

HOW LUCK RUNS IN ALASKA.

The Irony of Fate is Nowhere Better Shown Than in That Country.

At first sight it would seem that the like good luck might fall to any man, but the reality runs much the other way, says Ainslee's Magazine.

LINCOLN WOULD LET 'EM DO IT

Little Chicago Girl Who Was Sorely Shocked at a Revelation of Slavery.

The epidemic of "coon songs" which now rages where once the milder "negro melodies" were prevalent is doubtless responsible for the befogged condition of the mind of a seven-year-old pupil in a Highland Park school.

Not long after the Lincoln celebration half an hour was given over one day in accordance with school custom to nature study.

COURTESY ON A STREET CAR.

How an Inquisitive Woman Managed to Read the Paper of a Stranger.

A big, fine looking man sat in the corner of a South side car reading his newspaper. Next to him sat a little woman in an up-to-date frock.

The big man's newspaper was spread out before her eyes, and she glanced at the headlines. Then she read a half column about a thrilling rescue of a typewriter girl by a gallant fireman.

"Have you finished this page, ma'am? If so, let us turn to the stock reports and the society news."

The Most Primitive Marsupial. In the Quarterly Journal of Microscopical Science Mr. Hill, of Sydney, gives an account of his important researches into the embryology of marsupials.

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SHIP DID NOT BURN.

Warship Sunk as a Test by the British Navy.

Battleship Majestic Destroys the Belle Isle After Cannoning Lasting Only Nine Minutes—Purpose of the Experiment.

An interesting admiralty experiment was carried out the other day off Selce-Bill, near Portsmouth, England, with the view of settling various naval gunnery questions.

The firing lasted nine minutes. The experts' examination showed that the shots of the Majestic had riddled the Belle Isle. It was a complete wreck inside, the shells having pierced its lightly armored and unprotected portions.

In a statement made in the house of commons later the first lord of the admiralty, George J. Goschen, said that to the extreme surprise of the naval men the Belle Isle did not take fire, although she was reported to have been in flames six minutes after the firing began.

He explained that the spectators, being at a distance from the warship, were misled by volumes of steam and lyddite smoke.

The experiment was instituted specially to see whether the woodwork of the Belle Isle would burn as the woodwork of the Spanish ships destroyed by the Americans had burned.

BUYS A MANSION.

Champion Jim Jeffries, the Pugilist, Becomes Owner of the Famous McKane Residence.

The famous McKane residence at Sheephead Bay is to pass into the possession of James J. Jeffries, the pugilist. For some time it has been rumored that the champion was contemplating a residence at Sheephead.

The champion will, it is said, utilize the house at present as a summer residence and will entertain his parents and some other relatives there. The house was built by McKane 26 years ago for his own use. It is one of the most pretentious in Sheephead. It stands on a plot 150 feet by 300 and is surrounded by trees.

WAS TENACIOUS OF LIFE.

Cyclone and Eight Months' Starvation Failed to Kill an Illinois Porker.

J. A. Graybeal, of Rosemond township, Ill., tells an interesting hog story. Some eight months ago a cyclone occurred on his farm which, among other damage done, blew over a straw stack, and at the same time two hogs mysteriously disappeared.

JAPANESE-GERMAN ELOPERS.

Lovers Flee from Germany, Marry in New York and Are Now on Way to Japan.

Many queer marriages have taken place in the city hall, and it is hard to provide a case of "novel impression" for the venerable building, but there was a new combination at New York the other day.

QUEER TIT-BITS.

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TRADES WIFE FOR A HORSE.

A Houseboat Man at Columbus, O., Has Agreement Ready When Deal is Accepted.

A peculiar case of wife trading has just developed in Columbus, O. It has been the life ambition of John Jones, who lives in a shanty boat along the Scioto river near Columbus, to own a horse and wagon.

Jones met a friend, William Stephens, who owned a horse and wagon, which he used in gathering old iron and rags. Jones offered to trade his wife and boat for Stephens' horse and wagon, and the proposition was accepted.

Then Jones wanted to go home, not only to bid his wife good-by, but also to recover some clothes he had left in the boat. Stephens vetoed the proposition and warned Jones not to "come a-foolin' around my woman no more."

Mrs. Jones is an uncommonly good-looking woman, and, according to Stephens, the former rag peddler, objected to Jones because he "wouldn't wash often enough."

WEDDED BY MAYOR JONES.

Chicagoan a Party to a Unique Marriage Ceremony at Toledo.

Mayor Jones, of Toledo, O., the other day performed a unique marriage ceremony for Franklin H. Wentworth, of Chicago, and Marion Jean Craig, a noted art lecturer of St. Paul.

The ceremony opened with a Scripture reading, the portion chosen being the story of the creation of Genesis. Then there were passages from Edward Carpenter's book, "Love's Coming of Age."

"What God hath joined together let no man put asunder," Mayor Jones said. "I believe in such a union of two souls. The capacity of each is vastly multiplied. Men are not men nor women women alone. You two God hath already joined together."

MAY LOSE MRS. GARDNER.

Boston Society Leader Threatens Expatriation Unless Law Relents.

Mrs. "Jack" Gardner has, it appears, a magnificent gift in store for Boston if only the onerous tariff duty can be avoided. When she opened her mansion on Beacon street last week the thousands who viewed the treasures of art contained therein were amazed at their quantity and quality.

"My collection—I mean the one I have in Europe—is said there to be one of the finest private collections in the world, and composing it are pictures which any museum would pay vast sums to possess. What I have here is a bagatelle compared to it. I am not allowed to build my museum in the Back Bay Fenway as I want to build it and if I am not to be allowed to bring my pictures into this country without paying in duty half the price I originally gave for them I shall go to Europe to live."

TOOTH IN WOMAN'S HEEL.

A Surgical Operation Discloses the Incisor Swallowed Thirty Years Ago.

A surgical operation with remarkable results was performed by Dr. Joseph O. Genereux, of Webster, Mass., upon Mrs. David Sweet, of that town, the other day.

The Way of the Transgressor. The cashier of the Vermont bank who appropriated to himself \$145,000 of the bank funds will probably be annoyed by the courts for a few years, says the Chicago Record, before he is allowed to settle down to enjoy the results of his theft.

A Discriminating Microbe. Scientists have discovered, says the Peoria Herald-Transcript, that the Chicago microbe cannot live in the Mississippi river, owing to the mud.

NATURE OF IMPORTS.

Fully One-Half of the Goods Are Manufacturers' Materials.

Treasury Department Statistics Show That This Country Consumes Less and Less of Foreign Manufactured Articles.

The manufacturers of the United States are the most active among our importers at the present time. In the month of February, the details of whose commerce have just been presented by the treasury bureau of statistics, manufacturers' materials amount to almost one-half of the total importations.

The total importations in the month of February were \$68,774,350. Of this amount, \$35,936,601, or 52.1 per cent., was classified by the bureau of statistics as "articles in a crude condition which enter into the various processes of domestic industry," which of course entitles all of these to be classified as "manufacturers' materials."

Taking the eight months ending with February, it is found that articles of food formed 25.15 per cent. of the total imports; manufacturers' materials, including the two classes above named—articles in a crude condition and articles wholly or partially manufactured for use in the mechanic arts—amounted to 45.62 per cent.

Thus, while importations have materially increased, it may be said of them that practically one-half are materials for use in the factory, one-fourth for food and the other quarter manufactures and luxuries.

A LIVING BOMB.

Cart Horse Eats Sticks of Dynamite and Becomes an Object of Care and Earnest Solitude.

If you happen to meet a disreputable looking old cart horse in New Rochelle, N. Y., working with the men building the new telephone line, turn out, avoid it, and you shall escape alive. The horse is loaded with dynamite. It has been so for four days. The men who labor with the animal in the telephone construction service have only now summoned up nerve enough to tell about the incident.

The horse is called Ormonde, because it never lost a race in its life. The animal is ugly, ill-tempered, and as full of gables as Queen Anne villas. It ate luncheon on the other day out of a nose bag in which a knowing young man had secreted two small sticks of dynamite for safe keeping. No one thought of the cartridges until after the last oat was consumed. Then it was found that Ormonde had consumed them.

Ormonde's life since that moment has been one sweet song. The driver who used to wear out cart rungs and hot oaths on Ormonde's ribs never speaks to Ormonde now without saying "sir."

WARFARE ON SALOONS.

Aurora Citizens May Subscribe the Amount Paid in License and Banish Them.

The temperance people of Aurora, Ill., have framed a plan which they think will rid the city of the saloons. Hereafter it has been impossible to get a majority vote in favor of no license, partly because of the large sum, from \$35,000 to \$40,000, which the saloons pay into the city treasury each year.

The new scheme, which has received the endorsement of the local Association of Evangelical Ministers, is to raise a fund equal to the amount of saloon license for one year, with which to reimburse the city for the loss of the license if the saloons should be abolished. With this understanding, the question will be submitted to popular vote at the annual city election in 1901. This will give a year in which to raise the money and to work up public sentiment.

Aurora at present has 37 saloons, confined to the business district, and paying a license tax of \$1,000 each.

Safe from the Trusts. The Kansas penitentiary has declared a dividend, but says the Pratt (Kan.) Republican, there isn't any probability that the trusts will bother the institution.

Clearing the Atmosphere. By banishing cigarettes the Indianapolis News declares that Chief Moore, of the weather bureau, has taken a long step toward purifying the atmosphere.

OBTAINS VALUABLE DATA.

Professor Starr's Discovery of Certain Indian Tribes in Old Mexico.

Prof. Frederick Starr, the famous Mexican explorer and anthropologist of the University of Chicago, who has recently been in the southern extremes of Mexico, returned the other day to resume his university work.

His trip for the past three months included tours through Oaxaca, Tlaxcala, Puebla, Hidalgo and the regions near Yucatan. Several tribes of the Indians in that section had never before been visited by any exploring expedition, and the Tepahuas tribe, which the professor found in the extreme south of Mexico, was little known until he reached that section.

Prof. Starr also visited the Chinectecos, Tecocheas, Mazatecos, Tepahuas and the Totonocos. Of these tribes he also took anthropological data, and found these tribes in possession of some remarkable books in their own language, which he says are the most remarkable books ever discovered.

The exploration just ended concludes the work of two years in Mexico, and in that time Prof. Starr has visited 17 tribes of lower Mexico. His next trip will be through Yucatan, which he says affords some very valuable information and remarkable specimens for the uses of anthropology.

DISCOVER AMERICAN GODDESS.

London Artists Find in Miss Vanderbilt-Wackerman the Perfect Model of Lovely Woman.

"God's masterpiece." Such is the verdict of one of the great artists of the world concerning Miss Vanderbilt-Wackerman, of New York. This proclamation has been made by a man whose reputation as an artist gives him the right to speak with authority. He is Sir Edward Poynter, president of the Royal academy of London.

"Her countenance," says Ellis Roberts, chief among England's painters of society women, "should have made of her a goddess—America's goddess to decorate their public squares. Instead she looms upon us unknown like some ordinary woman. How did she pass out of their harbor unseen?"

The painters and sculptors of England are establishing her fame as securely that no fife or drum need announce her return. The name of Miss Vanderbilt-Wackerman, the daughter of J. V. Wackerman, of New York will go down to future generations as the model of the "Pallas Athene" of Ellis Roberts, as the original of Sir Edward Poynter's "Portrait of a Lady," as the "Madonna" of Pomeroy's graceful statue in marble that commanded the admiration at the Royal academy's last season.

The handsome young woman is not yet 21, and until two years ago she had spent all her life in New York.

AFTER SIXTEEN YEARS.

Remarkable Restoration of Sight of Emanuel Mandel After Severe Illness and Pains in Head.

A case of sight returning after 16 years of total blindness is reported by Emanuel Mandel, father of Philip Mandel, of Trenton, N. J. The elder Mandel lives in Newark, but he spent last summer at Trenton visiting his son. At that time he was totally blind and had to be led from place to place.

Some time after returning to his home in Newark Mr. Mandel was taken sick, and his illness continued until a few weeks ago, when he began to experience violent pains in his head. One day, he says, he was startled by being able to see his hand distinctly. Astounded at the gleam of daylight after 16 years of gloom, Mr. Mandel says he looked up and saw the well-remembered face of his wife.

From that time, Mr. Mandel declares, his sight improved until now he can see as well as in his youth. When interviewed regarding his case, Philip Mandel said that his father had not taken any treatment in years for his eyes. He had lost the sight of one eye in the civil war, and the other had been lost through illness. He could not account for the restoration of his father's sight, nor could any of the physicians who examined him. The elder Mandel is 60 years old.

DIAMONDS IN PAPER BALE.

A Workman at an Indiana Mill Finds Wealth Among the Refuse.

Doc Bolner, a machine tender at the Hartford City (Ind.) paper mill, found in a bale of old papers which had been shipped from England a small tin box which contained 31 large, brilliant stones, believed to be genuine diamonds. The box was wrapped in parchment, on the inside of which appeared the address: "London Office Paper Trade Journal, 440 Cannon Street, London, England." The stones are of various sizes and believed to be worth a fabulous sum. Bolner is greatly elated over his find.

German Slave Trade. The German government is making vigorous efforts to suppress the slave trade in the German-African colony, and for this purpose the police force there has been considerably augmented.

THE SHELDON IDEA.

Dr. Parkhurst Makes Friendly Criticism of Topeka Divine's Hobby.

Objects to the Expression "Doing as Jesus Would Do"—Makes a Sharp Thrust at the Secular Press.

In his sermon last Sunday night at the Madison Avenue Presbyterian church, New York, Dr. Parkhurst referred to the experiment of Rev. Mr. Sheldon as editor of the Topeka Daily Capital. He said: "One reason why men suppose that the gospel cannot be closely applied in common life is their failure to understand exactly what its precepts intend—the point Christ aimed at in the enunciation of those statutes, at least some of those statutes."

"Secular papers as a rule have been nervous, and in some instances feverish, interested in that unique enterprise, and their restlessness has at times betrayed them into modes of Scripture exposition that were probably the best they were capable of, but that disclosed novel views of the gospel idea, and that went a great way toward demonstrating the fact that even if Mr. Sheldon was not competent to conduct a daily secular paper in the way Jesus would, it was a great pity that somebody could not be found pretty soon that could."

"The feature in the case that commends itself to the church and the world is the underlying principle involved, not the special application of it that happened at Topeka. The supreme question that you and I are concerned with is the matter of treating Christ's precepts as practical statutes to be adopted into the work-a-day life—accepted there, put in control there, not in journalism merely; that is only one thing, and we are not many of us journalists, but in everything."

"Sheldon had a good deal to say about doing things as Jesus would do them. There is a suggestion about that phrase although in his mouth it was not cant, but it was infelicitous; it gave opportunity to the unfriendly to revile."

"Plowing as Jesus would plow," "Sanitary plumbing that would please Jesus," touches in an unpleasant way the spot where we keep our sense of the holy. Why not have said exercising in everything we do—editing and plowing or whatever else—the same spirit which Jesus exercised in what He did, and then everything would turn on finding out as accurately and nicely as possible just what the spirit was."

SILK HAT AND TAN SHOES.

Senator Hale, of Maine, the Fashion Plate of the Senate, Shocks His Colleagues.

Senator Hale, the fashion plate of the senate, gave his associates a distinct shock the other day, and only those who know how much attention the Maine leader pays to his attire will appreciate the surprise of his colleagues. Mr. Hale is one of the best dressed men in the senate, and has never been known to depart from the rules in regard to correct attire. On Saturday he appeared in the senate arrayed in a frock coat, silk hat and all the other little accessories which go to make up a properly dressed man, except as to his footwear. He wore a pair of shoes of the latest pattern, but instead of being black they were of a dark brown color. His colleagues could hardly believe their eyes, and it is a tribute to Senator Hale's rank as a man of the world that his associates now say: "Tan shoes must be all right with frock coats, or Hale wouldn't wear them."

PRELATE GETS WRONG VALISE

Archbishop Kain and a Tobacco Salesman Figure in an Amazing Comedy.

Archbishop Kain and a tobacco salesman unwittingly exchanged valises when leaving a train at the Union station at St. Louis the other morning. The salesman, George Wishart, was the first to discover his mistake. Upon arriving at home he desired to unpack some of his sample wares which he carried in his valise, and, much to his surprise, drew out a full set of vestments worn by archbishops of the Catholic church on state occasions.

When Wishart found the prelate's name on the valise he called on him, and it was discovered that the archbishop had opened the drummer's case to find a choice assortment of fine sample cigars.

Requests to English Colleges. Generosity toward educational institutions has not been nearly so characteristic of English millionaires as of Americans, so that when large bequests are made in England they attract much more attention than similar bequests do in this country. The last one of importance in England was that of the late Prof. Hughes, past president of the Institute of Civil Engineers. He left \$2,000,000, which will be divided among Middlesex, London, Queen's college and the Charing Cross hospitals for educational purposes, and \$10,000 in scholarships to English and French electrical institutes and \$20,000 each to the Royal society and the French society, the income to be used in original discoveries in physical science.

Pittsburgh Has a Suggestion.

The great demand for coal in Europe, says the Pittsburgh Times, suggests that we had better build barges that will float across the pond.

How Want Help.

The Baltimore Herald calls attention to the fact that Europe's coal famine is a feast for American mine owners.