

Democratic Watchman.

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WE CAN DO WITH SO LITTLE.

A little water, a little play
To keep us going—and so good-day!
A little warmth, a little light
Of love's bestowing—and so good-night!
A little fun to match the sorrow
Of each day's growing—and so good-morrow!
A little rest that when we die
We may not say: "And so—good-bye!"
—Henry D. Morier.

Robinson Crusoe's Island.

It Was Entirely Destroyed by Volcanic Action—Rich in Natural Resources.

It is reported by steamers which have passed the place that the island of Juan Fernandez, which was better known as Robinson Crusoe's island of Defoe's story, has been totally destroyed by volcanic action.

Juan Fernandez was known long before the hero of Defoe's romance—Alexander Selkirk—was marooned upon it. It was a small bit of earth thrown up by volcanic action ages ago. It was situated about 400 miles west of Valparaiso, Chili, and the story of its disappearance into the ocean is by no means improbable. The island has of recent years been shaken by earthquakes and so small was its extent that its obliteration in an unusually severe shock or seismic upheaval can easily be imagined.

The island was pretty and romantic in appearance. Only 13 miles long and four wide, it contained all that was essential to life. It was thrown up by the earth in a series of precipitous rocks irregularly piled together. The highest of these was Alexander Selkirk's lookout, a peak about 3,000 feet in height. The harbor was called Cumberland Bay, into which a wide valley opened; feeding the bay with the water collected from the streams in the valley was cultivated by the few who lived on the land. Pigs and goats, descendants from ancestors left by sailors, were in abundance until recently, when the Chilians making their abode on the island destroyed them. The island was long since abandoned as a Chilian military post, and was regarded more as a curiosity by passing ships than as having any importance whatever.

But Juan Fernandez had an interesting history apart from that which Defoe invests in it. It was discovered toward the end of the sixteenth century by a Spanish sailor of the same name. Fernandez obtained it from the Spanish government and lived upon it for several years. He stocked it with pigs and goats, but soon grew tired of living alone and abandoned it.

In 1616 it was visited by Spanish and Portuguese sailors, who found it well stocked with pigs and goats, and its waters abounding in fish. Three soldiers and three gunners were left upon it, but history does not record what became of them. For almost a century after that the island was frequented by five men on the island, buccannier Sharp left five men on the island. Twenty years later another buccannier left five more men, who lived there for five years, and were rescued by Captain John Storr, of the English ship Welfare.

In the year 1704 the Cinque Port visited Juan Fernandez to recover five men whom the master, Captain Stradling, had marooned there four years before. Alexander Selkirk was his mate, and mate and captain had a falling out. Selkirk insisted on being left on the island rather than sail the seas with such a man as Stradling. The captain accommodated him, and thus made Alexander the hero of every boy who has lived since his time.

After five years of exile on the island Selkirk was rescued by Captain Wood Rogers and his ship Duke. It has been doubted whether Defoe ever possessed the marooned man's journal, but his story was thrilling, and the vivid imagination of the author of "Robinson Crusoe" did the rest. In 1878 the British man-of-war Topaze stopped at Juan Fernandez and erected a memorial tablet on the mountain facing the bay. This tablet is, or was, easily distinguished in all the photographs that have been made of the island. It bears or bore the following inscription:

IN MEMORY OF ALEXANDER SELKIRK

a native of Larne, in the County of Fife, Scotland, who was on this island in complete solitude for four years and four months. He was landed from the Cinque Port galley ninety-six tons, sixteen guns, 1704 A. D. and was taken off in the Duke of Devonshire, 12th February, 1806. He died lieutenant of the Westmouth in 1723 A. D., aged 75 years. This tablet is erected near Selkirk's lookout by Commodore Powell and officers of H. M. S. Topaze, 1868, A. D.

In 1818 Juan Fernandez was used as a prison by the Chilians. In 1820 there were 300 convicts on the island and 100 troops. At that time the little bit of land was swarming with cattle, pigs, sheep, goats and wild horses. Fruits and vegetables were in abundance, but in 1830 there were no convicts there and only a few troops. In 1835 the island was terribly shaken with an earthquake. After that year it was abandoned by the Chilian government, and since that time has been the home of poor Chilians, who found in its climate and rich resources a retreat from the poverty of civilization.

Wasting Time.

They were dining off fowl in a restaurant. "You see," he explained, as he showed her the wish bone, "you take hold here and I'll take hold here." Then we must make a wish and pull when it breaks the one who has the bigger part of it will have his or her wish gratified.

"But I don't know what to wish for," she protested.

"Oh, you can think of something," he added.

"No, I can't," she replied; "I can't think of anything I want very much."

"Well, I will wish for you," he exclaimed.

"Will you really?" she asked.

"Well, then there's no use fooling with the old wish bone," she interrupted with a glad smile, "you can have me."

The air is so clear in the Arctic regions that conversation can be carried on easily by persons two miles apart. It has also been asserted on good authority that at Gibraltar the human voice has been distinctly heard at a distance of ten miles.

Strychnine as a Drink

Development of a New Habit Which is Rapidly Spreading.

A new kind of patient can shortly be looked for at the gold cure establishment, the victim of the strychnine habit. We have had the cocaine fiend, the morphine fiend, the slave of the hashish drug and the wretched mortals whom only a regular diet of opium could keep alive.

The strangest victim to drugs of an excessively stimulating nature however, is the strychnine fiend. Strychnine is known to medical science as a deadly poison, but when under medical direction it acts as a powerful tonic, greatly stimulating the heart's action. So powerful is it in its operation that only the most infinitesimal proportion is allowed in a tonic prescription. Yet it has been seized upon by the physical wrecks of civilization as a means of stimulating the flickering sparks of life, and a strychnine "jag" can be added to the hilarious moments that the nerve-smashing drugs afford.

The discovery of the strychnine fiend was made by a religious worker in a large city, whose mission takes him nightly into the society of women to whom excitement of some kind is essential to the heart's action of life's dark side. This missionary recently found early one morning the form of a well dressed woman prostrate on the pavement. She was taken to one of the institutions in connection with which the institution worked, and a doctor sent for. It was clearly a case of "jag" of some kind or other. The usual remedies were applied; but the deathlike paroxysm of the heart failed and the queer action of the patient alarmed the doctor, and he ordered her clothing to be searched to obtain a clue to guide him in his efforts to bring her to consciousness.

In the woman's pocket was found a small bottle containing a few pellets, which upon investigation proved to contain enough strychnine to kill an elephant. The woman was suffering from an over-dose of strychnine, and the drug had done its work well. It was with the greatest difficulty that her life was saved, and for days following this she cried piteously for the deadly tonic that was withheld from her. From her own statement, and the doctor and those present believed it, she had begun by taking a very small portion of strychnine, and as the craving for the drug increased, had added to her daily dose until she found she could take with impunity a quantity sufficient to kill ten people who were unused to poison.

A reporter who visited the chemist's shop in the district gathered some additional particulars regarding the "dope." One chemist stated that the poison book in which entries are made of all deadly drugs sold showed a steady increase in the amount of strychnine consumed. "It is quite evident that the new stimulant is gaining in favor," said this druggist, "and the recklessness of the 'fiends' is sure to result in some fatality unless druggists decline to sell strychnine altogether. Those addicted to its use buy it in pellets, and the dose they take is regulated by themselves. The seasoned hands are able to take an enormous quantity without doing any more than quickening the beating of their hearts and stimulating their jaded nerves, but those to whom the drug is now a new thing are likely to kill themselves with a comparatively small quantity."

"I have on my books the names of women who are shining ornaments of society who sent me for strychnine pellets with the stereotyped assertion that they were wanted to kill a dying cat. The women who send for the strychnine habit. Then I shall show you the names of men who are regular customers for strychnine. In their case the poison is taken to counteract the evil effects of tobacco smoking. A person can derive some benefit from taking strychnine, as the stimulating action of the one poison counteracts the sedative effects of the other. In these cases the poison may be taken with some benefit, under medical direction, but with the ordinary 'fiend,' who merely takes it for the pleasurable sensation it produces, the after effect is bound to be disastrous.—Pearson's Weekly.

Two Weeks in Florida.

To see Florida is a pleasure; to visit it is a privilege; but to spend a fortnight within its borders is an epoch. There is a great satisfaction in witnessing the ripening of tropical fruits in their own native land, and a peculiar joy in wrestling with the old ocean waves when lakes and rivers at home are at ice-bound. One appreciates the wonders of modern invention and railroad development upon leaving the neighborhood of good skating one day and finding himself in the vicinity of good bathing the next. Yet this can be done, and the man who prefers hunting or fishing will take his accoutrements along with him, for Florida extends a cordial invitation to all sportsmen.

Whoever would exchange for two weeks the uncertain climate of the North for the delightful and Spring-like sunshine of Florida should take the personally-conducted Jacksonville tour of the Pennsylvania Railroad which leaves New York by special train January 29th. Excursion tickets for this tour, including railway transportation, Pullman accommodations (one berth), and meals en route in both directions while traveling on the special train, will be sold at the following rates: New York, \$50.00; Philadelphia, \$48.00, and at proportionate rates from other points.

For tickets, itineraries, and other information apply to ticket agents at 196 Broadway, New York, or to Geo. W. Boyd, assistant general passenger agent, Broad street station, Philadelphia.

Queer 'Cuds' for a Cow.

Many queer stories come from different sections about the many indigestible articles that are found in the stomachs of animals, but the one from Flemington, N. J., beats any that has been recorded for some time. A cow belonging to John Risler, residing near Flemington, swallowed a lot of hardware, during her life, and when killed the following was found in her stomach: One two-penny wire nail, one four-penny, two six-penny, eleven eight-penny, four three-penny, cut nails, five four-penny, one five-penny, five six-penny, seven eight-penny, three ten-penny, one eight-penny wrought nails, thirty-nine pieces of nails from four inches down, two one-inch screws, two half-inch screws, three pieces of wire, three screws as large as a walnut, one hog ring, one thrashing machine spike two and a half inches long, a padlock and key to fit and one small file. Total, ninety-five pieces. One of the most remarkable things connected with the incident is that the cow was in good health when slaughtered.

Hood's Sarsaparilla, taken at this season, will make you feel strong and vigorous and keep you from sickness later on.

California.

Personally-Conducted Tour via Pennsylvania Railroad.

At 8:13 A.M. Wednesday, January 27th, a special train of Pullman composite, dining, sleeping, compartment, and observation cars will leave the handsome Jersey City depot of the Pennsylvania Railroad, conveying the first of the Pennsylvania railroad company's personally-conducted tours to the Pacific coast.

This train will be the finest that ever crossed the continent, and the tour it carries is one of the most elaborate and complete ever conceived for trans-continental and pleasure travel. In charge of an affable and experienced tourist agent, assisted by a highly-accomplished chaperon, this party, without fear of missing train connections, and without any of these petty annoyances incident to individual traveling, crosses the American continent with as much comfort and ease as it would be enjoyed at St. Louis, Kansas City, Las Vegas Hot Springs and Santa Fe, and visiting their principal points of interest. A bath room, barber shop, and an upright piano will be found on the train, and every other convenience and luxury of a first class hostelry.

The great object of this tour is to escape the insalubrious climate of the East and to enjoy the beauties of California, breathe its invigorating air and bask beneath its matchless sky. A grander attraction could not be offered, nor a more perfect method of reaching it.

Five weeks will be allowed in this "Paradise of the Pacific," during which tourists will visit Los Angeles, Pasadena, "Ye Alpine Tavern," Santa Barbara, San Bernardino, Mt. Hamilton, and the garden spot of the earth, Del Monte.

Returning, tourists will stop at Salt Lake City, Glenwood Springs, Colorado Springs, Manitou, Denver and Chicago. Two days will be spent visiting the famous and sublime freaks of nature in the Manitou region.

Tickets for this tour, including railroad transportation, Pullman accommodations (one double berth), meals en route, carriage drives, and hotel accommodations going and returning, and transportation in California, will be sold at rate of \$310.00 from all stations on the Pennsylvania railroad system east of Pittsburg.

Apply to ticket agents, tourist agent at 1196 Broadway, New York, or Geo. W. Boyd, assistant general passenger agent, Broad street station, Philadelphia.

Reduced Rates to Washington on Account of the Inauguration via Pennsylvania Railroad.

For the benefit of those who desire to attend the ceremonies incident to the inauguration of President-elect McKinley, the Pennsylvania railroad company will sell excursion tickets to Washington from March 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th, valid to return from March 4th to 8th, at the following rates: From Pittsburg, \$10.00; Altoona, \$9.50; Harrisburg, \$5.00, and from all other stations on the Pennsylvania system at reduced rates.

The inauguration will be a most interesting event, and will undoubtedly attract a large number of people from every section of the country.

The magnificent facilities of the Pennsylvania railroad make this line the favorite route to the national capital at all times, and its enormous equipment and splendid terminal advantages at Washington make it especially popular on such occasions.

Letters from Farmers.

In South and North Dakota, relating their own personal experience in those States, have been published in pamphlet form by the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul railway, and these letters are extremely interesting, and the pamphlet is finely illustrated, one copy will be sent to any address, on receipt of a two-cent postage stamp. Apply to John R. Pott, District Passenger Agent, 450 William Street, Williamsport Pa. 42-1-51.

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Tourists.

The Crop Outlook in South Dakota for 1897.

It requires but a small amount of rain-fall in South Dakota to mature the crop. During 1896 South Dakota had, up to September 30th, three and seven-tenths inches more of rain-fall than for any of the previous sixteen years. Since September 30th there has been added at least three or four inches to the excess, making a gain of nearly eight inches more than the average. Early in November there were heavy rains, depositing over two inches, and since then there have been heavy snows, and about a foot of snow covered the ground on November 23rd. Dakota farmers have abundance of hay and great supplies of oats, barley and corn. Wheat has advanced about seventy cents a bushel in local market, and prospects for further advance are good. The ground will come out in the spring better soaked than ever before. The prospect for better prices next year is good. There are thousands of people in the east who could do no better than go to South Dakota now and buy their seed and food for next year, and move out in the spring. First-class farming land in South Dakota, along the lines of Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul railway, can now be bought at from \$10 to \$15 an acre. The creamery industry and stock-raising in South Dakota will greatly increase during 1897. For further information, address W. E. Powell, General Immigration agent, 410 Old Colony building, Chicago, or H. F. Hunter, immigration agent for South Dakota, 255 Dearborn street, Chicago, Ill. 41-48-21.

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AN OPINION.

Mr. H. C. Yeager is the popular host of the Bryant House hostelry, the corner of Allegheny and Bishop streets.

Complaining of his back one day to Mr. Cunningham, he of local and foreign government fame, "mine host" was advised to try the old Quaker remedy. He took the contractors' advice and procured his first box of Doan's Kidney Pills at Green's Pharmacy. This is what he has to say about it. "My kidneys have been faulty for years. I have read a great deal about how the organic work, what is good for them and what is bad for them. Experience is a great teacher and I have had my share. A friend advised me to try Doan's Kidney Pills. I got a box. It helped me so much that I got a second and I am still using them. It is rather a difficult job to cure a man whose blood is saturated with uric acid, who has rheumatism and urinary disorder, and who has kidney troubles and bladder and who has become a chronic victim. Still in spite of it all Doan's Kidney Pills have helped me. I am much better in every way and it is quite possible if I persist in the treatment as I intend doing I may eventually be cured. If I continue to progress as I have in the past that will be the ultimate end. I can recommend Doan's Kidney Pills for kidney trouble."

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