Hardships of Those who Bring the Toothsome Oyster from His Bed.

Each pungy engaged in dredging for oysters is provided with two dredges. They are iron instruments, with a chain netting made in the form of a pocket. The mouths of these pockets are provided with teeth for scraping up the oysters. The dredges have ropes attached to them which are fastened to iron winders placed amidships on both the port and starboard sides of the ves sel. These winders are iron and provided with cranks. They are securely fastened to the decks. The dredger loves a stiff breeze. He cannot work to advantage without it, and if it blows a half gale he likes it the better. When the boat reaches the place where it is proposed to work, the two dredges are thrown overboard and hauled along the bottom by the vessel. Each dredge will hold two and a half bushels of oysters, but they are rarely drawn up full, except on an especially fine bed. The speed desired by the dredger is two miles an hour. The sails are therefore trimmed to keep this speed. Four men are required at each winder. When the dredge is supposed to have oysters in it four men seize the two iron cranks of the winder and begin the laborious task of winding the rope around the cylinder until the dredge is drawn up. It is hard work, I tell you, and often very cold. Sometimes the crank may feel like fire and take the skin off the hands. Every drop of water which strikes the decks and clothing of the men may be freezing, but they have got to work all the same. Oysters sell better in cold weather, and that is the time to catch them. The captain takes part with his men. His place is at the tiller to stear and have general direction of the boat. Woe to the men at the cranks when the ropes slip or the dredges strike a snag on the bottom. The cranks are snatched from the men and fly around with lightning speed, often resulting in broken arms, legs and lacerated bodies. I once saw a crank knock the top of a man's head off as clean as it could have been cut with a saw. Accidents from the crank are frequent. There is not a day passes but some poor fellow on the oyster grounds receives a wound from it. The dredge boats go out from the

harbors, where they spend the nights, at a very early hour in the morning, and work as long as they can see in the evening. They stop for no weather except a heavy gale or furious snow storm. They will often work in a young hurricance under a windward shore, where they can only carry a little piece of mainsail and jib. The men are compelled to be on deck in all kinds | got more than I can attend to,' was the of weather and work like beavers. They get soaked with rain and have their clothes frozen on them. They sometimes have their ears noses hands and feet nearly eaten off by the frost and have to put up with uncomfortable sleeping quarters at night. As many of them have not got a change of clothing, they lie down in their frozen garments at night and thaw out. So this process of freezing through the day and thawing out at night goes on, and it is no wonder that many of them die of pneumonia and other maladies incident to so rough a life. It too often happens that when a man gets sick he is put ashore at some point by his captain, without money, and left to shift for himself as best he can But on the other hand, some of these fellows who come to the city with such tales are deserters from their yessels. The only time that dredgers have a picnic is during the prevalence of a storm so violent that the boats are compelled to lay in harbor. The men then lay about the cabins and forecastle smoking, sleeping and drinking, if they can get the liquor. The food on the dredge boasts is course, but substantial. They have coffee,corned beef, bread and cabbage. They also have soup. The pay of a hand on these vessels is

about \$18 to \$20 per month. Some few experienced dredging hands will get as high as \$30 and \$40 per month. Sometimes the crew agree to work on shares and divide the proceeds of the vesselload of oysters among themselves as stipulated in their agreement-Baltimore Sun.

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Knew he was Appreciated.

A San Francisco paper tells of a wellknown member of that community, now dead, who, when State Senator, was engaged in some very radical measures which sorely cut into many people whom he thought were in need of reform. They abused him thoroughly, but in his honesty he maintained the the fight strongly. A friend of his from the city visited him in Sacramento while the measures were pending.

Well, what did they say of me in San Francisco?

'They don't speak very well of you. 'What did they say about me That's what I want to know.' 'Well, they say very rough things a

bout you. I don't care to---' 'Speak it out. Tell me how they

'They call you a liar, a scoundrel, a thief, an ignoramus, an idiot-everything they can think of that's bad.'

'Ah,' said the Senator, rubbing his hands in glee, and chuckling in perfect enjoyment, 'they feel me, my boy, they

The bill collector's work is always dun before he gets his pay.

The young man who gets smitten with a girl often gets the mitten, too.

No part of a man's anatomy will stand so many severe blows as his nose. A man in jail at New Bedford as a

common drunkard has fallen beir to 68,000. John Edwards who began set type on the Portland Advertiser in 1816,

claims to be the oldest printer in New A woman who thinks for herself is

weak, but a woman who thinks for another is decidedly strong. 'Have you any 'home ties ?' ' asked a

young lady of a young man whose appearance indicated dissipation. 'Oh, yes (hic), home ties, lots of 'em; g-g-got a mother-in-law.'

The new waiter at the Chatham street restaurant asked Billy Maglory, who was just about to tackle a beefsteak. 'Are you superstitious?' 'No'; why do you ask?' 'I've got no particular reason except that you are the thirteenth man that used that napkin

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Women have a happy faculty of uttering pleasant things of each other. Why dear, said one to a friend, 'do you know that young Smith and Laura Jones have quarreled, and now a great gulf separates them ?' 'Yes,' replied the other, they are in the same position as her ears. A great gulf separates

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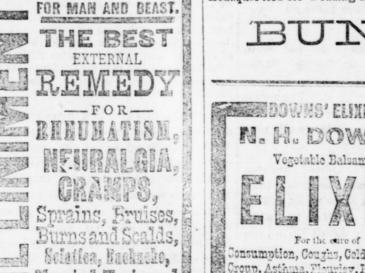
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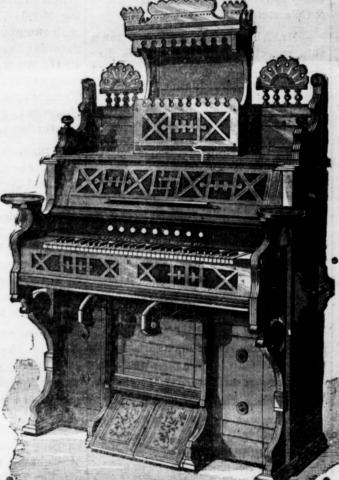
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