

ALASKA'S CAPITAL.

THE CURIOUS OLD TOWN OF SITKA, FORMERLY NEW ARCHANGEL.

First Impressions of the Settlement—No Place Like Home—The Castle and the Cathedral—Logs in the Primeval Forest.

We were picking our way through a perfect wilderness of islands on the lookout for the capital, of which we had read and heard so much. Surely the Alaskan pilot must have the eye and the instinct of a seahorse or he could never find a port in that labyrinth.

In the grayest of gray days we came to Sitka, and very likely for this reason found it a disappointment at first sight. Certainly it looked dreary enough as we approached it—a little cluster of tumble-down houses scattered along a bleak and rocky shore.

I began to wonder if these solemn spectators that were grouped along the dock were ghosts materialized for the occasion; if the place were literally dead—dead as the ancient Russian cemetery on the hill, where the white crosses with their double arms, the upper and shorter one slanting, shone through the sad light of the waning day.

No Place Like Home. We also brought home a little Russian chap who had been working down at Fort Wrangell, and having made a fortune—it was a fortune in his eyes—was coming back to stay in the land of his nativity.

At the top of the town is the Northwest Trading Company's store—how we learned to know these establishments. Some scoured it for a first choice and got the pick of the wares, but here, as elsewhere, we found the same motley collection of semi-barbaric bric-a-brac—brilliantly painted Indian paddles spread like a sunburst against the farther wall; beaps of wooden masks and all the fantastic carvings which to the aborigines delight in and in which they almost excel.

At the top of Katalan's rock, on the edge of the sea, stands the Colonial castle, a huge wooden structure, looking more like a barrack than a castle. At the foot of the rock are the barracks and custom house. A thin sprinkling of marines, a few foreign-looking citizens—the full-fledged Bask of the unmistakable type is hard to find nowadays—and troupes of Indians give a semblance of life to this quarter.

At the top of the street stands the Russian Orthodox church, and this structure, with its quaint tower and spire, is really the lion of the place. St. Michael's was dedicated in 1844 by the venerable Ivan Veniaminoff, metropolitan of Moscow, for years priest and bishop at Oumsk and Sitka.

Prince Kraptokine's Brother. Alexander Kraptokine, who was persecuted by the Russian government into committing suicide at Tomsk last month, was a brother of the well-known Prince Peter Kraptokine. Although only 45 years old, he had translated many great English works into Russian, and was one of the foremost astronomers and meteorologists in Russia.

River Parties in France. At the river parties in France, where they are just now the fashion, fresh reeds are wreathed into ornamental devices to deck the table, and water lilies are the only flowers admissible. Further, the lady guests should wear "lake blue" or "river green" dresses, and have their hair floating over their shoulders in "water nymph" fashion.—Chicago Herald.

DEAD LEAVES—LOST HOPE.

This withered rose once lay on her breast; (A maid most fair is she.) My loving lips on its leaves are pressed, For she is dear to me.

PLAYERS HARD TO PLEASE

An Umpire Tells What He Knows About Chronic Baseball Kickers. Now the science of pitching curved balls has been carried so far that it is often difficult to decide whether the ball has actually gone over the plate or not.

Suppose you call this a strike. If the batter be one of the visiting team, the crowd receives your decision with noisy delight. He kicks and the crowd hisses him. But if he belongs to the home club the crowd desire to kill you and wish you an unpleasant time in the next world.

Indeed, one of the worst enemies of the umpire is the kicking player. In most instances it is he who gives the audience the cue for kicking. There are players, of course, who never say a word or make a move that would lead the audience to believe they would be dissatisfied with the umpire's ruling.

Others, again, are chronic kickers, who cannot help giving vent to their feelings in the excitement of the moment, and who, after the game, are repentant and beg the umpire's pardon for their conduct.

How to Eat Macaroni. At a crowded table d'hote on the west side a reporter was seated opposite a French gentleman whose repast had progressed as far as macaroni. After a polite salutation and a few words as to the weather the French gentleman said:

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LOADING A BIG SHIP.

AN INTERESTING SPECTACLE AT A NEW YORK WHARF.

A Word About Lighters—The Work of a Stevedore—How the Loading of a Vessel is Conducted—Shipping Merchandise, Heavy Bodies Handled with Ease.

A petroleum broker gets word from a firm in Valparaiso, Chili, that it wants 5,000 gallons of best refined petroleum, but can pay only 25 cents a gallon, delivered. He goes on "Change and finds that the best he can do is to get his oil from a New York company at 10 cents. After talking with this ship agent and that he chooses the most advantageous terms which he can find, which are 5 cents a gallon for freightage.

The oil safely aboard, the jolly captain and his jolly crew of one set their sail and bowl along at a snail's pace down the East River until they have alongside the Valparaiso ship. Then the jolly captain sticks his pipe in his husband and the loading of the oil begins.

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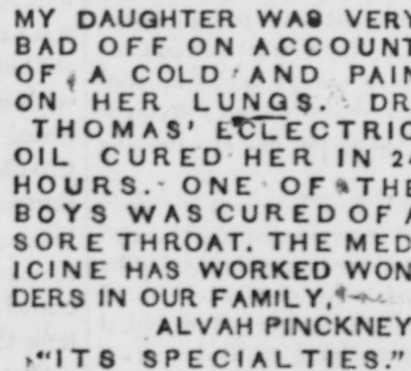
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