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The American Woman in Alaska

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Wife of Famous Explorer Tells of Her Experiences in the Far North—A City Where It Is Nearly Always Raining—The Gateway to the Klondike—Hardships Endured by Army Officers' Wives and Other Women.

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From the nation's capital to Alaska is a far reach. Crossing the Alleghenies through the mining regions of Pennsylvania, so picturesque except where defaced by man's grimy pursuits; through busy Chicago; rushing over the western plains; across the Rockies and we find ourselves on the evening of the fifth day at Seattle, embarking on the steamship Humboldt for the famous inland passage.

Here on the ship I am surprised to see how many women are traveling to Alaska. Of course, the inland passage has been a favorite trip for 15 years or more, but the large proportion of women among the excursionists, many of them in parties of two or three without escorts, indicates that conditions have materially improved in this part of the world. In fact, the ease and comfort with which we travel greatly astonish me.

Late on the third day we reach Juneau, opposite which is Douglas Island and the great Treadwell gold mine. It is remarkable that the largest stamp mill in the world should be found in this wild. An act of congress made Juneau the capital of Alaska. The town is built on the side of a hill so steep that the houses seem to be hanging from it. Back of this rises a sharp range of higher hills that form a barrier protecting the town from the frequent snow avalanches of the great mountains, which, in turn, rise perpendicularly behind this natural wall.

As illustrating the weather of Juneau, it is said that an old Indian woman, on being asked if it always rained in Juneau, after a moment's hesitation, replied: "Sometimes it snows." It was raining as we entered the harbor, but we were not deterred from a stroll through the town. We found good plank walks and saw some quaint, artistic little houses and several churches with an effort at architecture. I was struck by the frequent evidence of woman's hand in the potted plants in many windows, while the women and children whom we saw surprised me by being quite like those one would meet in any small western town.

Skagway resembles Juneau in the character of its rough frame buildings, but there are fewer indications of woman's taste. One good stone building attracted our attention. We were particularly struck with the evidence of precaution against fire, of which there is a great dread in Alaskan towns. There is an army post here and the soldiers have acted as firemen very efficiently in many instances. We attended the Episcopal service, which was held in a small room over a store in one of the rough buildings peculiar to Alaska. There were about 30 persons in the congregation. A small parlor organ was very well played by a Minneapolis

woman, a teacher of music in the town, and the choir consisted of four persons.

Such a wonderful trip as we had over the White pass! Skagway and Dyea, situated on either arm of Lynn canal, unheard of in June, 1897, were towns of some thousands of inhabitants the following October. They are the gateways respectively of the White pass and the Chilcoot pass. The only two convenient entrances to the Yukon country, these passes were made known to the world by the misery resulting from the rush through them when gold discoveries were first made in the Klondike region. As the White pass was selected for the railway, Skagway steadily grows.

Returning from Skagway we had a large number of passengers bringing their gold out. The terms "in" and "out" are used exclusively in regard to going into or returning from Alaska or the gold fields. The superintendent of one of the large mines was bringing down in four small wooden boxes and several little chamolus bags \$500,000 worth of bullion, the result of a single clean-up of the mine. He had two guards with him. Everyone carries a small chamolus bag more or less full of nuggets. The habits of the gold fields are marked by their nugget jewelry, the men wearing watch chains of it and the women indulging largely in necklaces. There were a number of women "coming out."

My attention was attracted, on the passage up, to a family disembarking at Juneau. The man, the proprietor of a shop, after two years alone in Juneau, was returning with his family. The little wife appeared very much dissatisfied with the first view of her new home. I noted that it was the women of the middle class who seem to object most to life in these wilds. The poorer women accept the discomforts as pertaining to their life anywhere and the few women of the higher class who find themselves in this country rise superior to the small daily trials of life in a new and unformed community. The wife of an old army officer who surprised her son in Alaska by a visit found herself compelled to pass the winter in a log cabin 15 feet square, which was the best habitation her son and his two partners in the gold fields were able to offer her. She found the quarters rather limited for four persons, but she not only accepted the situation with equanimity, but went to work with a will, making her family of three young men very comfortable.

The wife of a river captain, who was also the daughter of a clergyman, was "coming out" after having passed the winter with her husband in his boat tied up at the mouth of Stewart river, which empties into the Yukon about 75 miles from Dawson. She seemed a very superior woman and her experiences were most interesting. She told me that she had absolutely enjoyed the winter, although she had not seen a human being but her husband and the five employees of the boat through the entire season. The captain and herself had read aloud to each other and played endless games of piquet and other games. They had walked regularly twice a day on land, although snowshoes were necessary. She had done a large amount of beautiful embroidery, necessarily by lamplight, and had busied herself in the care of house plants.

When she determined to pass the winter on Stewart river, finding a great demand for well-made dresses in Dawson, this lady disposed of the greater part of her wardrobe at prices far beyond cost. On her return to Dawson in the spring a luncheon was given her by a number of friends, and being asked what special delicacy they could provide, she expressed a wish for something fresh after her long season of canned goods. A watermelon was the result of the conference, which later she was startled to learn had cost \$7.50.

BLOATED WITH DROPSY.

The Heart Was Badly Affected When the Patient Began Using Doan's Kidney Pills.

Mrs. Elizabeth Maxwell, of 415 West Fourth street, Olympia, Wash., says:

"For over three years I suffered with a dropsical condition without being aware that it was due to kidney trouble. The early stages were principally back-ache and bearing down pain, but I went along without worrying much until dropsy set in. My feet and ankles swelled up, my hands puffed and became so tense I could hardly close them. I had great difficulty in breathing, and my heart would flutter with the least exertion. I could not walk far without stopping again and again to rest. Since using four boxes of Doan's Kidney Pills the bloating has gone down and the feelings of distress have disappeared."

Sold by all dealers. 50 cents a box. Foster-Milburn Co., Buffalo, N. Y.

French President's Double.

M. Fallieres was until recently believed to be the only president of the French republic who had no double, but his counterpart has been found. The man who most resembles him physically is a respectable merchant of the Rue Saint Honore, who plays his part with decorum and dignity. He wears exactly the same kind of blue butterfly necktie with white dots as the president, the same kind of hat and exactly so oddly cut a beard. And on his promenades he is always accompanied by a friend who could easily be taken for the president's private secretary. Dignified and with measured steps the enviable double walks through the Faubourg Saint Honore and feels overjoyed at being saluted on all sides.

ALMOST A SOLID SORE.

Skin Disease from Birth—Fortune Spent on Her Without Benefit—Cured Her with Cuticura.

"I have a cousin in Rockingham Co. who once had a skin disease from her birth until she was six years of age. Her father had spent a fortune on her to get her cured and none of the treatments did her any good. Old Dr. G— suggested that he try the Cuticura Remedies which he did. When he commenced to use it the child was almost a solid scab. He had used it about two months and the child was well. I was there when they commenced to use your Cuticura Remedies. I stayed that week and then returned home and stayed two weeks and then went back and stayed with them two weeks longer, and when I went home I could hardly believe she was the same child. Her skin was as soft as a baby's without a scar on it. I have not seen her for seventeen years, but I have heard from her and the last time I heard from her she was well. Mrs. W. P. Ingle, Burlington, N. C., June 16, 1905."

Mark Twain's Neat Answer.

Eugene Ware, of Topeka, recently wrote to Mark Twain: "I picked up your last volume. I read it clear through from cover to cover; it was like a bob-tailed fish. I could not lay it down." From No. 21 Fifth avenue, New York city, Mr. Clemens answered back as follows: "Dear Mr. Ware: I am an old brass-bound, copper-riveted, fire-assayed Presbyterian, with 71 years' experience in unworldliness, and I don't understand your metaphor, but I know it was intended as a compliment and I make it cordially welcome."

Whine from Henry James.

Henry James, pursuing his theme, "The Speech of American Women," speaks of a group of Boston young women, "all articulating as from sore mouths, all mumbling and whining and vocally limping and shuffling as it were together." He compares, also to its great disadvantage, a school where parents pay so much not to have their boys taught to speak as gentlemen, with one "beyond the sea, in which the proviso that the schoolmaster shall speak as a gentleman is so absolutely vital."

Artificial Flowers.

There are 430 manufacturers of artificial flowers, leaves, plants and fruits in the district of Dresden. The largest manufacturers employ from 250 to 1,000 persons, and the total number of persons engaged in the trade is estimated at 10,000, the larger proportion being women and girls, who earn from 8s. to 12s. a week by their work.

Take Garfield Tea, the Natural Laxative, for constipation, indigestion, liver and kidney derangements, and colds. It is made of Herbs. Guaranteed under the Pure Food Law.

After making a strenuous effort to get out of a rut a man finds himself in a hole.

Advertisement for St. Jacobs Oil, featuring a picture of a man and the text: STIFFNESS, STITCHES, LAMENESS, CRAMP, TWISTS AND TWITCHES, ALL DECAMP WHEN YOU APPLY ST. JACOBS OIL. PRICE 25 AND 50 CENTS.

OLD CAPT. CACK'S QUESTION.

Somewhat Pointed, But it Denoted Quick Intelligence.

Pierce Jay, the commissioner of banks of Massachusetts, at the American Bankers' association's convention in St. Louis, advocated a better accounting system.

"But above all," said Mr. Jay, in a discussion of his idea, "we want intelligence, if embezzlement is to be thoroughly put down. Systems are good, but intelligence is better, and in cashiers and tellers and book-keepers and note clerks we want the same keen, quick intelligence that characterized old Capt. Hiram Cack, of Gloucester."

"Cack lay very ill. One day he got down-hearted, feeling that his case was hopeless."

"I fear, doctor," he said, "there isn't much hope for me."

"Oh, yes, there is," the doctor answered. "Three years ago I was in your condition precisely, and look at me now."

"Cack, intelligent and alert, said quickly:

"What doctor did you have?"

Advertisement for Castoria, featuring a large image of the word 'CASTORIA' and the signature of Dr. H. Fletcher. Text: For Infants and Children. In Use For Over Thirty Years. The Kind You Have Always Bought.

Complaint is generally despicable, always worse than unavailing.—Carlyle.

How to Trap Wild Animals.

40 page trap book illustrated, picture 46 wild animals in natural colors, also barometer and calendar, also gun & trap catalog, also prices on raw furs. All sent post paid for 10c. stamps or silver. Address Fur Dept. N. W. Hyde & Fur Co., Minneapolis, Minn.

Kinsmen of Immortal George.

Many kindred of George Washington dwell on and about the original Washington plantation in Westmoreland county, Virginia. The present occupant of the plantation is named George Washington.

STATE OF OHIO, CITY OF TOLEDO, ss. FRANK J. CHENEY makes oath that he is senior partner of the firm of F. J. CHENEY & CO., doing business in the City of Toledo, County and State aforesaid, and that said firm will pay the sum of ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS for each and every case of CATARRH that cannot be cured by the use of HALL'S CATARRH CURE.

Sworn to before me and subscribed in my presence, this 6th day of December, A. D. 1888. A. W. GLEASON, Notary Public.

Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally and acts directly on the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. Send for testimonials, free. F. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, O. Sold by all Druggists. Take Hall's Family Pills for constipation.

Restored by American Money.

Charlton, the ancestral home of the earl of Suffolk, is once more the scene of glories of the olden time since the marriage of the earl and Miss Daisy Leiter. It is a fine Jacobean mansion of dark sandstone, with mullioned windows and carved stone portals, and contains many treasures of art, including the family portraits.

Tallest American Soldier.

The distinction of being the tallest man in the United States army belongs to Ernest D. Peck, a first lieutenant in the engineer corps. He is six feet four and a half inches in height. Lieutenant Peck is a native of Wisconsin and was graduated from the Oshkosh high school. Lieutenant Peck is now on duty at Yellowstone Park, Wyoming, and has supervised the building of a military road known as Peck's Pike. He is called Pike's Peak by his comrades in the service.

Advertisement for Dodds' Kidney Pills, featuring a picture of the pill box and the text: DODD'S KIDNEY PILLS. CURE FOR ALL KIDNEY DISEASES. RHEUMATISM, BRUISES, DIABETES, BACKACHE, GRAVEL, GOUT, NEURALGIA, MIGRAINE, HEADACHE, STOMACH DYSPEPSIA, BILIOUSNESS, AND ALL AFFECTIONS OF THE URINARY SYSTEM.

Advertisement for Portland Cement, featuring a picture of a cement bag and the text: PORTLAND CEMENT BOOK TELLS HOW TO MAKE CEMENT \$1.50. Waterproof Building Blocks, Fence Posts, Side Walls, Bridges, Roofs, Floors, etc. Write for Descriptive Literature. Cement Institute, St. Louis, Mo. AGENTS WANTED.

What is Pe-ru-na? Is it a Catarrh Remedy, or a Tonic, or is it Both?

Some people call Peruna a great tonic. Others refer to Peruna as a great catarrh remedy. Which of these people are right? Is it more proper to call Peruna a catarrh remedy than to call it a tonic?

Our reply is that Peruna is both a tonic and a catarrh remedy. Indeed, there can be no effectual catarrh remedy that is not also a tonic.

In order to thoroughly relieve any case of catarrh, a remedy must not only have a specific action on the mucous membranes affected by the catarrh, but it must have a general tonic action on the nervous system.

Catarrh, even in persons who are otherwise strong, is a weakened condition of some mucous membrane. There must be something to strengthen the circulation, to give tone to the arteries, and to raise the vital forces.

Perhaps no vegetable remedy in the world has attracted so much attention from medical writers as HYDRASTIS CANADENSIS. The wonderful efficacy of this herb has been recognized many years, and is growing in its hold upon the medical profession. When joined with CUBEBS and COPAIBA a trio of medical agents is formed in Peruna which constitutes a specific remedy for catarrh that in the present state of medical progress cannot be improved upon. This action, reinforced by such renowned tonics as COLLINSONIA CANADENSIS, COEYDALIS FORMOSA and CEDRON SEED, ought to make this compound an ideal remedy for catarrh in all its stages and locations in the body.

From a theoretical standpoint, therefore, Peruna is beyond criticism. The use of Peruna, confirms this opinion. Numberless testimonials from every quarter of the earth furnish ample evidence that this judgment is not over enthusiastic. When practical experience confirms a well-grounded theory the result is a truth that cannot be shaken.

Join the Navy

Mechanics between the ages of 21 and 25 will find good positions open to them, and for young men between 17 and 25, who possess no trade, there is good opportunity for advancement. A full outfit of clothing free and liberal pay to commence with. Mail or write U. S. NAVY RECRUITING STATION, West 6th St. and Superior Ave., CLEVELAND, O., and U. S. NAVY RECRUITING STATION, P. O. Building, BUFFALO, N. Y.

Advertisement for 100% Profit, featuring a picture of a newspaper and the text: 100% PROFIT. WANTED—EVERYWHERE. WIRE MANUFACTURERS. GREENSBORO, N. C.

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Advertisement for Ely's Cream Balm, featuring a picture of the balm box and the text: A Positive CATARRH CURE. Ely's Cream Balm. Gives Relief at Once. It cleanses, soothes, heals and protects the diseased membrane. It cures Catarrh and drives away a Cold in the Head quickly. Restores the Senses of Taste and Smell. Full size 50c, at Druggists or by mail; Trial Size 10c, by mail. Ely Brothers, 56 Warren Street, New York.

Advertisement for Buffalo A. L. O. Paints, featuring a picture of a paint can and the text: PAINT. There's more in paint than the mixing of colors, lead and oil. Best results can be had only from best ingredients, accurate balance of their proportions, and the best method of mixing or assimilation. But most important of all is the grinding process. Upon the fineness depend in large degree the smoothness and covering capacity of a paint. Buffalo A. L. O. Paints (AGED LINSEED OIL) are ground through powerful mills of special construction; they contain the purest and most lasting pigments ground in Aged Linseed Oil in correct proportion; they are honestly made; cost no more than inferior paints, and possess all the essential qualities of a Perfect Paint. Ask your dealer for Buffalo A. L. O. Ready-Mixed Paints. If he cannot supply you send direct to Manufacturers for prices and folders containing valuable information and chart of 50 up-to-date shades. Buffalo Oil Paint & Varnish Co. BUFFALO, N. Y. CHICAGO, ILL.

Advertisement for Capisicum Vaseline, featuring a picture of a tube of ointment and the text: NO MORE MUSTARD PLASTERS TO BLISTER. THE SCIENTIFIC AND MODERN EXTERNAL COUNTER-IRRITANT. CAPISICUM VASELINE. EXTRACT OF THE CAYENNE PEPPER PLANT. A QUICK, SURE, SAFE AND ALWAYS READY CURE FOR PAIN—PRICE 15c—IN COLLAPSIBLE TUBES—AT ALL DRUGGISTS AND DEALERS. OR BY MAIL ON RECEIPT OF 15c. IN POSTAGE STAMPS. DON'T WAIT TILL THE PAIN COMES—KEEP A TUBE HANDY. A substitute for and superior to mustard or any other plaster, and will not blister the most delicate skin. The pain-killer and curative qualities of the article are wonderful. It will stop the toothache at once, and relieve Headache and Sciatica. We recommend it as the best and safest external counter-irritant known, also as an external remedy for pains in the chest and stomach and all Rheumatic, Neuralgic and Gouty complaints. A trial will prove what we claim for it, and it will be found to be invaluable in the household and for children. Once used no family will be without it. Many people say "it is the best of all your preparations." Accept no preparation of vaseline unless the same carries our label, as otherwise it is not genuine. SEND YOUR ADDRESS AND WE WILL MAIL OUR VASELINE PAMPHLET WHICH WILL INTEREST YOU. CHESEBROUGH MFG. CO. 17 STATE STREET, NEW YORK CITY.