

A ROUGH SEA.

ON BOARD THE MONITOR EN ROUTE TO HAMPTON ROADS.

The Iron Clad's Battle with the Waves—Narrow Escapes From a Watery Grave—Commander S. Dana Green's Letter—Extracts.

[United Service.]

UNITED STATES STEAMER MONITOR, HAMPTON ROADS, March 11, 1862.—MY DEAR MOTHER: I commence this now, but I don't know when I shall finish, as I have to write it at odd moments when I can find a minutes rest, when I bid Charlie good night on Wednesday, the 5th, I confidently expected to see you the next day, as I then thought it would be impossible to finish our repairs on Thursday, but the mechanics worked all night, and at 11 a. m. we started down the harbor, in company with the gunboats Saccam and Currituck. We went along very nicely, and when we arrived at Governor's island the steamer Seth Low came alongside and took her in tow. We went out past the narrows with a light wind from the west and very smooth water. The weather continued the same all Thursday night, I turned out at 6 o'clock Friday morning, and from that time until Monday at 7 p. m. I think I lived ten good years. About noon the wind freshened and the sea was quite rough. In the afternoon the sea was breaking over our decks at a great rate, and coming in our hawse pipe forward in perfect floods. Our berth-deck latch leaked in spite of all we could do, and the water came down under the tower like a waterfall. It would strike the pilot-house and go over the tower in most beautiful curves. The water came through the narrow eye-holes in the pilot-house with such force as to knock the helmsman completely around from the wheel. At 4 p. m. the water had gone down our smoke-stacks and blowers to such an extent that the blowers gave out and the engine-room was filled with gas.

Then, mother, occurred a scene I shall never forget. Our engineers behaved like heroes, every one of them. They fought with the gas, endeavored to get the blowers to work, until they dropped apparently dead. I was nearly suffocated with the gas, but got on deck, after every one had left the engine-room, just in time to save myself. Three firemen were in the same condition as the engineers. Their times looked rather blue. We had no fear as long as the engine could be kept going to pump out the water, but when that stopped the water increased rapidly. I immediately rigged the hand pump on the berth deck, but as we were obliged to lead the hose out over the towers there was not force enough in the pump to throw water out. Our only resource now was to bail, and that was useless, as we had to pass the buckets up through the tower, which made it a very long operation. What do you now we did not know. We had done all in our power, and must let things take their own course. Fortunately the wind was off-shore, so we hailed the tug boat and told them to steer directly for the shore, in order to get in smooth water.

A Sensible Boy. [Arkansas Traveller.] An old farmer whose son, having gone to a show was much lacerated in consequence of having "fooled" around "the lion's cage, in speaking of the affair, said: "You see Lige he thought that the lion was asleep 'n' gutter tickle his foot. The lion wa'n't asleep. "The lion tore off your son's arm, I believe. "Yes, his left arm. Oh, Lige he is putty sensible 'n' of that's got to be any chawin', he altho' hands out his left arm. Jes' think of it will you? Ef it had a been his right arm it woulder 'sc'ited him for life. Wy, when it come to tryin' fodder he wouldenter been with a continental. Oh, that boy has got sense."

How to Mend a Meerschaum. [Bridford (Me.) Journal.] A smoker of the place happened to drop a handsome meerschaum pipe from his knees to the floor, and the stem parted in the middle. His friends immediately expressed their sympathy with him, but the man was not in the least disturbed by the disaster. He simply drew his knife from his pocket, extracted blood from his arm with one of the keen blades, and rubbing the broken ends of the pipe in the fluid placed them together, and laid the article on a table to dry. It was a novel experiment, but it is said that it will work successfully every time, and that if a pipe is once broken and cemented with blood it will never again part in that place.

The Labrador Glacial Current. [Scientific Exchange.] German sea captains have filed in Berlin reports from which appears that the glacial Labrador current is annually protruding further and further south, crowding the gulf stream out of its wonted spring course. So great is the southward sweep of the glacial current that when the buoy attached to the broken end of the Atlantic cable of 1865 got adrift it was found to have traveled nearly due south a distance of 600 miles in seventy six days in opposition to the gulf stream.

A New Sewing Machine. [Chicago Herald.] A Brooklyn mechanic, has invented a wonderful sewing machine, which, it is claimed, will do 80 per cent. more work than any machine now in the market. An experiment with steam power moved it with a speed of 2,200 stitches a minute, and was started and stopped instantly. It is simple in construction, is easily operated, and sews all kinds of fabrics, from leather to fine linen.

The Proper Pronunciation. [Chicago Journalist.] A theatrical manager, speaking of the proper pronunciation of the word drama, says: "It depends upon what part of the country one is in. In Boston, I call it drawmah, in New York dramas, in Philadelphia drama, in Chicago drammer, but in St. Louis, in order to make myself solid with the citizens, I have to talk about the drammy."

True to Nature. [Ark. H. Sweet's "Siftings."] "Now, Uncle Gabe, if you have got anything on your heart, say it last wish, speak out," said Rev. Whangdoodle Baxter to an old negro who had only a few hours to live. "I ain't got no last wish 'cept dat I wants ter get well."

He Drank the Hair Dye. [At the Larcose.] He found, his hair was leaving him at the top of his head, and took his barber to task about it: "You sold me two bottles of stuff to make the hair grow. It is very strange it won't grow again, I said the modern Fignay, 'I got it understood it.' "Look here," said 'Alino, "I don't mind drinking another bottle, but this must be the last."

FIDUCIARY TRUSTS.

A System Often Botomped Upon Hypocrisy and Jeopardized by Carelessness. [Gath's New York Letter.]

How few men are fit to be presidents of banks or of anything else! The whole system of fiduciary trusts is botomped upon hypocrisy. The law provides for directors, and the directors hardly ever attend to the business. In this city it is usual in most of the corporations to put upon the directors a plate \$5, \$10 or \$20 for every meeting, as a temptation to attend, or as a recognition of the attendance. This money some shrewd old misers who are in these boards of directors take with greed and pay no further attention to the proceedings of the board. Some of these men are worth half a million, but it is so delightful to them to get an unexpected \$10 as a gratuity that they would probably stand on a street corner like a beggar, with hand or hat out, for the same amount of money. Yet if the bank should make a mistake and one of these directors be held responsible, as was done in Scotland not long ago, it would be as hard to get directors out of rich society as to find sinners in the synagogue, or synagogues in the sinners.

Who supposes that our banks are kept perfectly square and straight all the time? Their business has to be parceled out among half a dozen to twenty tellers, bookkeepers, note clerks, etc. The president is supposed to decide, by the aid of his executive committee of directors, upon the amount and character of every loan and of its security. This is easy enough for two or three months, but when one of the banks has passed through the long revolution of years, and its accounts are kept in huge books, and some loans are renewed and re-renewed until they have been running and paying interest for years, while others are day loans or call loans made on stocks which may be called for every hour, it can be seen that the duty of a bank president and of his directors is no child's play.

The bank nominally opens, as far as the public see it, at 9 or 10 o'clock in the morning and shuts at 3, but really the clerks in that bank are there at 8 o'clock and often stay till after 6. Every thing which the bank lends must be represented by something in its business. These possessions generally consist of paper, sometimes in the form of bonds or stock, and again mere notes with indorsements, and the space which can be given to all these shifting and changing pieces of paper is not very large compatible with safe binding, and hence the method requisite in a bank is equal to that in a railroad engineer or conductor.

In this country to lose a life is of less account than to lose one's money. The engineer runs over a man, and the coroner's jury talk about it and have it explained by a lawyer, and that is the end unless the railroad company shall be sued, and forthwith it shows all the tenacity of money, and contests the damages with a splendor which would have saved the man's life originally had the same exertions been made.

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LOVE'S HARVESTING.

[Alfred Austin.]

Nay, do not quarrel with the seasons dear, Nor make an enemy of friendly Time, The fruit and foliage of the falling year Rival the buds and blossoms of its prime. Is not the harvest moon as round and bright As that to which the nightingales did sing? And thou, to at call'st thyself my satellite, Wilt seem in Autumn all thou art in Spring.

When earliest sunshine follows fitful rain, And gleam the sickle where once passed the plow, Since tender green hath grown to mellow grain, Love then will gather what it scattereth now, And, like contented reaper, rest its head Upon the sheaves it elf hath harvested.

Celluloid Versus Linen. [New York Mail and Express.] "Celluloid cuffs and collars are worn more generally now than ever before," said a wholesale and retail dealer on Broadway to a reporter. "How do you account for that fact?" "It is simply a question of economy. Washing is a high price almost as much to launder a pair of linen cuffs and collars as it does to buy them. The celluloid articles can be cleaned perfectly at no cost within two minutes. When celluloid cuffs were first made they were too thick and rattled too audibly when they came in contact with any hard substance. This was quite objectionable. But now those manufactured are so thin and pliable and so much like linen that few people could detect their quality unless they felt them."

"Do you sell them principally in New York?" "A great celluloid trade is done in the west. The washerwomen out there must be either bad or hard to get, so the men wear celluloid cuffs and collars and save time, trouble and annoyance. You would be surprised if I told you some of the high toned men about town who wear them. They don't disguise the fact and swear they have gone back on linen collars as I cuffs forever. Celluloid goods always appear laundered, and never melt in hot weather. The big celluloid cuff and collar trade begins in the summer months. Youths going to Coney Island with their sweethearts want them and old men too. They are becoming so popular that I predict that within a year they will altogether supersede linen for collars and cuffs."

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COMPARATIVE WORTH OF BAKING POWDERS.

Table comparing various baking powders: ROYAL (Absolutely Pure), GRANT'S (Alum Powder), RUMFORD'S, HANFORD'S, REDHEAD'S, CHARM (Alum Powder), AMAZON (Alum Powder), CLEVELAND'S, PIONEER (San Francisco), CZAR, DR. PRICES, SNOW FLAKE (Groff's), LEWIS', PEARL (Andrews & Co.), HECKER'S, GILLET'S, ANDREWS & CO. "Regal", BULK (Powder sold loose), RUMFORD'S, when not fresh.

REPORTS OF GOVERNMENT CHEMISTS As to Purity and Wholesomeness of the Royal Baking Powder.

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* While the diagram shows some of the alum powders to be of a higher degree of strength than other powders ranked below them, it is not to be taken as indicating that they have any value. All alum powders, no matter how high their strength, are to be avoided as dangerous.

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