A Polar Bear For A Jailer.

Edmund Collins, in March St. Nicholas.

On the western coast of Greenland is a settlement called Upernavik. It is peopled partly by Eskimos and partly by Danes. In this settlement dwelt a Danish clergyman, Oaf Neilson by name, with a son and daughter; Oscar eighteen years old, and Hilda, sixteen.

In early summer, Oscar frequently went hunting walrus and seal, with his gun or spear. It is well known that this cold, cheerless coast is never without icebergs. One June an iceberg thus drifted straight to the mouth of the harbor of Upernavik. There it grounded, and the in-shore wind pressed it with great force up into the jaws of the harbor.

The sun honey-combed it, and left huge dark caves in many parts close to the water's edge, and into these caverns the sea went booming with a great sound.

Oscar and Hilda went off in their kayak to see it; and they noticed that the quiet pools which had formed in the caves where the resort of seals and walruses during part of the day.

"I shall have some good spearing there," said Oscar, as they turned their kayak toward home. So he ground his spear sharp, and oiled the barbs at the point, which was shaped like an arrow; bent a new line to the handle and the next day set out alone in the kayak.

Meanwhile, Hilda went up the valley for the goats. Her parting words to her brother were to be careful and to keep watch for bears, as this was a favorite haunt of the fierce polar bear.

Pulling his kayak up on the rocks, Oscar proceeded out to the berg, the base of which was not less than two acres in area, and from it rose to a considerable height two columns of dark blue ice somewhat resembling towers in form. One of these was honeycombed at the based and through the sides of the low flat mass upon which the tower rested were various openings, so that when an ocean swell came rolling in, it went through these perforations with a piping sound. He decided that he would enter the main cave at the base of the ice tower, hide there, and wait.

Moving along carefully, with the coil of line hanging upon his shoulders and the spear in his hand, he entered the dim, cold cave. The open space, Oscar told me, was about forty feet spare, and in the center of it, dipping eight or ten feet below the floor of the passageway, was a deep pool of water covering about half the area of the floor of the cave. Into this a large, square block of ice had fallen from the roof.

Has fortunate its presence was will soon appear!

Oscar crouched down on the cold gray ice, his spear grasped in his hand, and his coil of rope lying beside him with one end fastened to his wrist. A gurgling sound, as of hurrying water on the other side of the pool, came to him, and he watched and listened to make out the cause. Presently he saw two round black heads disappear as if they had gone through the ice at the place whence the sound came, and then four or five other heads of seals bobbed up, as if they had entered the little lake from that point. He knew then that it must be a passage leading to the sea.

But while the gurgling sound of the water came to him from the pool, he heard a slighter and different noise coming from the mouth of the cave by which he had entered. Turning, he saw, to his unspeakable horror, a huge polar bear, its shaggy hide dripping water! The beast had seen him and was skulking along toward him. Oscar turned and face it for a moment—but what could he do with his spear against such an assailant? The spear could never go through the shaggy coat and thick hide. How the animal's claws spread and stretched over the ice as it came along! Nearer and nearer it came, now crouching lower, its muzzle thrust out, and its claws stretching farther than ever from its feet.

There was only one course. Oscar sprang into the icy water, and in three or four strokes was close to the icecube. His spear and coil of rope were upon his shoulder, and by driving the spear into the hard blue cube he was enabled to get upon it. It was just large enough to bear his weight; but he was obliged to stand very still on the middle of it to prevent it from keeling to one side and sliding him into the water. It was almost as dark as night in the pool, and Oscar could see the two glowering eyes of the bear looking down upon him. But the beast did not come into the pool. It turned away from the brink, and for two hours—two hours of wet, and cold, and terror—Oscar did not see the bear again.

Then Oscar resolved to go to the top again and sprang into the water, climbing hastily by the easiest way to the floor of the cavern. To his utter dismay he saw the great brute lying on the ice close to the cave's mouth!

Hour after hour passed, until Oscar knew that it must be late in the afternoon, for the sun shone yellow on the ice beyond the mouth of the cavern. Still his savage jailer made no move; still Oscar sat, not moving from the lump of ice, thinking of the terror of Hilda at his long absence. Still another hour went by, and the golden glow on the outside began to turn gray, for the sun was below the hills that sheltered Upernavik.

Another half-hour of terror passed, and then Oscar saw the bear spring to its feet, thrust out its head, and make for the opening of the cavern. Oscar held his breath, and, peering out, saw a seal slowly crossing the great ice platform making for the rocks. The bear swiftly disappeared, making after this new prey, and you may be sure Oscar was not long in getting outside of this terrible dungeon.

What was Oscar's amazement presently to see the seal stand up, throw back the fur from its head and shoulders, and turn into a girl—yes, into his own dear sister Hilda! She shouted aloud and waved her handkerchief. The bear, evidently disconcerted, turned, ran limteringly up a gulch, and disappeared in a tangle of ground-firs. When the brother and sister met their joy was so great that neither could speak a word. Hilda, borrowing another kayak, had come to look for Oscar and had seen the bear at the mouth of the cave. At once suspecting the cause of her brother's absence, she went home, got the skin, and personated a seal, with the complete success I have recoiled.

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A Warning to Drunkards.

The supporters of the much disputed theory of spontaneous combustion have received fresh grounds of belief from the case of Milton Hardcastle, of Baltimore, whose remains were recently found nearly consumed in his shanty on the outskirts of that city. Hardcastle was an old negro of unknown age, enjoying a small income left him some years ago by his former owner, Colonel Eustace Hardcastle, and which went almost entirely for whisky. It is said that the negro consumed a gallon and a half a day, and would often buy and drink the pure alcohol in large quantities, often for days at a time partaking of no other nourishment. He lived all alone, being of a singular taciturn disposition, so that it was some days before he was missed, but his shanty was observed to remain closed and search being instituted he was found in his bed burned nearly to a crisp, while the mattress and clothes were only slightly scorched.

The room was in perfect order, and no trace of fire was found on the hearth, which was swept clean, and as Hardcastle was known to have been unique among negroes in never smoking the whole affair seemed shrouded in mystery. Dr. Everhardt was called upon by the authorities to make an investigation, and gave as his opinion that it was a case of spontaneous combustion. In this he has been supported by several other prominent physicians, who agree in declaring the circumstances admit of no other explanation.

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New York Sun: Never during his occupancy of the chair has he shown more nerve and calm self-possession than he did to-day. He grasped in his big, fat hand the gavel with which he has repeatedly pounded his desk during the past two sessions, and at seven minutes before noon he cast his cold gray eyes over the vast assemblage and addressed the house. Instantly the cry went up, "Order! Order!" in a moment the House was as still as a church and Mr. Reed proceeded to deliver his farewell address which, if nothing else can be said of it, was bold, original, and characteristic. The amazing coolness of the Speaker can be judged by the fact that he so timed his pauses that the end of his speech was reached when the hands of the clock pointed to the moment of 12, and without recourse to the time-honored custom of setting back the hands. The speech would probably have been delivered by any other man in the House in three minutes, but the Speaker was superlatively deliberate. He pronounced each word so that it could be heard in the furthermost end of the hall, and at some of the pauses the nasal twang of his New England voice echoed through the House. He did not speak defiantly, but he spoke most courageously, and even the Democrats, who were utterly ignored in the address, were not reluctant to praise the amazing audacity and pluck of the man, who, in the face of the action that the House had just before taken, could stand there in the place where he had so often before been denounced and deliver such a speech as he addressed to his Republican supporters and to the country.

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Dr. William Pepper, Provost of the University of Pennsylvania, according to the Philadelphia *Press*, is at the head of a movement for the formation of a commission whose object is to examine the brains of great men after death. The work has been going on for some time, and Dr. Pepper is daily in receipt of answers to letters sent to celebrities, not only in this country, but abroad, in furtherance of the scheme. Among the men at home who have been asked to place their brains for examination after death at the Commissioners' disposal is Rev. Philip Brooks, of Boston. His reply has been received, but whether or not the proposition has met with his approval is not announced. A roll of names is kept in a book, and as the answers come the writer's name is checked off with his assent or refusal. The scope of the plan of the commission includes men great in letters, warfare, statesmanship, art, discovery, money-getting; in fact, whoever has lifted himself by achievement conspicuously above his fellows will be asked to allow these men of science a glimpse of the gray matter, to determine if possible, what peculiar brain conformation, if any they possessed, led to eminent success in their careers. Dr. Pepper places great store by the result of these investigations. While the general outline of the plan has been determined there still remains much to be accomplished as to details. These will be arranged within two or three weeks, Dr. Pepper, hopes, when he will make the matter a subject of a paper in a medical magazine. Dr. Pepper said yesterday to a *Press* reporter: "I consider the work that the commission has before it one of vast importance. I hope soon to have all the arrangements in shape. Within two weeks I will have the officers of the commission named and possibly will have heard from some of our European communications."

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Ben Butler Predicts War.

Ben Butler, who has been in Washington a good deal of late, believes the time is approaching for the United States to have another war. He delivered himself of this opinion while discussing the Canadian question, but declined to further connect the opinion with the subject of conversation. When asked:

"Do you think the country beyond our northern boundary will ever be ours?" the General was not ready with a positive answer.

"If it ever is," said he, "it will be in one of three ways—by gift, by purchase, or by conquest. When we consider that in the vast country beyond the Canadian line lies by far the larger part of the fresh water of the entire globe, and that it is fully 40 per cent. of the territory over which floats the British flag, the man of intelligence will have some idea of the prospect of our getting the country as a gift from England, and he will be instructed, also, as to the probability of our getting it by purchase. As to our obtaining it by conquest, that is a great question, which men may study at their leisure."

Then General Butler drew attention to the fact that ever since we began to have a history every generation has seen the United States engaged in a war.

"Unless the inexorable logic of history is about to fail, the time when we will have the next war is not far off. With whom or about what it will be I do not attempt to say. It may be slow and somewhat out of time in coming, but that come it will is the certain lesson of all our history. It may solve the Canadian problem, or it may not have anything to do with it. Be that as it may, the fact remains that the almost boundless country stretching northward from the Canadian line is a vast empire, of superb climate, great capabilities for commerce and population—a territory that is rapidly developing at the present time, and is bound to develop still more rapidly from this time forth."

As to reciprocity between the United States and Canada the General was willing to admit its likelihood at a comparatively early day, but as to a change of flags he would venture no prediction as to the long future even. He did not see much to warrant in the immediate future.—*St. Louis Globe Democrat.*

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