

AMONG THE PEOPLE OF ICELAND.

The Natives Devoted to Snuff and Strong Drink—Lack of Cleanliness—Names, Verith, thejor siler—May you be blessed, Upon entering or leaving a store or house, parting with a friend, or meeting an entire stranger on the road, this sentiment is always expressed. The national salutation is a kiss all round, friends and strangers alike, and in the country the custom is still followed, but like many other time-honored practices handed down from the days when Iceland, in several and great respects, was leading the world, this habit is fast disappearing at the capital. It is the rule of the road never to pass a person without a salutation, and in traveling one sees many affectionate greetings between the people, who, although very cordial to foreigners, have ceased, within the last few years, to extend their demonstrations toward them beyond the proffer of the snuff horn or brandy bottle, or perhaps a piece of rock candy or a few raisins they may have in the recesses of their pockets.

To see horns visaged men, often without dismounting from their ponies, earnestly embrace and kiss one another as affectionately as two parrots, strikes the stranger as decidedly Icelandic, especially when, as in almost every case their upper lips are crossed by two very prominent dark streaks, the result of the frequent use of snuff. After bussing each other in good round style, one of them produces a small horn, from which he empties at least a spoonful into his own large nostrils, and then passes it round, generally following it up with a small keg unstrapped from behind the saddle, or a bottle brought forth from the depths of an old stocking. Owing to the isolated lives they lead, the country people improve every opportunity to chat with those they meet, and after some time spent in the exchange of news and friendship's little commodities, they again embrace, catch their ponies, who have been allowed to stray, and once more take the road.

STUFF AND ALCOHOL. The ability of the average Icander to appropriate snuff is rarely equaled. Some where I have read of a Queen Charlotte, who, in accordance with the grace with which she did all things, and for which she was greatly envied by the ladies of her court, was in the habit of laying a train of snuff down the whole length of her white satin sleeve, and then with one sweep of her queenly nose, she would secure every particle. A few of these people empty a small mountain of the powder upon the back of the hand and transfer it to the nose, but the way is to apply the end of the snuff horn directly to the nostril, throw the head far back and by a shake of the horn, and "a long pull and a strong pull," obtain the desired quantity, of course treating the other nostril in the same way. It is needless to say that they enjoy the operation and that the removal of external traces is considered entirely unnecessary.

As for the drinking habit, it will be met with everywhere, but here it is certainly a great and universal obstacle to the advancement of the people. Every opportunity is improved to get "half seawater," and it is no uncommon thing to see a farmer hobnobbing with some chance acquaintance, in the shadow of a rock, while his pack-ponies, loaded with the wares for which he has bartered his year's produce, are scattered far along or straying from the road, and his riding-pony stands sleepily by, apparently understanding the situation. The Icelanders are seldom ugly or quarrelsome, nor can their time be reckoned as valuable, but the fact that not the least important of their scanty produce goes for drink and that they often lose in other ways through this habit, would, under other circumstances, condemn the custom upon grounds of economy and thrift.

HOUSING HABITS. In personal and household habits, these people are emphatically not clean, and culinary untidiness, together with entomological discomforts are not the least inconveniences of Icelandic travel. As regards wearing apparel, many of the people seem to have adopted the principle of the man who, every Saturday night, flung his socks against the wall. If they stick they were washed, otherwise they were good for another week. In towns, too, one every day sees practices that in almost any other country would cause the offenders to be fined at the hands of the law. But in regarding all this, great allowance must be made for the isolation of their country, and causes resulting from no fault of their own play an important part in the present condition of the people.

PERSONAL NOMENCLATURE here is still in its primitive stages. Only one name is given to a child, and that's all he ever gets. A boy or man is simply Jon or Olafur and further distinction is obtained by asking "whose son are you?" In writing, the father's name is added, as, Jon Sigurd's son, or Olafur Eythor's son. It will be seen, however, that there is no family name and that it is very difficult to trace one's ancestors if the genealogical thread is once lost. The son of Sigmundur is Ansgar Sigmundsson; his boy is, perhaps, Gili Ansgarsson, and in time the next generation will find Thomstein Gielsson, or as the name of the father is sometimes transposed and given to the eldest son, we may have in this case Ansgar Gielsson. The girls are Ragnhilda Pletturs Dottur or Thorhalla Felixdottur and are so known through life, only rarely discarding the national custom and taking the name of their husbands, which act, clearly enough, would make them somebody's son.—Heykjavik Cor. Atlanta Constitution.

Luxury for a Copper Coin. The Roman baths were supplied from stupendous aqueducts. The walls of their lofty apartments were covered with curious mosaics, that imitated the art of the pencil in the elegance of design and the variety of colors. The Egyptian granite was beautifully incrustured with the precious green marble of Numidia, the perpetual stream of hot water was poured into the spacious basins, through so many wide and masonry passages, with a small copper coin, the daily enjoyment of a scene of pomp and luxury which might excite the envy of the kings of Asia.—Philadelphia Call.

The Two Varieties of Ginger. Ginger is the root of a shrub first known in Asia, and now cultivated in the West Indies and Sierra Leone. The stem grows three or four feet high, and dies every year. There are two varieties of ginger—white and black—caused by taking more or less care in selecting and preparing the roots, which are always dug in winter, when the stems are withered. The white is best.—Philadelphia Call.

The first English newspaper ever published in Japan by a Japanese has just been issued in Yokohama.

The marquis of Lorne has applied for a patent for the improvement of bicycles.

PERSONAL REMINISCENCES OF JUMBO.

Anecdotes of the Great Elephant Told by His Keeper, Matthew Scott. I well remember when it was announced eighteen years ago, that an African elephant, with immense ears like folding arbor doors, would soon arrive, and the managers decided to put me in charge of him. There was great excitement when he boat arrived from Paris, and it seemed as if all the boys and girls in London would go to see him. The little elephant was a curiosity on account of his peculiar shape and big ears, and the members of several learned societies came to examine him. The name I gave him, Jumbo, had no particular significance; in fact, I don't think I had ever heard it.

From the natives where he was captured, it was learned that Jumbo was 5 years of age, and I took delight in selling the biggest elephant in the world. This I judged from the peculiar size and proportions of his bones in relation to the body, and I resolved soon after that I would make a study of feeding him. He was then sickly and in a bad state of health generally. Jumbo and myself were fast friends the first time we met and he would be governed by none of the other keepers. He was like a great good-natured boy, and he took a special fancy to children and ladies, and was never so happy as when he could carry a back-load of little ones around the park. His passengers included children of royalty and nobility, and as he grew rapidly, a larger saddle was necessary every few months.

One day as Jumbo was passing through a crowd he suddenly stopped and would not move an inch when I commanded him to proceed. From my seat in the saddle I observed that a lady below was much agitated as she came running toward Jumbo. Leaning over the side of the saddle, I saw that a child of 2 or 3 years had fallen in our pathway, and was lying between Jumbo's fore-feet. The beast would not stir until he had taken up the infant tenderly in his trunk and passed it over to the mother.

JUMBO GETTING LONESOME. Six years ago Jumbo had turns of fretfulness which alarmed the directors, and they even went so far as to purchase blunderbusses with which to shoot him if he became mad and unmanageable. I told them that elephants were social animals, and that what ailed Jumbo was the want of society with his own species. As Mr. Barnum had a score or two of elephants in his great American show, Mr. A. D. Bartlett, superintendent of the Zoological gardens, advised the sale of Jumbo at a greatly reduced price. Mr. Barnum offered \$10,000, and the directors accepted it, on the condition that he should take him as he stood, as they would run no risks of removing him. The bargain was made and it was one of the happiest days of my life when I found that I was to accompany my old friend across the water.

When Jumbo had got to be a good-sized boy another African elephant was brought to the Zoological gardens. This was a female, and we named her Alice. She is now there, and her age is 30 years, four years less than Jumbo's age. She is of the same build, and very affectionate, but does not display the same affection for children. Jumbo and Alice always went out together, and whenever he was taken for a promenade she was uneasy unless she could go too. Her affection for me was very marked, and when I return to England I expect to be greeted by her with cordial demonstrations of elephant pleasure. She was growing fast when I left her, and she has six or seven years to grow yet. The children call her now, as then, Jumbo's wife.

JUMBO'S SOCIAL TRAITS. Jumbo was unlike any other elephant in Mr. Barnum's great herd. It would never do to punish him or to force him to obey. Mr. Arthington held a hold sway over nearly fifty great animals (any one of which might yank him up and hurl him as a boy would a rat) solely because they fear him. Not so with Jumbo. He minded me because he loved me. Many years ago it was that he began to show his affection for me, and he never betrayed the confidence I placed in him. Whenever I could make my wishes known to him, he always obeyed. Like a child, he would sometimes be peevish and sullen, but at such times he would solicit me to pet him, and if I remained near, he would soon get over his ill-feeling.

We have traveled many thousands of miles together in the magnificent car built expressly for our use. My sleeping apartment was at one end of the car, and my bed was near Jumbo. Unless I was in it he would not go to sleep, no matter what hour of the night it might be. Sometimes I would take a short walk around the city after the exhibition was over for the day, and before the cars started for his bit of cake and beer, or whatever I had. He always shared my beer at night. Once I forgot to give him his portion, and after I had dropped asleep he put his trunk around me and lifted me out of my bed. I then recollected the nip of beer I had left in the mug, not enough to wet the old fellow's throat, but as soon as he got it he was satisfied.

He was mischievous, too, and oftentimes he would wait until I had fallen asleep and then carefully take off my bedclothes without awakening me. If it was cold weather I would find the quilts crowded in the ventilator overhead. I recollect finding my coat and vest carefully tucked into the grating of the car, out of my reach. I looked for them for half an hour, while Jumbo swung his trunk like an enormous pendulum, as he always did when expressing his delight. Finally he directed my attention to the grating, and at my request gave them back. Many times Jumbo has picked me up and placed me out of danger of various kinds to which he fancied I was exposed, and in several instances he saved my life. When the stampede of elephants took place last year he caught me in his trunk and held me a prisoner between his fore feet until the general alarm had subsided.

I do not like to review the details of Jumbo's sudden death. He showed his affection for me to the last moment, and it seems that he realized the danger to which I was exposed. He first took care, as he saw the fatal train coming, that I should be saved, and quickly put me out of Jumbo's way. Then he as quickly rolled down the embankment away from the track, and in so doing lost so much time that the engine was upon him before he could move away. He was a king, and he faced death like a king. The locomotive struck him on the head, fracturing his skull.—Matthew Scott in Harper's Young People.

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