

SNOW EATING MANIA.

A PECULIAR HABIT THAT DEVELOPS IN THE KLONDIKE.

The Appetite, When Once Acquired, Is Extremely Difficult to Control, and to Indulge It Means a Short Cut to the Grave.

Every great discovery in the world's history has brought with it an accompanying affliction, and it remained for the Klondike to develop a peculiar mania that threatens to outstrip opium eating.

There are many strange things in the Klondike," said the narrator, "but perhaps the strangest and that about which nothing has been written so far, is the dissipation caused by eating snow.

"The matter has been but little investigated, but the scientists who have examined the subject say that the waters of the north are rich with mineral deposits which are being constantly washed down from the mountains.

While coming down the Copper river last spring the narrator came upon a party of miners where one was dying from the effects of eating snow.

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There are some spots on the Copper river where the snow, when melted and strained through a cloth, shows perceptible signs of minerals, and often gold is found plentifully intermixed.

"We decided to try it raw," and we did. Whether it was the food or the snow I don't know, but during the week we waited for a chance to get out we had an ever increasing thirst, until, when we were finally able to strike the trail, we were consuming snow at a frightful rate.

"We were fast approaching the degenerate stage when I reached a realizing sense of our condition and undertook to break off. I began by degrees and worked down, but up to the very moment I left the country the sight of the snow always raised in me an inordinate craving.

Dynamite. Dynamite explodes so rapidly that its force is exerted in the direction from which the greatest pressure comes.

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DIYED DIAMONDS.

Yellow Stones Can Be Made to Look Like Gems of the First Water.

"There are tricks in every trade" has grown to be an adage, and this proverb holds especially good with regard to the jewelry trade, which for "ways that are dark and tricks that are vain" fairly takes the palm for roguery.

Although a great deal of capital, time and labor have been devoted to counterfeiting the diamond, very little success has been obtained from a fraudulent point of view, as the diamond possesses extraordinary qualities of hardness and brilliancy, with which no imitation, up to now, can attempt to vie.

A method of successful imposition with diamonds has, however, been discovered, and the originator of this swindle actually defrauded the pawnbrokers of London alone in one year of upward of \$500,000.

The general public, as well as jewelers, are aware that diamonds of a yellowish tinge, or, as they are called in the trade, "straws," are worth very little.

The methods of the individual referred to were as follows: He purchased a quantity of "yellow" stones, and then by a simple yet ingenious process succeeded in imparting to them an evanescent purity of color.

The "yellow" diamond, which was perhaps set in a gold ring or pin, was merely dipped in the glass containing the dye, and then in clean boiling water half a dozen times, and allowed to dry, when it presented all the appearance, even to the eye of an expert, of a magnificent stone of the first water.

The next move was to place the ring on the finger, and the well dressed diamond dyer would sally forth, enter a pawnbroker's and pledge the ring for at least three times its worth.

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GOOD MONEY FOR BAD NEWS

Paid to Learn That Sight Would Leave Him in Six Months.

Somehow it made me feel bad, this happening that I am about to relate. I was in the office of an oculist, one of the leading men in his profession in Pittsburg.

"Doctor," he said, "my eyes have been troubling me, and I would like you to make an examination of them and treat them."

After a few preliminary questions the doctor told him to strip himself to the waist. He took off his clothes and stood there, a magnificent specimen of manhood. The doctor examined him, paying particular attention to his back, for a reason of which I know nothing.

"What's the matter, doctor?" he asked quietly, with a faint tremor in his voice.

"What's your bill, doctor?" asked the man when he got his clothes on.

"Five dollars," replied the doctor.

Sir Henry Irving appeared at the Theater Royal, Edinburgh, in 1857, and two years later he went to Linnithgow to give a reading there.

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WASHINGTON.

From our Regular Correspondent. WASHINGTON, Feb. 20, 1899.

Quite as sneaky as its attacks upon Gen. Miles is the attempt of the administration to make it appear that democratic Senators are trying to force an extra session of Congress by opposing legislation for a large standing army.

A feature of the red hot debate in the House on the offering of the Hepburn Nicaragua Canal bill as an amendment to the Sundry Civil bill was a short but stormy speech in favor of the bill by Representative Baily, of Texas.

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Representative Lewis, of Washington, in the course of a short running debate on the item in the Sundry Civil bill which appropriates \$20,000,000 to pay Spain for the Philippines, pointed out the important and interesting historical fact that Spain is the only country on earth that has ever repudiated its treaty obligations.

Representative Grosvenor, of Ohio, chairman of the Republican caucus, this week named the committee of members of the next House who are, in obedience to caucus direction, to prepare a financial bill to be presented to a caucus of the republicans of the House, in the next Congress.

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prefer that Secretary Gage's ideas be followed in the financial bill, because that would leave no room for dodging the issue in the next campaign. But it is always the policy of the politicians to prevent a square stand up fight on a plain issue, if there is any possible way in which it can be prevented.

Ex-Secretary John Sherman didn't mince words when he spoke about the attempt of the War Commission's report to whitewash Alger and his gang and to blacken Gen. Miles. Mr. Sherman said: "If Mr. McKinley were up for election to-day he would get in Ohio but an inconsiderable number of votes."

At Williamsport Turns Out to be a Grave Robber.

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Grocers Can Sell Quinine.

In reply to an inquiry as to whether grocers can sell quinine pills, the secretary of the state pharmaceutical board has written as follows:

"Under section 6 the grocer has the right to sell quinine pills, as one commonly used medicines, in unbroken packages, but when he attempts to open the package and sell by the dozen or one half dozen he becomes a dispenser and is liable under section 1 of the act, Yours truly, Charles T. George, secretary."

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