A WONDERFUL INDUSTRY IN WON-DERFUL WATERS.

Searching for the Gems at Queens-land-Primitive Methods of the Divers-The Trading Fleet.

A Thursday Island (Queensland) letter to the New York Sun describes the pearl fisheries of that region. Says the

writer: It is a strange place for any industry, the strangest for the finding of the beau tiful and ever mysterious gem which the natives believe are cloud born, and which, unlike all other gems, require no aid of art to bring out their beauty. Innumerable islands crowd the dangerous straits, a thousand reefs and shoals scattered among them, and the shores of New Guinea and Australia breaking the greenish waters with a gray of rock and the that of the young oyster is of a yellow brown of ragged bush. The islands, ish color, and that of the older of a desolate as the desert and arid as an alkali plain, repel all attempts at agricul- all colors, such as white, silver, brown, The scanty grass is poisonous to cattle, neither shrub nor tree is found, black. and attempts to cultivate grain and vegetables have not met with any success. The inhabitants are few, but they are almost wholly dependent upon the provisions which they secure from abroad, and know no other occupation than the fisheries. Port Kennedy is the only town, a town with a population of perhaps 200 people, and having a Post Office, two inns, a customs station, a Court House and a jail. The harbor is formed by four islands, Goode, Ham-

ing from three to eight tons. The islanders, who have fished for years and years, are fishing still in their own good old way, paying no care to the overfishing of the white men. They know a pearl oyster as the farmer does a potato If the Lord wills it, we shall not break or an apple and, knowing it so well, they our bones." are peculiarly adept at finding bivalves grounds of age, form, aud color. Men, women and children all dive like sea fowl, and the women are the most known in the trade, and are noted not reached the brink. only for having plunged again and again for a young duck or penguin. They enter ed in keeping his steed's head straight. upon the service of fishing about as soon A slight inequality in the fee gave the thing is apt to happen, and that some-thing may be a red-mouthed shark, a suddenly brought up by a snow drift. paralysis, a hemmorrhage, or some other day bring on hemmorrhage or congestion, desist from the flagellating process, and especially is this the case early in the However, the die was cast. My followand especially is this the case early in the However, the die was cast. causes paralysis, and headache; deafness and failure of sight occur very com-

monly. The diving is very primitive. Some traders have introduced the diving-bells, but the natives decline to work in them, alleging that they cause early paralysis and certain deafness. The common practice is to go out on the water with a light wooden pipe, ten inches square and two feet long, glazed at one end. With this tube a ready prospecting is done, the glass end, which is put under water, serving the purpose of suppressing the surface ripple. When oysters are discovered the diver belts himself with seven or eight pounds of ballast, and, having bandaged his mouth and protected his eyes and ears with oiled cetton, he at taches a weight to his feet and goes deliberately and boldly down with a rope. Just before plunging he (or she) draws three or four full and rapid breaths, and has the lungs full of air as he drops to the bottom from six to 160 feet below. Each dive occupies from sixty to ninety seconds, and occasionally a diver has remained under for two or three minutes, assisting himself to the surface by means

The divers hardly ever bring up more than one oyster, though they are always on the lookout for a loose or "shed" pearl, which, if found, they quickly conceal by swallowing.

While the natives are eking out their precarious living in the old-fashioned ern method of fishing. Each well-equipped vessel is suppled with the necessary apparatus and professional divers. The wage of from \$2 to \$5 a day and an in-terest in the catch. Each diver has four tenders, whose pay is from \$10 to \$20 a month, and who are generally natives or Chinese.

The method of fishing is for several vessels to go out together and fish on the same ground for a fortnight. Reaching where the water is forty or fifty feet deep, the diver enters his boat, dresses, and jumps overboard. Upon reaching the bottom he leisurely walks along until he comes to a bed of shells, where he proceeds to fill the sack that he carries. As soon as he has a sackful he aignals, and the sack is lifted up, emp-tied, and sent down sgain. The diver remains under water for hours, sometimes from 9 o'clock in the morning until 5 in the afternoon. The shells, as they lie in bed, are wide open, and if touched in the wrong way the diver's hand is apt to be caught and held fast as in a vise.

While the native islander can fish only for a limited season, the divers using apparatus can fish all the year round, except in very rough weather and during the severe monscons. The average catch for each vessel is about one ton a month, heavy load from it and released her. I for, unlike the fisheries of Ceylon and will never say mouse to her again."the Persian Gulf, there is little difficulty fa'er-Ocean.

in removing the shell, which lies loos on the ground and can be picked up readily. These fisheries produce the true pearl oyster, for the shell of which there is great demand, both in America and Europe. It is especially prized for the choice inlaid cabinet work that come from artistic hands, but is used princi pally for knife handles, buttons, and ornamental work.

Each day when the boats run in to the stations the men open the cysters, take out the pearls, if there are any, and throw the fish overboard. The shells accurately counted, are cleaned and packed in eases of about 300 pound each. The fishermen think more of ob taining shell than pearls, while the island ers care nothing for shell, and solely seek the pearls. The best pearls are found when the oyster is four years old, and the shell at that age is also at its best. The pearl of an oyster of this age is execcedingly transparent and pure, while that of the young oyster is of a yellowpinkish hue. Sometimes it is found of steel, gray, blue, and even a perfect jet black. Several specimens have been found as large as a hazel nut, and some oysters are caught which are filled with as many as 100 small pearlettes, the "sees Last year there pearl" of the artist. was found at Nickel Bay a mass of oys ters in the form of a cross, each contain ing a pearl of about the size of a pea, and without a flaw of form or color.

#### Horseback Tobogganing.

Turkish riders are very daring, and mond, Friday and Thursday Islands, altheir horses are well trained. Captain most entirely landlocking it. Here the tidal currents are rapid, the eddies fluct-Burnaby tells of an adventure he me with in riding through the mountains of uating, the reefs and shoals many and Armenia which is certainly novel. With dangerous. But here the pearl-shell veshis guide and servants, he came to a glacier down which they must go. The frozen surface extended for at least one sels lie, a fleet of nearly 200, having 1,500 employes, and floating 1,000 boats. Some of the larger vessels have a burden hundred yards. The incline, he says, was steeper than the roof of an average of fifteen to eighteen tons, but most of the fleet is composed of small craft vary- English house. One of the servants cast an inquiring glance at the guide. The latter gave a grunt.

"What do you think of it, Mohammedy" I asked.

"Effendi, we shall go down very fast.

"If we do not take this route," said that contain pearls, choosing such by the guide, "we must make a detour for some fancied rule of thumb founded on at least two hours. I think the horses can manage it, effendi."

"Very well," I said, "you can try." The guide rode his horse to the glacler. expert. Three or four women are well- The poor animal trembled when he

only for having plunged again and again "Haide, get on!" cried Mohammed the various agricultural operations to be into twenty five fathoms of water, but as from behind, and striking the quadruped performed during the month, the divinity well for having done this in the very on his flanks, the animal stretched his leeth of the sharks, and for having re- forelegs over the declivity, almost touch mained under water as long as three ing the slippery surface with his girth, whole minutes. The native knows no Another crack with the whip, away went industry save pearl fishing, and it is al- the guide and horse down the glacier. peii. most as natural for a child to dive as it is For the first fifty yards the man succeedas they enter their teens, and unless animal's foot a twist in another direction; something happens they continue to dive horse and rider went round in mazy ciruntil they are old and infirm. But some- cles. They had nearly attained the veloc-

There was not much damage done, and accident of physical failure. The shark is always at home in these seas, and his number is legion. It is no rare thing for on the edge of the precipice. The yella bold diver to come up minus a foot or ing Mohammed was castigating my anian arm, and many go down never to come up again at all. Too many plunges in a given him five shillings or a new coat to lishman ought to do. I committed my self to Providence. Away we went. Was I on my horse, or was I not? Now we were waltzing madly down the slippery surface, and then my boots were touching the ice itself, owing to my animal's position. A second later we were buried, as the guide had been, in six feet of snow.

> Next came the turn of my followers. Their descent was a fearful thing to witness, but, fortunately, not half so dan-gerous as it appeared. With the exception of some damage to the luggage and saddlery, there was little harm done.
> "I never thought as how a horse could

> skate, sir, before!" remarked an English servant, as he slowly extracated himself from the snow drift. "It was more than sliding, that it was-a cutting of figures of eight all down the roof of a house! And then I was buried alive to finish up

# Losing Control of the Nerves.

"Riding last fall on a crowded train," said a Chicago physician, 'I noticed a young fellow, handsome, dashing, and reckless, who was indulging in all sorts of dare-devil capers on the platform. He seemed to have most perfect control of his nerves. He would lean out from the car, standing on the platform steps, stoop to grab at the flowers and shrubs along the line, as though he took delight in frightening the ladies who were protesting against his movements. He gave no way the boats from the trading fleet are attention at all to the warnings of the engaged in a more systematic and mode rail and men, leaning out even as one spoke sharply to him, with a look of smiling incredulity on his face. train was flying by a switch, and the apparatus is the best and most complete signal piece of the switch beam or lever that can be procured, and the divers who use it are under three years contract at a sterrible blow and it left a terrible wound. My bold, reckless, daring man was on the justant as nerveless as a frightened girl. It required the quick use of restoratives and the most careful treatment to have him rally, and he was for weeks the most despondent, discouraged invalid that have ever been called upon to treat."

to treat."
"Per contago said a young fellow who had listened such great attention to this story, "there is my wife. She is the most nervous, excitable little piece of humanity that you will find anywhere. caterpillar will frighten her off of the sidewalk and a mouse or a rat will give her more trouble and misery than a wild lion would me. The other day we were moving some piece of furniture and in the skirmish I squeezed my thumb until I howled like an Indian. I dropped everything to look after my bruised thumb. I was called to my senses by the quiet tones of my nervous wife. She said without a trace of excitement in her voice, 'My hand is under this,' and that was true. The little pinch that had set me howling was as a drop to that crushed hand, and yet she waited patiently till I lifted the

### SELECT SIFTINGS.

The mocking-birds are so numerous in Dry Valley, Nevada, this season that during the night they drown the yelp of

the coyotes with their songs. A novelty reported is a pair of spectacles having a silvered area on the inner edges of the glasses, "so that objects out of the direct field of vision may be seen by the vigilant wearer."

The Puritans in the time of Charles, I considered it a sin, according to Macau-ley, to hang garlands on a Maypole, to drink a friend's health, to fly a hawk, to hunt a stag, to play at chess, to put starch in a ruff or to read the "Fairy Queen."

Toothache, caused by a cold in the facial nerves, may often be relieved by wringing a soft towel out of cold water and sprinkling it with strong vinegar. This should be laid on the face like a poultice, and will often be followed by a refreshing sleep.

A French statistician gives the following as the proportionate number of persons killed annually on the railways of the respective countries: France, one in every 2,000,000; England, one in every 5,250,-000, Belgium, one in every 9,000,000; Prussia, one in every 21,500,000.

In the time of King Ethelwald, the father of Alfred, it was not thought needful for Kings, noblemen or gentlemen to know how to read. This was left for Priests or Clergymen. Kings used to make their mark when they signed a document. The young Princes and Nobles were taught hunting, wrestling and the like, and they were also accustomed to hear poems and songs in their own language.

The Mandan Indians have a peculiar way of roasting meat. The roast is suspended from the roof of the hut exactly over the fire, the cord, being passed through and fastened to the centre of the piece, keeps it in a flat position directly over the flames. A person is seated near it-and with a small stick keeps it continually in motion by pushing it to and fro. When one side is done it is turned over and fit for use. The method is much more expeditious than the common way of roasting before the fire and is preferable, as it retains the natural juice and

flavor. The Calendarium of the ancient Romans, like our own almanac and calendar, contained the astronomical, agricultural and religious notices of each month in the year, the name of the month, the number of days it contained, and the length of the day and night, the sign of the zodiac through which the sun passes, performed during the month, the divinity under whose guardianship the month was placed, and the various religious festivals which fell in it. One made of marble was found among the ruins of Pom-

## The Czar's Letter.

A party of Russian engineer officers ventured into the hostile Territory of Bokhara, with the hope of surveying a portion of it before they were discovered. But they were compelled to relinquish their design on the appearance of an overwhelming force of Bokhariote horsemen, who quickly surrounded them. Seeing that resistance was impossible, the Resian leader advanced with friendly greetings and announced himself as a special envoy from the Czar to the Ameer, and in that character demanded to be led into the presence of that imfishing season, which for the natives is a period of four months, beginning in November. Too long-continued occupation lishman sught to do.

However, the die was cast. My follow-portant personage. The rase worked like a charm, and the party made a triumphant entry into the capital, escorted umphant entry into the capital, escorted by their captors. With due ceremony the gentlemen were admitted to an audience, and the chief officer, with dignity and impressiveness, conveyed assurances of profound regard from the Czar of all the Russias to his royal brother and concluded by present-ing his own gold watch and silverhandled knife to the savage despot as gifts from his august master to the Ameer. Everything was proceeding smoothly, when the Asiatic King upset the whole business by asking for the Czar's letter. He knew how such matters were always conducted-of course the Czar had accompanied his gifts by a let-At this demand the self-appointed ter. ambassador turned as pale as death, and stood the picture of mute despair. But a young subaltern at his side came to the With almost a preternatural rescue. presence of mind, he drew forth his pocket-book and carefully unfolded an old play-bill of the Alexander theatre, at St. Detersburg, and coolly read from it an imaginary letter of congratulation, winding up by handing it to the Ameer, with a profound obeisance. His Eminence of Bokhara had already seen the Czar's name appended to official documents, and was entirely satisfied by the sight of the huge line "Alexander" at the top of the bill, together with the should eagle of Russia, and the precious play-bill-was reverently deposited among the archives of Bokhara, where it probably remains to this day, a sonrce of wonder and amusement.

# Use of Colored Glass.

I asked Mr. Mitchell, manager of the Tiffany Glass Company, to what he attributed the recent marked developments in the use of colored glass. "There are several causes," he replied. "The Centennial Exhibition gave an impetus to everything pertaining to art, and no form benefited, more than that which employs colored glass. It has been found that not only is it beautiful and useful for home decoration, but that it is an art especially adapted to the preservation of memorials. While glass is one of the most fragile of substances it has proved be one of the most enduring. Glass of the twelfth and thirteenth centuries dists to day in as perfect a condition, as color, design and inscriptions, as when it was first made. Marble and granite have been the materials most employed heretofore in memorials of the dead or of great events. The tendency now is to use colored glasses more large ly for such purposes, and to decorate our churches rather than our cemeteries. Memorials are, moreover, properly associated with religious sentiments; and this natural association is finding expression in this torm of church decoration. A memorial window in a church or Cathedral serves at once to keep alive the memory of the dead, to express the gratitude of the donors to the church, and to offer in some suitable inscription the con-

### In the New York Produce Exchange.

Business begins in the "Pit" at 10:30 Buyers and sellers are indiscriminately blended in the compact, throbbing, surging mass. All offers and bids are on a unit basis of 8,000 bushels. Winter wheat is the only grain in mind. "I'll give four and a half [944 cents per bushel] for May wheat," is the bid of a nervous, active broker, emphasized by uplifted hand and moving fingers. "Til sell at five," is the quick rejoinder of a neighbor. "I'll give five-eighths." "I'll sell you at three-quarters." One-eighth is the only obstacle to a bargain. Long and furiously, or short and sharply, the conflict rages around that one-eighth. The tug of war on the part of the seller is to pull the buyer up one-eighth, and on the part of the buyer to pull the seller down one-eighth. The contest is quite as exciting as aught m the intercollegiate games. But seldom is the battle drawn. Victory, hesi-tant in the vocal hurricane, decides for one of two parties. Bids and offers are usually regulated by telegrams from The difference in prices between the two marts should be the cost of transmission from the latter to New York. Manipulation, or, in other words, gambling, at either point, defies all criteria of value. A "corner" in Chi-cago may raise wheat there above the normal price at New York; or a broken corner in New York may depress wheat below the healthful standard at Chicago. -Harper.

### Origin of a Famous Phrase.

In answer to a reader's inquiry the Inter-Ocean gives the following account of the origin of the well-known phrase, 'To the Victor belongs the spoils." This famous phrase originated with William L. Marcy, of New York, who in a speech before the Senate in January, 1882, in defense of President Jackson, said of his constituents, that they "see nothing wrong in the rule that to the victors belong the spoils of the enemy." The doctrine is called Jacksonian, because President Jackson had put the principle so strongly in force even before it had been thus epigramatically enunciated by Mr. Marcy, and because he is the first President who did so. The ween April 30, 1789, when Washington was inaugurated as President, and the inauguration of Jackson, March 4, 1829, only seventythree removals from office had been made by all the Presidents, including all removals for cause. During the first year of President Jackson's administration he made over 700 removals, almost wholly for political reasons.

#### Origin of a Familiar Word.

The word "queer" has a remarkable origin attributed to it. One night, then the performance at Drury Lane was finished, the celebrated Quin, many of whose jokes are still remembered, offered to bet a young nobleman £100 that next morning a word would be in universal use which had never been heard before. The nobleman accepted the wager and left the theatre. Then Quin summoned all the "supers," who happened to be very numerous, und gave each a large piece of chalk. He told them to go all through the leading thoroughfares of London, and write at intervals on the flags the word "queer." Quin's orders were faithfully carried out; and, on the following morning, of course, people were astonished—the word was in every body's mouth. The great actor with little difficulty made good his claim to the nobleman's banknote, while bequeathing a new word to the language, - Tipsley's Magazine.

#### Sound Principle but Poor Poetry. Jacob Halstead, who died recently at Elbridge, N. Y., is said to have lived ac-

cording to the following motto: I'll get my living by the sweat of my face, And bear good will to the human race; Fil pay my debts as soon as due, And wear my old clothes till I can make new.

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