BEAUTIFUL ISLANDS.

Lanai and Niihau of the Hawaiian Group.

Interesting Facts About a Delightful Retreat for Tourists—Some of the Features of the Islands.

The island of Lanai, with its delightful climate, is one of the most interesting of the Hawaiian islands. It is the principal sheep-growing district of the kingdom, and from it are chiefly drawn the mutton supplies for Honolulu. The island, according to the New York Sun, is about ten miles from Lahaina, and some seventy-two miles by way of the latter from Honolulu. It has an extreme breadth of twenty-two miles, with a width at its broadest part of thirteen miles, while the highest point of its ring-shaped mountain ridges has an altitude of 3,500 feet above sea level. To the visitor approaching it by sea, Lanai has by no means an inviting appearance, the brown slopes rising toward the inner range in almost every direction, giving no indication of the rich grass-covered land which lies beyond, or of the timber and shrub-covered ridges and ravines with which it is interspersed. Nevertheless, some 45,000 or 50,000 sheep and lambs here fatten upon the succulent grasses, as well as some 600 horses, 500 horned cattle, and goats and hogs. Wild turkeys almost without number also inhabit the island. During ten months there were shipped from this island some 5,000 sheep and numbers of cattle and horses. Very large quantities and an excellent quality of wool are also clipped here and shipped to the United States, England and other countries.

Lanai is noted for the extent and character of its fisheries. It was once the favorite fishing resort of Hawaiian royalty. The island is sixth in point of size of the group, and in common with its sister isles is clearly and unmistakably of volcanic origin. The round and landlocked valley of Palawai, with its grassy plain containing more than ten thousand acres of rich soil, was in ages past the crater of a great volcano, which, after the great upheaval which forced the chain upward through and above the waters, still served as a vent for the molten mass and gases beneath the earth's crust. The island is also unique in that it is the only one of the group which has a coral reef on the windward side. The Kanaka population is now in the neighborhood of two hundred and fifty, who are engaged in cultivating small patches, in sheep herding and in fishing. One of the places of interest here is the native temple where, in the old days, the heathenish rites were wont to be performed.

Lanai is in places well supplied with water; there are springs and several small streams in ravines, and upon the beach in different places wells have been sunk which furnish a liberal supply of fresh water. There is one perpetual river, or rivulet, which flows through the ravine of Maunalei. The lovers of the grand and beautiful in nature will here find much to gratify, and the botanist especially will obtain much food for study and entertaining research among the numerous canyons covered with shrubs and forests.

The island of Niihau is the eighth in size of the islands composing the Hawaiian archipelago, and the last of any importance from a commercial, agricultural or stock-raising standpoint. It lies to the southwest of Kauai, whence it is reached after an at times agreeable passage by steamer, or the traveler whose time is valuable can cross the narrow passage which separates it from that island by the ever-convenient whaleboat. The islet has an area of about 70,000 acres, or something over 109 square miles. It was once more thickly populated, but is now little more than a large sheep ranch, and the population consists chiefly of shepherds and employes of the firm. A fine grass which is indigenous here and is not to be found elsewhere, though closely resembling the Guayaquil grass, used in the manufacture of Panama hats, was formerly woven into Niihau mats, which were noted for their great delicacy and softness. These mats were woven in different designs and colors, and were really beautiful. They are now very rare, and of late years the price, which formerly ranged from $5 to $10 or so apiece, has advanced in an almost exorbitant degree. Shells of great beauty and of many varieties are found upon the shores, and those with a reddish, coral-colored seed are gathered by the not over-industrious natives, and, being strung into necklaces and similar ornaments, are disposed of to their fellow-countrymen and to foreigners. Considerable taste and ingenuity are displayed in the manufacture of these pretty articles, and as tourists are, as a rule, ready to pay liberally for curiosities, the natives derive a considerable income from their sale.

POPULAR SCIENCE.

A TON of sea water is supposed to contain about fourteen grains of gold.

THUNDER storms are more frequent in Java than in any other part of the world, there being an average of ninety-seven days in each year upon which they occur.

IT is noted in the Mediterranean Naturalist that upwards of sixty per cent of the earthquakes that have been recorded have occurred during the six colder months of the year—the maximum number in January and the minimum number in July.

IN the southern part of the Indian ocean, between twenty and fifty degrees east longitude, Dr. Schott says that a cold Antarctic current has greater influence than has been attributed to it on the maps. Its effects are plainly manifest far to the north by abnormally low temperatures, the northern drift of icebergs and the low salinity of the water.

A LITTLE OF ALL SORTS

THE United States has nearly 200 active geysers.

A WHALE develops 145 horse power when it flops its tail.

THE average length of life is greater in Norway than in any other country on the globe.

BARBERS usually gamble with the money earned by shaving dead men. It brings luck, they say.

THERE is about four hours and forty-five minutes difference in time between New York and Liverpool.

SINCE 1840 thirty-seven vessels of which a part of the name was "City of" have been wrecked or lost.

TWO HUNDRED dogs are annually doomed to death in an English university for physiological experiments.

UNDER THE EARTH.

AN ice cave is a natural curiosity at Vergy, Savoy.

THE water in a mine at Ashland, Mich., is said to be full of eyeless fish.

THE canyon of the Colorado is 300 miles long, and the cliffs on either side from 5,000 to 6,000 feet above the water.

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GREEK WOMEN GROW FAT.

Too Much Indoor Existence and Generally Sedentary Life Responsible.

An English or an American visiting Greece for the first time is struck, sooner or later, by a certain dullness in the street life of its towns, which it may take him some little time to define and trace to its real cause. At length, and suddenly, the fact comes home to him that there are few, if any, women visible among the foot passengers. No wonder, he reflects, that the streets should appear dull to him, shorn as they are of all the variety that woman's presence and dress ever lends to the thoroughfares of countries farther west. In Greece, according to the Pall Mall Budget, it is only toward evening, and then for but a brief period, that the fair sex take an outing, unless the pressure of some urgent business should compel them to flit rapidly through the throng of men who at other times monopolize the streets. Nor will a foreigner meet with them serving in the shops, the restaurants or the cafes; they will still be conspicuous by their absence. In fact, unless he visit them in the privacy of their homes he will scarcely do more than catch an occasional glimpse of them at the upper windows of some private dwelling-house or shop, where, when the weather is seasonable, they will sit reading and sewing, and craning their necks out to watch the passers-by below. The effects of this sedentary life, so antagonistic to our English faith in open air and exercise, are very marked on the fair forms of the Grecian women.

An embonpoint, but not to designate it by the more vulgar term, corpulence, is the most apparent result of this indoor existence; but this tendency to gross flesh is an attraction to the modern Greek, who, like the Turk, finds in superfluous fat an additional beauty. To every country its standard of female loveliness. For Greece the typical woman may be roughly sketched thus: She is short, broad and stout, of a pale, creamy complexion, with dark hair, beautiful eyes and features fairly regular, but not classical. The prevailing impression that she leaves upon the Englishman is that she has (whisper the words) a squat figure.

But to quit the towns, where it will be seen that women play but a small part in public life, and to turn to the rural districts of Greece. Here woman takes a more active part in everyday life. She it is who draws the water, brings in the wood that the men have felled in the forest, or who gaudily earns her wages as a day laborer in the maize or corn field. In the burning summer, in the icy winter, she is ever to the fore, working, working, with her veil hanging loosely over her head, ready to be folded across her mouth should a strange man approach. It is a matter for thought how wide-spread even now among the country districts is this old custom of veiling the lower part of the face at the approach of an unknown member of the opposite sex. It is one sign among many that it is not so very long since the Turks were masters of this "purple land, where law secures not life."

FIFTY-ONE DAYS UNDER SNOW

The Experience of a Russian Girl, Who Is Alive to Tell Her Story.

An account has been received at St. Petersburg of a remarkable experience that befell a young girl named Alexandrina Schilikine, seventeen years of age, who was recently discovered lying in a state of complete exhaustion near the village of Bogorodskaia, in the province of Moscow. She relates that she fell asleep one evening on a heap of straw, and on waking some hours afterward found herself lying under a mass of snow that had fallen during the night and enveloped her to the depth of some three feet. All the girl's attempts to extricate herself proved unavailing, and she remained buried among snow and straw for fifty-one days, her only nourishment during that time being a few morsels of bread that she happened to have with her. When at length rescued, the girl was, of course, found to be in a state of most complete inanition, and it required several days of constant care and nursing to restore her strength. On recovering she stated that she had not experienced any excessive cold and had only occasionally been relieved with shivering. She suffered much however, from hunger, and, after her few crusts of bread were eaten, supported life by sucking the snow. The girl also described the anguish which she felt on finding that no one heard her piteous, half-stifled cries for help whenever the sound of footsteps in the neighborhood of her living sepulcher fell upon her ears.

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WOMEN WHO WRITE.

HARRIET BEECHER STOWE is reported by a New York paper to have so far lost her strength of mind as to sit for hours cutting out paper dolls like a little girl. She has good health, which improves as her intellect diminishes.

MRS. ROBERT LOUIS STEVENSON is a portly, gray-haired woman, who was a grandmother when she became Mr. Stevenson's wife. She is a remarkably clever woman, a talented writer and a chatty and cheerful conversationalist.

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Each Man His Own Chandelier.

A curious scene is witnessed during the winter months in the parish church of Capel-le-Ferne, Kent, England. There are no means of lighting this church, so that the worshipers are required to carry their own lights, and it is no uncommon sight to see a member of the congregation standing during the singing of the hymns with book in one hand and a candle or lamp in the other

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Workmen were hoisting stone next door to Frankie's house, where a new building was going up, the motive power being a small engine. The signal of hoisting was given by the sound of a whistle, and the man to whom fell the duty of blowing this stood out of sight of the engine attendant.

One day Frankie and a small friend were standing as close to the rope as they were allowed to come when the whistler was called away for a moment. The man who made the stone fast went for a drink, and the two boys crept up to the tackle.

Unluckily the other boy spied the whistle lying on a timber, and just as Frankie had seized the rope his friend gave a shrill blast.

The engine inside the shed began to puff, and, with a squeal, up went Frankie into the air. The workmen came running, shouting to the attendant to reverse the machine, and to the boy not to let go. The lad was up to the second story before he could be stopped, but here a carpenter managed to seize him and draw him unhurt into a window.

"You did well to hold on, little fellow," he said, as he got the boy into safety.

"Oh, I had to," Frankie answered: "mother told me not to fall into the mud with my new clothes."—Boston Globe.

Sentiment Frozen by Vigorous Words.

"What a lovely boy!" she exclaimed, bending an enraptured gaze upon a pretty five-year-old playing on the green turf of Riverside.

The whole party paused and petted him, and a fat little pampered poodle nosed the youngster jealously. "And the lad, with his golden curls, blue eyes and aristocratic features, was certainly a pretty sight. He was dressed in a velvet Eton jacket and cocked hat with an ostrich feather in it, and his fond mamma, sitting on the nearest bench, drank in the glances of admiration and words of praise as sweetest incense to her soul.

"Oh, you dear child!" cried another of the ladies.

"Come away, Fido—he won't bite you, dear." Still the lad looked on the pudgy dog doubtfully.

"What would you do if you had a nice little dog like that?" inquired the lady at the end of the ribbon.

"I—I'd knock the everlasting stuffing out of him!" promptly responded the little chap. Whereat his fond mamma turned crimson.

"Come on, Fido," said the owner of the dog, stiffly. But the rest of the party looked as if in hearty approval of this sentiment. Especially the solemn young man who was with them.—Pittsburgh Dispatch.

A Sensation of the First Water.

A very funny occurrence took place recently in southwestern Oregon, near the Del Norte county line. The Crescent City Record publishes each week a batch of items taken from its files of thirty-eight years ago. A short time since the story of the Indian massacre of settlers on the Klamath river was recounted. A subscriber of the Record living at Gold Beach, Ore., read the blood-curdling story, but neglected to notice that it was an event that occurred almost forty years ago. Fancying that the massacre had just taken place and there was danger of a general outbreak, he at once proceeded to rouse the neighborhood. Notices were posted, a public meeting called and a company of volunteers organized to proceed at once to take the field against the bloodthirsty Indians. Finally the idea struck some one that it would be well to communicate with Crescent City and ascertain the exact state of affairs. The fact was then developed that the originator of the movement was nearly four decades behind in his history.—San Francisco Chronicle.

LITERARY NOTES.

M. PIERRE LOTI has a penchant for dedicating his books to prominent ladies.

CHARLES A. DANA and David M. Stone are the only editors of daily papers in New York city who are past middle life.

IT is said that James Whitcomb Riley talks in his sleep. That probably explains why the genial poet has refrained from entering the matrimonial state.—Rochester Herald.

DR. CONAN DOYLE, the novelist, began life as an eye specialist, but his success as a story teller has induced his abandonment of the medical profession. He is a Scotchman, thirty-four years old.

DR. JOHN MACKINTOSH, author of the "History of Civilization in Scotland," to whom $750 has just been granted from Royal Bounty, was originally a working shoemaker. He struck literature as a last resort and stuck to it.

EUROPEAN NOBLEWOMEN.

QUEEN ANNE, of England, was extremely fond of brandy, and her face became so bloated that among the populace she was known as "Brandy Faced Nan."

THE dowager duchess of Sutherland was lately committed to prison for six weeks on sentence for contempt of court. She had burned some papers used in evidence in a trial concerning her husband's will.

THE princess of Wales has, perhaps, invented almost as many novelties as those in the knickknack trade. She drew with her own hand the plan for the pocket smoking case which the prince carries everywhere with him.

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THAT a taste for liquor is one of the symptoms of genius.

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THAT cat music isn't strong enough to penetrate a brick wall.

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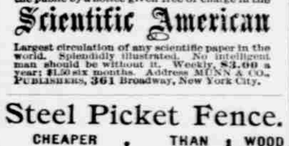

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