## DREDGING FOR OYSTERS

Men of the Pungies，and Their
Methods of Work． Hardehips of Those who Bring the
Toothsome Oyster from His Bed． Each pungy engaged in dredging for oysters is provided with two dredg． es．They are iron instruments，with a chain netting made in the torm of
pocket．The mouths of these pocket pocket．The mouths of these pockets
are provided with teeth for scraping up are providea with teeth for scraping up
the oysters．The dredges have rope
attached to them which are fastened t iron winders plaend amidships on bot the port and starboard sides of the ves sel．These winders are iron and pro－
vided with cranks． vided with cranks．They are securely
fastened to the decks． fastened to the decks．The dredge
loves a stiff breeze．He cannot worl 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 i
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 fall，except on an especially fine bed
The speed desired by the dredmer
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two miles an hour．The sails
therefore trimmed to keep this speed Four men are required at each win
der．When the dredge is supposed to have oysters in it four men seize the two iron cranks of the winder and be gin the laborious task of winding th rope around the cylinder until the
dredge is drawn up．It is hard work， dredge is drawn up．It is hard work，
I tell you，and often very cold．Some I tell you，and often very cold．Some－
times the crank may feel like fire and times the crank may feel like fire and
take the skin off the hands．Every take the skin off the hands．Every
drop of water which strikes the decks and clothing of the men may be freez－ ing，but they have got to work all the
same．Oysters sell better in cold weath－ same．Oysters sell better in cold weath－
er，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． have general direction of the boat，
Woe to the men at the cranks when the ropes slip or the dredges strike
snag on the bottom．The cranks ar santched from the men and fly around with lightning speed，often resulting
in broken arms，legs and lacerated bod in broken arms，legs and lacerated bod－
ies．I once saw a crank knock the top ies．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．Accident．
trom the erank are frequent．There is from the crank are frequent． on the oyste
wound from it
wound from it．
The dredge
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 weath－ er except a heary gale or furious snow storm．They will often work in a
young hurricance under a windward
shore，where they can only carry a lit tle piece of mainsail and jib．The men are compelled to be on deck in all kinds 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 of by the frost and have to pat up with uncomfort many of them have not got a chan clothing，they lie down in their froze garments at night and thaw out．
this proeess of freezing throu day and thawing out at night goes on and it is no wonder that many of then die of pneumonia and other mala，
incident to so rough a life．It teo of happens that when a man gets ispput ashore at some point by lis tain，without money，and left to
for himself as best he can for himself as best he can But o
other Land，some of these fellows come to the city with such tales are de
serters from their vessels．The onl serters from their yessels．The onl
time that dredgers have a pienic is du－ ing the prevalence of a storm
that the boats are compelled harbor．The men then lay about the
cabins and forecastle cabins and forecastle emoking，sleepin
and driuk ing，if they can get the lifuor The food on the dredge boasts is cuul se but substantial．They have coffee，corn
ed bees，bread and ed beef，bread and cabbage．They also
haye soup． about $\$ 18$ of to $\$ 20$ per month．vome few
experienced dredging hand experienced dredging hands will get a
high as $\$ 30$ and $\$ 40$ per month high as $\$ 30$ and $\$ 40$ per month．Some
times the crew agree to work on shares and divide the proceeds of the vessel load of oysters among themselves as stipulated in their agreement－Balti
more Sun．
 ，way ular reason except that you are the
thirteenth man that used that napkin Ex－Goyernor Smith，of Georgia，hay
ing said that he had seen Henry Ward Beecher dining rec cantly，was asked
whether the man of God seemed heirty． ＇Henry ？＇replied the Feorgian．＇Why
if he had been at the miracle on the
mount there wouldn＇t have been any basketfuls left，
Women have a happy faculty of nt－
tering pleas．nt thinugs of each other．
tWin ＇Why dear，said one to a friend，＇do you
know that young Smith and Laura
Jones hay Jones save quarreeed，and now，great
guif separates them ？＇Yes，replied
the other，＇they are in the same position as ber ears．A great gulf separates
them too．＇
A young Yorkyille physician， has just establistliled thimssician，nud hat has
very little prictice，is noted for hin braggadocio．
ians meeting asked him how he was comng，on． 1 ＇v
got more than I can attend to，＇was t boastful repls．＇I had to get out of m ，
bed five times last night．＇，＇Why don＇ you buy some insect ：owder！＇aske
the ola doctor．

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