

PERILS OF DIVERS.

FEARFUL DANGERS TO BE MET UNDER WATER.

Adventure With an Enormous Shark - A Queer Fight With Dogfish - Queer Actions of Bodies Under Water - Diver's Tricks.

"I've seen many a time when I'd rather be under water than on shore. I used to feel that way sometimes."

Mr. Edward H. Littlefield, a native of Block Island, but now keeper of a fish market on Fountain street, sixty-six years old, made this remark in a story he was telling one afternoon.

"My first experience," said he, "was in Seconnet River, in 1859, hunting for Capt. Ben Tallman's son Jerome."

It was in the month of August, and Jerome Tallman had been in the water eleven days. They'd dragged for him, but couldn't find him.

"After I got through them I felt something whirled round. I could tell it wasn't the current, so I looked around to see what it was."

"But, after all, I had my greatest experiences in the two years before the war. The time I went down 168 feet, the deepest I ever got, was in 1860."

"Now, it's queer, but there's something about bodies under water. Did you know that if you went into the cabin of a vessel where one was that it would start towards you, almost as if it were alive?"

"One of the most interesting relics of old London is St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell. It is the only remaining portion of the important Priory of St. John, which dates from the fourteenth century."

"The whole story, however, is told in an illustrated book entitled 'Guide to London' by Mrs. Pinkham. It contains over 60 pages of most important information, which every woman, married or single, should know about herself. Send two-cent stamps for it. For

said it was the air pump. In former times the pumping had been by hand, but now it was by steam. He preferred steam, for it kept up a regular supply of air. When it was done by hand, if a diver wanted more air they were liable to pump too fast, and if he signalled this was so they very likely sent it down too slowly.

Life on the Planet Venus. It will be remembered that about two years ago the famous Italian astronomer, Schiaparelli, announced that he had discovered that Venus, which is a world very slightly smaller than ours, makes only one turn on its axis in going once around the sun.

The inhabitants of the sunward side of Venus, then—if there be any—never see the sun set, while the inhabitants of the other side never see the sun at all, unless they visit the opposite hemisphere of their globe.

Of course, no one knows whether there are inhabitants upon Venus or not, but we do know that Venus has an atmosphere, and that in its atmosphere watery vapor exists and clouds float, and that upon the surface of the planet the force of gravitation is not very different from that which it manifests on the surface of the earth.

The older observations indicated that Venus rotated in between twenty-three and twenty-four hours, giving it days and nights about equal to those of the earth. In order to settle the question it has recently been proposed to apply the spectroscope. It is known that in the spectrum of a celestial body which is rapidly approaching the earth the spectroscopic lines are shifted towards the blue, while in the spectrum of a fast retreating body the lines are shifted towards the red.

The principle has been used in measuring the rate of the sun's rotation. The lines are shifted towards the blue on the eastern and towards the red on the western edge of the sun, and by measuring the amount of shifting the rate of rotation is found. It is easy to see that the same method may be applied to find out how fast Venus revolves on its axis.

Every one who watches the glorious evening star growing brighter and brighter in the sunset sky during the coming months will certainly be eager to hear the latest news from the astronomers who are trying to find out whether Venus has successive days and nights like the earth or has only a day side and a night side.—Youth's Companion.

An Insidious Fashion. The tea our grandmothers slowly brewed before our eyes in copper kettles and then poured out into great gold-rimmed cups, or those of genuine china make, with mandarins sporting on the sides, is getting to be an unknown article. Now it is Russian tea, or tea with cordial, sherry or other "essences," which give the lie to the phrase, "the cup that cheers but not inebriates."

Women are said to be the greatest sinners in this respect. The love of novelty in entertainment or beverage is a weakness of the feminine heart, and so the whole shelf must be exhausted before we can hope to get back to the old-fashioned tea of a few years ago. Go to any fashionable afternoon entertainment and see how art is exhausted to make tea something which it is not and never ought to be.

But the reversion to the "primitive type" is one of nature's laws, and we may yet hope to get back to the honest, cherry tea, which Charles Lamb and lesser lights indulged. Tea is a homely drink, which has a warm spot in the affections of a considerable portion of mankind, and whatever the evolutions through which it may temporarily pass at the hands of would-be reformers, its undisputed sway as a soothing and pleasing beverage is likely to rest undisturbed.—Washington News.

The Advance Agent's Story.

HE SEES A FINE EXAMPLE OF THE WILD AND WOOLY WEST DRAMA.

From the Buffalo Express. "I've seen a good many funny snags in the way of plays and play-actors in my time," said the advance agent, "but the one I struck out in Milwaukee the other day was by far the best of anything I have ever been up against. It was in one of the museums there. The museum has a stock company in its theatre, and its great specialty is border drama. Every week they give a new drama of the wild and wooly West."

"This play that I saw was a blood-curdler of that character, and at the time I arrived at the theatre the stage was pitch dark and two men were fighting a duel. I could hear the knives clash together and hear the men stumble around the stage, but I could but faintly distinguish the forms of the actors. After awhile there was a thump on the floor and the villain (I knew it was the villain by his accent) hissed: 'Ah ha! Rudolph Tegherington, I have you now and no one nigh to see me do the deed!'"

"Then the drummer hit the base-drum a belt and the calcium man turned on the light and away up on top of a rocky pass a woman (the heroine) was seen standing. 'Coward!' she shouted, 'me and Heaven is here!'"

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