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BALTIMORE AND THE CHESAPEAKE.

A STEAM OVSTERMAN TO POLICE THE CHESAPEAKE,

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The great sheet of water called in the Indian of old times "the Mother of Waters," or Chesapcake, has resumed in recent days almost the relative commercial importance that it had two centuries ago. Explored by John Smith before any other bay in the present United States, and so accurately explored that with that naviga. tor's maps you may steer along all the jagged borders of it now, and up the many rivers, it was populous with sails when the Delaware was still virgin, and had been a theatre of naval warfare before Swede or Dutchman or Quaker had made your "River of the South" an auchorage.

The Chesapeake in Old Times.

In the reigns of the Stuarts, and in the time of the Erglish Commonwealth, the Chesapeake was a sort of colonial ocean, where a complete drama of empire was enacted. The fleets of Raleigh, Drake, and of most of the great navigators, were overhauled here. The little green island that you see to the right of the bridge over the Susquehanna, at Havre-de-Grace, was, with the fertile island of Kent, on the Bastern Shore, the foothold of Virginia in Marylandher Fortress Monroe, so to speak, whence she held the Calverts in check. There was then no Baltimore, the theatre of action being much further down the bay, around Annapolis, St. Mary's river, Accomac, and south of the Potomac. In the Revolution Baltimore was of so little consequence that the fleet of Howe, bound for Philadelphia, sailed straight past her. But before this parts of the Chesapeake were probably more actively navigated than now. Along the Eastern Shore, where scatcely a steamboat ever goes nowadays-say in Accomac-the Governor (Berkley) sought refuge from rebellion five years before Penn's fleet arrived off Chester. Jamestown had finished its history, and expired in the flames, five years before Philadelphia was founded. That history of Jamestown, you must remember, was nearly as long, and covered as many administrations, as this of the United States; for we have been a nation only nineteen years more than Jamestown was a city.

In this history of Jamestown everything that marks the life of a nation happened. The first stock operation, corresponding to our recent oil fever, was that of 1608, when, upon the basis of enthusiastic companies organized in England, everybody on the Chesapcake went gold-mining. Then there was the matrimonial market, where women were worth their weight in tobacco. Then the slave trade, whose first cargo was an. chored in the Chesapeake the very year that the first abolitionists got off the Mayflower. Then there was the first overland expedition, when John Smith, trying to get to the Pacific Ocean by way of the Chickahominy, stuck in the mud like McClellan within sight of Ricamond, and flanked out through his watch crystal. In the year 1620 nearly thirteen handred emigrants arrived in the Chesapeake, as many as have probably arrived in 1868. The size of the bay you can begin to comprehend whan you recollect that Smith sailed 3000 miles within it and Its rivers. And the Delaware river was named by a Governor of the Chesapeake seventy-one years before Pennsylvania had an owner. You can't compare grey hairs with this part of the world. Our Virginia forefathers had obeated three generations of Indians at thimble-rig and three-card monte before a broal-brimmed hat appeared in Kensington under the treaty tree. Revive to yourselves the picture of the Chesapeake in those days-vessels arriving from England with imported bricks, said bricks landed carefully by darkeys; the first hod. carriers sending them up the sides of great houses, such as still remain along the Chesapeake. Other vessels come to with discharges of cannon, and proceed to land church plate old port wine, fox-hounds, sheep of certain breeds. Then a lot of whaling vessels come in, and set up an oil factory, while they harpoon whales in Elk river and in the Gunpowder. Finally, a pirate ducks in between the capes, chased by a frigate, and buries Spanish specie in sacks at Big Bethel, where General Butler afterwards found it. Packets are running "every which way," from the Pocomoke, the Patuxent, the Matiapony, to Jamestown, to St. Mary's, to Hampton, to Norfolk. That was the sort of Chesapeake that we used to have before we were born. In those days came the grandmother of Washington over with her prayer-book. The Chesapeake in 1868. See, now, the Chesapeake, in 1868. A steamer clears the long lobes of the bay every ten days for Bremen or Liverpool. For the first time in a hundred and fifty years, direct immigration from Europe to the shores of the Cheapeake has been resumed. New towns are actually being founded. They are to make a city of West Point, up the river York. Norfolk is doing a better trade than it did at any time before the war. The Chesapeake is being flanked on both sides with railroads, which will reach from Point Lookout to Point Deposit, and from Elkton to Cape Charles. The Chesapeake and Obio Railroad is to be completed, as it has already been consolidated, and will be the Baltimore and Ohio's big rival. Down every neck of the old Eastern Shore a railroad is being laid, and Baltimore, in self-defense, must run terries to the termini of these. From Crisfield to Norfolk the Chesapeake is ferried by five ocean steamers, as from Baltimore to Norfolk by the old Bay line, one of the most profitable inland marine companies in the world. On the waters of the Chesapeake and tributaries there run, according to the best authority, one hundred and forty steam vessels, not including Government boats. Towns and settlements are springing up on both sides of the bay. On the Eastern Shore, alone, there are these new towns, just called into existence, viz .:- Harrington, Clayton, Wyoming, Morton, Mount Pleasant, Kennedyville, and Crisfield. The late General Charles G. Halpine and friends started ucar Danvillej a town called "O'Reillyville," with a basis of 12,000 acres of land. The richest man in Virginia and the most pushing, is General Mahone, late of the Rebel army, President of the great consolidated line between Norfolk and Knoxville. Tenn., and between himself and John W. Garrelt, of Baltimore, the enterprise of the Chesapeake basin is well-nigh divided. The Chesapeake valley or basin is the largest basinin America cast of the Mississippi valley, and it comprises the most fertile lands. To it is tributary, by the natural lines of water level, one-half of the Slate of Pennsylvania. half of West Virginia, one-fourth of New York,

and the whole of East Virginia and Maryland. Five millions of people live in this valley. It is the aim of the city of Baltimore to admit no partner in the trade of this vailey, and hence President Garrett refuses all offers on the part of New York to accept money for the control of the capes of the Chesspeake. Highland and Fire Island Lights have put Baltimore in communication with Europe, so that she is altogether an independent commercial city, loading up oil and grain at the well and granary, and break-

ing bulk but once between the Ohio and the North Sea. The population of Baltimore is 300,000, Ba yond her commercial value, she figures as one of the largest dispensaries of fresh fruit, game, and fish in the world. South of the banks of Newfoundland there is no fishing ground like the Chesapeake. Her basin is the American Burgundy as an orchard and as a game preserve; her waters are, like Puget Sound, the favorite baunt of the wild duck and the lesser breeds of migratory birls.

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Within the past thirty years these vast and choice endowments of nouri-nment and luxury, so grateful to the sick, so coveted by the epicurehave been rathlessly and wastefully despoiled by human cormorants of all latitudes. Swivels, loaded with duck-shot, have slain the game by the ton. It is now difficult to approach a duck so advised has the species become of its unhappy value. In like manner the oysters have been taken with dredges which destroy what they do not capture, and the rarest of the viandes of nature was rapidly disappearing, when, luckily commerce, appreciating what economy had ne glected, hastened to save the oyster for pelf's sake. The oyster trade of the city of Baltimore is worth upwards of two millions of dollars a year. It employs above a hundred vessels and several thousand sailors, openers, packers, etc., All the year round the whole of the great West turns toward Baltimore at lunch time and says:-"I'll take a dozen raw." Half the continent with its mouth open, and Baltimore losing its oysters by the systematic thieving of all the other Atlantic cities, was a subject of sorrow next to conscientiousness. The result is on the stocks, nearly ready to be launched.

The Oyster Police Steamboat.

There is nowhere in the world a steambost built for such a purpose. It demonstrates the value of the Chesapeake oyster beds batter than statistics. It cost about thirty thousand dollars, side-wheeler, armed with carconades and board. ing pikes; manned with a crew that knows every hole and inlet of Maryland waters; pro. vided with boats to slip wherever a smack can shelter, over the shallowest bars, this vessel is to be a sort of municipal man-of-war, like your city ice boat, and she will overhaul, with or without pitched battle, every foreigner seen in Maryland waters, capture and confiscate vessels, and carry prisoners to Baltimore. So, also, she will enforce the sanitary and produce laws. which are necessary to the oyster's full develop: ment and to the preservation of health among oyster-eaters. Carrying the State flag, she will be a legitimate man of-war for State rights, and possibly will afford in season, for those tortunate enough to know her officers, a cruise of the Chesapeake, comparable for scenery, association, and provender with any inland voyage known to navigation.

Fancy such an excursion! We set sail from the broad natural dock of Baltimore, and while the monuments recede behind us, and the flag that inspired its own national song at Fort McHenry goes by, we see shead the deserted castle of Fort Carroll, where our millions of masonry lie sacrificed, incapable of rebutting the arguments of modern armaments. Then the



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great shoal light, off North Point, blazes like a neuralgic and befevered sun. We head down the Chesapeake. Yonder, up the Severnburn the lights of staid old Annapolis, that never recovered heart after Washington's Farewell Address. They eat oysters there when the wolf is at the door, and with stewed oysters think themselves poor as the shepherd of Saulsbury Plain. Now we explore the Patuxent, where the British fleet ascended to burn Washington, and Admiral Cockburn, sitting on a mule, ate Patuxent "plants" on the half-shell, and, barbarian that he was, sighed for Buglish "natives," With such a taste, any man could burn the Capitol Now we are off Point Lookout, where the Rebe prisoners, like Don Quixole, sighed for the days of chivalry, and some scolloped or tosst, with "fixins." St. Mary's river, cradie of the State, now reduced to a chew of tobacco and an oyster bed, basks in the contemplation of its own antiquity, like a skipper in a chesse. Turning up the Potomac, we pass many a creek at whose cool bottom the oyster, open-mouthed, lazily sucks like a marine pig, and seeing a black bass coming by hungrily, shuts up its shell and gurgles for mischief. Quite a population of oysters

"All that tread the earth Are but a handful to the tribes That slumber is its bosom."

there are, so far down,

Here Booth crossed with Harold, so near the birthplace of Washington, which great chief, in the height of his power, used to have a darkey fill a bushel measure with "salts," and he ate them, as they were opened, with the point of his immortal sword. The story of the hatchet and cherry-tree is not half so effective as this. The one makes you cry; at the other your mouth waters. Sad, indeed, were the sacrifices of Washington. At Brandywine, when the day was dreadfully hot-Sparks curiously omits this story-Lafayette observed the General look in a melancholy way to the South.

"Vat is dere, mon pere?" he said.

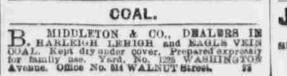
"At this hour," said the General, "I always miss my three fry with tomato catsup, and two crackers thrown in."

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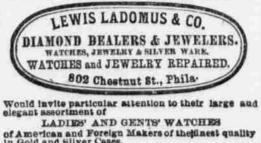
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