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Unique Postal Service for Alaska and the Klondike.

Government Claims to Have Solved a Problem Which Has Puzzled the Heads of Officials for a Number of Years.

The problem of arctic transportation since the rush to the Klondike has caused much anxiety in the post office department, and has been finally solved only after an expenditure of much time and money by the choice of the domesticated reindeer as the only practicable and speedy method of distributing the Alaskan mail.

The nearest market of the domesticated reindeer is on the east coast of Siberia, just across the Behring strait. Here the animals have been herded and trained by the nomadic tribes that roam up and down the coast, subsisting mainly on the products of the herds and bartering skins with the coast natives for tobacco, firearms, ammunition and other commodities.

The present methods of transportation in Alaska are by dog trains, Indian packers and by boats. By boat it is impossible to travel nine months of the year, and dog-team travel is limited, slow and uncertain, as the greater part of the load has to be taken up by food for the animals. The history of every



REINDEER MAIL SLED. (How Uncle Sam Will Deliver Letters in Alaska Territory.)

expedition that has penetrated into the country with Indians or dogs has been one of great suffering and hunger.

Not only in carrying the mail will the reindeer be of service, but to explorers, miners, missionaries and settlers they will prove a sure means of transporting supplies and will greatly aid in exploration and development.

The reindeer possesses all the requisites for arctic travel. They are swift, tractable and self-sustaining. The moss upon which they feed covers the whole of northern Alaska and they reach it by burrowing through the snow with their deeply cleft hoofs. A swift reindeer can make 150 miles a day under favorable conditions, and 12 miles an hour is a fair average rate of speed drawing a load of 300 pounds. The average price of the reindeer is \$10.

In order to teach the Alaskan Eskimo the art of handling the reindeer, experienced Lapland and Siberian herders, with their families, have been employed by the government at a salary of \$27 per month and food. The government station is at Pt. Clarence. The reindeer, besides furnishing transportation, provides food, clothing, house, furniture, implements, weapons and harness to the natives, and to the white inhabitants reindeer clothing is the most serviceable.

Shakespeare and Insanity. In a work just published in Berlin entitled "The Representations of Insanity in Shakespeare's Plays," the author, Dr. Laehr, demonstrates Shakespeare's wonderful insight into human nature and the phenomena of insanity. He shows how Shakespeare's delineation of the onset of insanity in King Lear is entirely in accordance with the knowledge of the medical profession to-day on the subject, although it was entirely misunderstood by the medical profession of Shakespeare's day.

Window Washing No Bar. Can a lawyer practicing at the bar be at the same time a manual worker? This question is now agitating the members of the legal profession in Hungary. A young briefless barrister, tired of waiting for clients, took to earning money by painting, decorating, window-cleaning, and so forth, in the provincial towns in the district in which he practiced at the bar. An effort was made to have his name erased from the roll of advocates, but the lord chief justice ruled that the young legal revolutionist was within his rights in earning money by honest manual labor.

Big Ball in a Cask. The largest cask in the world is the Blatner cask, of Nuremberg, Germany. It is 105 feet in diameter and 51 feet deep, and its completion a few years ago was celebrated by a ball, at which over 500 persons were on the floor of the cask.

Workmen with Labels. Japanese workmen are obliged to wear on their caps and backs an inscription stating their business and their employer's name.

MANUFACTURED EGGS.

Common Shell of Gypsum Is Used, Which Is Carefully Colored and Marked.

From recent observations of an expert collector of birds' eggs it became apparent that there was in existence a person who made a living by imitating nature in the production and coloring of birds' eggs, says the London Penny.

It was traced to a Parisian dealer, and some interesting details as to the methods used have come to light. The unscrupulous but ingenious Frenchman was at one time an assistant in a large museum, and here he learned the value of many rare eggs. Being of an enterprising nature he started business on his own account and made numerous experiments before he came to perfection.

He generally uses the shell of some common egg, chosen for its likeness in size and shape to the one desired, but when that is impossible gypsum is used, this, when properly colored, being indistinguishable from nature's handiwork. The coloring process is not costly, but a very lengthy and tedious operation, for each variety of egg has its distinctive marks and spot.

Nightingales' eggs, which are finely marked, are worth good prices, and knowing this the dealer finds no difficulty in obtaining larks' eggs and coloring them to resemble the genuine article.

Specimens of this undoubtedly misplaced skill have found their way to collectors in all parts of the world, and yet so completely and carefully has the work been done not one of the buyers has ever discovered them to be "manufactured."

MAY EXECUTE ANYONE.

Possession of the Ching Fang Sword in China Gives One That Privilege.

It is announced by the Imperial Gazette of Peking, the court circular of the Chinese empire, that the dowager empress has presented two "Schang-Fang" swords, one to Prince Tsai Tschai, elector of Tuan, the other to Prince Tsai Lieou, III, grade.

These swords give their bearer the right of beheading any man, woman or child who may have offended him or incurred his disfavor. He can perform this execution without even a word to the emperor and need make no record of his victim's butchery.

The idea of the sword, however, is that it is a safeguard against treason. The bearer must instantly do away with any one who may have designs against the ruling family, and thus discourage "lese majeste," at the same time it is a mark of esteem for those who receive it.

The Schang-Fang sword dates back centuries, still there is only one other instance, besides the one just mentioned, recorded in Chinese history, where this sword was given to anyone. It was presented on that occasion to the Mon-Gol General Sai-Schang-ah by Emperor Hsien-Feeng, when, during the Tai-Ping rebellion, that general distinguished himself by exceptional bravery and earned the rank of generalissimo.

FLATHOUSES IN MALTA.

Interested Capitalists Look to America for the Latest Kind of Fittings.

Valletta, the capital of Malta, has been invaded by the Harlem flat, and the Maltese are delighted. One large flat house having proved a success, several more are about to be built and the Maltese want to know just how the thing is done in New York. The capitalists who are to build the flat houses have been to John M. Grout, Jr., the United States consul at Malta, and told him that they want the latest thing in electric outfits for flats, such as bells, etc., and new ideas as to plumbing and elevators.

Mr. Grout says: "I have had several conversations with the men in regard to their getting American goods for the new buildings, and have explained to them, as far as I have been able. Now our flat buildings are constructed and finished and the fittings used. The result is that they have become interested to such an extent as to request me to get them illustrated catalogues and price lists of goods appertaining to the interior fitting up of the buildings of this class, and especially of door locks, hinges, bolts, window fastenings and house hardware in general.

Why Cats Hiss.

Why does a cat hiss when angry? Take a tiny kitten at play and make it angry and it will snarl in its baby fashion and hiss as best it can. Why? In Pearson's Magazine Dr. Louis Robinson says that the hissing and spitting of young kittens is probably an instinctive attempt to scare away enemies from the helpless tots by imitating a snake's hiss. A great many creatures that live in shallow holes have a like habit of hissing when annoyed or angered. The tail of a cat seen dimly in the half light of a cave suggests a snake's tail and is often marked in a way to heighten the resemblance. "If," says Dr. Robinson, "this really is an instance of protective mimicry, I think it is probable that the chief foe guarded against was the eagle. Eagles are very fond of cat flesh, and it has been remarked by naturalists that there formidable birds habitually make war upon the smaller felidae."

White Tiger.

A white tiger was shot lately in the Dibrugah district of Assam, according to the Calcutta Englishman. He was nine feet long and in the prime of life. The Calcutta taxidermist who prepared the skin states that in 18 years he had never seen nor heard of such a thing as a white tiger.

THE SHRIMP DANCERS.

They Are San Francisco Chinamen Who Have Built Up Quite a Thrifty Industry.

One of the biggest industries of the Chinese in San Francisco is catching, cooking and shipping shrimp to China in great quantities. The shrimp fishers, or shrimp dancers, as they are called there, are of the lowest type of humanity, and live in out-of-the-way places along the shores of the Golden Gate. There are hundreds of them, and they use old nondescript boats in their calling. They catch the shrimp mostly with bag nets of fine mesh, about 40



SHRIMP DANCERS.

(Not Crazy, But Working Desperately Hard for a Living.)

feet long, with an opening of about 20 feet. These traps are on the bottom in shallow waters, supported by poles, and they catch all the shrimp and small fish that swim along with the tide. This work is done at night, usually between midnight and sunrise.

The shrimp are boiled in large vats for about ten minutes, when they assume the delicate pink color that marks them when cooked. Then they are spread out with brooms in the sun on leveled, cleared squares, and the Chinamen dance on them with wooden shoes, to break the shells, and thus make it easy to remove the meat. Twenty or more celestials engage in the weird hobble, covering the entire bed, and resembling a band of American Indians at a fire dance. When they have finished the shrimp are taken in baskets to dislodge the meat from the shells, both of which are shipped to China. The crushed shells are used in the Flowery Kingdom as a fertilizer on tea plantations. China is said to depend on the San Francisco market for them entirely.

SOAP FOR CHICAGOANS.

It Takes 110,000 Pounds Every Day to Keep Them Clean, Healthy and Presentable.

Every year Chicago uses up about 41,000,000 pounds of soap. This is for all purposes, but does not include the various soap powders and other compounds which are sometimes used in its place. Each day, then, it takes in round numbers 110,000 pounds of soap to keep the city even as clean as it is. Estimating the population at 2,000,000,



CHICAGO'S DAILY SOAP BAR. (Six Times as Large as the Late Lamented Jumbo.)

these figures allow 20 pounds of soap for all purposes to each inhabitant each year. Each day on an average every man, woman and child in Chicago uses up one-eighth of a pound. If all the soap used in a day in Chicago was brought together it would make a bar 16 times as big as the late lamented Jumbo.

Cotton Made from Wood.

Consul Mahlin, of Reichenberg, quotes an account in a local newspaper of a process for making artificial cotton from the wood of the fir tree. The wood is reduced to thin shavings, which are placed in a washing apparatus, exposed to the influence of steam for ten hours. They are then subjected to a strong preparation of sodium lye, and are heated under great pressure for 30 hours. The wood is now changed to pure cellulose, and to give this a greater resisting power some castor oil, caffeine and gelatin are added. The substance is then put into an apparatus and made into threads. The article concludes: "Artificial cotton can be produced so cheaply that the genuine article can hardly compete with it, and one cannot say that it is a sham, for it is composed, exactly as is the natural cotton, of pure cellulose."

Musical Well in Texas.

Near Wiederman's, Tex., is an abandoned well about 60 feet deep, and overgrown with vegetation, which, a correspondent of Popular Science says, is famous in the neighborhood for its musical powers. In fine weather, particularly with a westerly wind, it gives forth a sound like that of an Aeolian harp, swelling and dying away by turns. When a heavy northerly wind is blowing, the water rises within a few feet of the top, and strange noises, which some persons think resemble moans, issue from the old well. An attempt to fill up the well a few years ago failed, apparently because of the existence of a subterranean cavity, which swallowed up the dirt as fast as it was dumped in.

FIND OUT YOURSELF.

Why ask a physician to find out whether your kidneys are diseased. Take a glass tumbler and fill it with urine. If there is a sediment after standing twenty-four hours, your kidneys are sick. If you have a desire to urinate often, a pain in the back, or if your urine stains linen, you should at once take Dr. David Kennedy's Favorite Remedy, as delay is dangerous. There is no question about its being the best and surest medicine in the world for any and all diseases of the kidneys, liver, bladder and the urinary passages, Rheumatism, Dyspepsia or constipation of the bowels. It quickly relieves inability to hold urine, and the necessity of getting up often during the night. It stops that scalding pain when passing urine and corrects the bad effects of whiskey and beer. It is sold by all druggists at one dollar a bottle. You can have a trial bottle and pamphlet of valuable medical advice sent free by mail postpaid, by mentioning THE COLUMBIAN, and sending your address to the DR. DAVID KENNEDY CORPORATION, Roundout, N. Y. The publishers of this paper guarantee the genuineness of this liberal offer.

Pennsylvania Chautauqua.

Reduced Rates to Mt. Gretna via Pennsylvania Railroad.

For the Pennsylvania Chautauqua, to be held at Mt. Gretna, Pa., July 4 to August 10, 1899, the Pennsylvania Railroad Company will sell special excursion tickets to Mt. Gretna from New York, Washington, Baltimore, Frederick, Md., Canandaigua, and intermediate points, including all stations on its line in the State of Pennsylvania. Tickets will be sold June 25 to August 10, inclusive, and will be good to return until August 15, inclusive. 6-29-2t.

Girl Dead on a Couch.

Jessie Hill, the 17-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Hill, of Standing Stone, a village about seven miles from Towanda, was found dead on a couch last Thursday afternoon.

The mother and father left her in charge of the house while they went to a social. Foul play is suspected and the Coroner was sent for.

The verdict of the Coroner's inquest was that she came to her death from poisoning, administered by the hand of herself or persons unknown. There are some sensational stories circulated concerning the girl.

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ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE. ESTATE OF CONRAD KREMER, LATE OF MADISON TOWNSHIP, DECEASED. Letters of administration, in the estate of Conrad Kremer, late of Madison township, Columbia county, Pa., deceased, have been granted by the Register of Wills of said county to the undersigned. All persons having claims or demands against the estate of said decedent are requested to make known the same to the administrator without delay. Those indebted to the estate of said decedent are requested to make prompt payment to the administrator. CHARLES G. BARKLEY, Administrator. Bloomsburg, Pa., June 29, 1899.

SHERIFF'S SALE.

By virtue of a writ of Lev. Fa. issued out of the Court of Common Pleas of Columbia County, Pennsylvania, and to me directed, there will be exposed to public sale, at the Court House, in Bloomsburg, Pa., on

SATURDAY, JULY 15, 1899, at two o'clock in the afternoon, the following described real estate, to wit:

All that certain message, tenement and tract of land, lying and being in the Town of Bloomsburg, County of Columbia and State of Pennsylvania, described in the recorded deed of conveyance as follows, to wit: Beginning in the westward line of Magee avenue, now being opened, one hundred twenty-six feet, northwardly, from the north line of Sixth street, extended, and one hundred ninety feet westwardly from the west line of Leonard street, now opened, forty feet wide; thence along said Magee avenue northwardly, fourteen feet, thence southwestwardly, at right angles, to line of land of Magee avenue, seventy feet, to line of land of Magee avenue, southeastwardly, fourteen feet; thence northeastwardly, by other land of James Magee, 31, seventy feet, to the place of beginning, whereon is erected a two-story

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Set, taken in execution, at the suit of Anglo-American Savings & Loan Association vs. James Magee, 2d, and M. B. Ritter, and to be sold as the property of James Magee, 2d, and M. B. Ritter, with notice to terre tenant. W. W. BLACK, Sheriff.

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE.

ESTATE OF CHARLES WHITMIRE, LATE OF CENTRE TOWNSHIP, DECEASED. Notice is hereby given that letters of administration on the estate of Charles Whitmire, late of Centre township, Columbia Co., Pa., deceased, have been granted to George M. Whitmire, residing in said township, to whom all persons indebted to said estate are requested to make payment, and those having claims or demands will make known the same without delay to GEORGE M. WHITMIRE, Administrator. 6-25-9t.

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