law of New Zealand, a person to draw a pension must be 65 years of age and must have resided in New Zealand for the previous 25 years.

The favorite cat in London is not really a cat at all, but a lemur. The animal is soft and fluffy and makes an ideal pet for children.

PEOPLE OF PANAMA.

Have Had Few Rights They Could Call Their Own.

Laws That Guarantee Them Personal Liberty Are Repealed at Any Moment—Their Government.

A man who has seen much of Panama is in his office recently and talked for a time about that spot upon which so many interests are at present fixed. He knew the isthmus well.

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THE FUTURE OF COREA.

Fate of the Island Hangs Upon the Issue of Troubles Now Pending.

Whatever may be the result of the negotiations now going on between Russia and Japan for the peaceable settlement of the questions which have led these nations to the verge of war, it is certain that the isolation of Corea is at an end.

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Travers—You have actually sent a bill with my clothes! What insult! What infamy!

Ever Visit There? Stranger—What's the population of the town? Villager—Bout 54.

Dangerous. "An' how's yer husband the day?" asked Mrs. Rafferty of Mrs. Muldoon. "Sure, an' he's no better," replied Mrs. Muldoon.

Gene Deane. "Your money or yer life!" cried the villain as he held the revolver in the victim's face.

SHAME OF GLASGOW.

Has More Women Topers Than London, Paris or New York.

One of the World's Most Progressive Cities Yet Hardened with the Curse of Drink—Some of the Signs.

There is no city in the world that has so many drunken women in proportion to its size as Glasgow. As a breeding place for female topers neither London, Paris nor New York can compare with the Scotch town.

It is no exaggeration, says a special correspondence of the St. Louis Globe-Democrat, to say that an American walking in the evening through Glasgow's poorer quarter—through Salt Market street, Bridge Gate, or High Street—soon begins to ask himself if there can be any sober women in that part of the city.

"When once a woman begins to drink here she is done for," is a quotation in this Scotch city, and one believes it true after an evening in the slums. Old gray-headed women, with weak, dispirited faces and torn rags for scanty covering, reel through the streets begging coppers with which to buy more drinks.

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CUFFS, SLEEVES AND COATS.

Newest Designs and Materials Now Fitting the Eye of Smart Dressers.

Green velvet is always good as a cuff and a collar material, but red is a little newer and is being used where green was used last year.

The plain red upon many of the newest winter gowns and the same material is used for the lapels, says the Brooklyn Eagle.

The inoffensive turned-over lapel and the little plain round cuff is one of the features of the new gown, and is worn over and over again. Though not novel for striking, it is again the vogue.

There is one other. One is the very wide flare cuff which is so fashionable. This is the cuff that is nearly a quarter of a yard wide.

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