# A CITY OF CANAL BOATS.

### A COMMUNITY THAT COMES AND GOES WITH THE SEASONS.

### A Vast Fleet of Boats Tied Up at Jersey City—The Family Life on Board.

The honk of the wild goose is heard far to the south when the tow-path mariner hauls his craft through the gap into the Morris Canal basin at Jersey City and begins to make thing snug and tight for the winter. He finds in that tide basin, where the mud is bare twice a day except in the channel, nearly half a thousand other boats lying as close together as sardines in a box, and, hauling up alongside the fleet, he makes fast to his neighbor and becomes a part of the oddest winter city in the world. If he gets in early and has luck he secures the berth at the wharf, and the others take their places outside of his boat as fast as they arrive, and all are lashed together so as to form a solid mass. As canal boats are bluff-bowed and almost square-sterned, there is very little open space between them, and one can walk over the whole fleet as easily as over a raft. For greater convenience, and to prevent accidental slipping of a foot between the sides, planks are laid from rail to rail and sometimes from deck to house, and every boat's deck is made a thoroughfare for the inhabitants of the winter city.

Landing at the western end of the Liberty Street Ferry and walking up the railroad track past the dry docks, where big vessels are being scraped, coppered, and generally overhauled, one can look across the narrow-gap channel and see the great canal fleet as one vast deck with innumerable cabins and houses built upon it. Here and there, at low tide, an isolated hulk lies, rotting in the mud, its broken ribs and shattered planks telling the story of its departed usefulness and abandonment to slow decay. To reach the fleet the gap must be crossed, and there is no bridge. The traveler who passes that way has the choice of three methods of getting from one section of the street to the other. He can make a detour of a mile, swim across, or whistle for the ferryman. On the southern hand of the gap is a plain board shanty and a gang plank running down to a small float stage, that sometimes floats and at other times rests in the mud. Chalked on the end of the shanty, in rude style, is the legend: "Fair 2 sents." This sign and a flat-bottom punt at the float indicate that a ferry is maintained here. A whistle brings out the ferryman, who will scull the punt across the gap, not disdaning the assistance of a passenger who may feel inclined to take up the two oars, coveniently lashed to the thole-pins, and pull a few strokes. At the other side, if the passenger be active and the tide low, he can grasp a hanging chain and scramble up the wharf timbers to a rough ladder, and so up to the street, and if he be not agile he may get a boost from the ferryman.

Access to the canal fleet is had from the wharves on that side of the gap, and from the gang plank to the first boat all the others may be reached. As spring approaches the boatmen begin making repairs and alterations on their craft, and the sound of hammer and saw is heard from all directions. On board one of the boats near the wharf a lank, grizzled skipper is hauling up potatoes from the hold and selling them to a peddler whose wagon stands near. There is little of the sailor in the appearance of the average tow-path mariner. He generally looks like a Jersey farmer and dresses like one. The old fellow standing on the canal boat's deck, selling potatoes by the peck, looks more farmer like than the average.

The cabin of a canal-boat is a house in a very small compass. It is situated well aft, and is about fifteen feet fore and aft, and almost the width of the deck, the house rising about three feet above deck and leaving a narrow passage way on each side. Usually the cabin is divided into three compartments—a large living room, a sleeping-room, and a kitchen. Under the deck, on the port side of the large room, is an extra berth, and lockers, called closets by the canal men, are plentiful. As these cabins are inhabited and cared for generally by women, the wives of the skippers, there is nothing nautical about them. Rocking chairs, sewing machines, pictures, bird cages, and pot plants give them a home-like appearance, and banish all suggestions of a life on the rolling deep. But the canal boat does get a bit of rolling once in a while, and presumably the kerosene lamps standing on shelves are then safely stowed and the furniture lashed. Some of the boats go through the canal to Lake Champlain and are towed across the lake or down to some of the ports, perhaps a distance of seventy-five miles. Storms occasionally arise, and the canalman in his flat-bottom craft gets a taste of navigating, being obliged to step a mast and rig up a storm sail in order to keep the boat's head up if the tow-line breaks. The perils of the lake passage and how the crew of the Eliza Jane remained up all night holding the deck cargo from rolling overboard are topics for thrilling yarns spun by the ancient mariners of the canal as they smoke their pipes around the cheerful cylinder stoves, when icy blasts are careering over the winter city.

The tidy housewives, accustomed to pure country air, free from smoke and dirt, regard the winter sojourn in the basin as as an affliction. Twice a day the boats near the wharves rest upon mud, which is not pleasant, and when the wind is in the right quarter the smoke from the chimneys of the sugar house covers everything with soot and keeps them busy scrubbing. When this occurs on washing day much treble scolding may be heard in the fleet, and the skippers, having learned wisdom by experience, bowse up jib and bear away for Jersey City on urgent business, skipping over the decks and gangplanks like goats in Shantytown. In pleasant weather, the canal fleet is quite a lively village. Children and dogs play about the decks and run from boat to boat; the men sit on the hatches and smoke or sell their produce if they happen to be lucky enough to have a cargo, and the women go about doing their household work. Some of the housed-over boats are fitted up as stores for the sale of groceries and provisions, and the keepers do quite a thriving business. If the fleet had a postoffice of its own, it would be a complete community and independent of Jersey City, except for its supply of fresh water; but Uncle Sam has not yet recognized the winter city, and Boatville has no postmaster.

In spring the boats go out from the basin and prepare for business. Some of them take in cargoes and go up the river, and those bound through the canals lie in fresh water at Troy and Waterford until May 1, when the locks are opened and navigation begins. Lying there in running water and uncontaminated by foul smells and gases, the boats are cleaned and painted, and the Captains' wives thank goodness that the washing can be hung out to dry without danger of being flecked with soot from a chimney.—*New York Sun.*

### Some Favored Birds.

Some birds owe a large debt of gratitude to popular prejudice, which has gone all in their favor; others, on the contrary, have been from time immemorial so evily spoken of and so persistently persecuted that it is a wonder that their species still survives. First among the former class is, of course, the robin. We do not altogether agree with the author when he says: "The respect with which the robin is regarded throughout Europe is probably due to its color." Surely the fact that he is the tamest and most sociable of all wild birds counts for something in the affection which he engenders, though it may be argued that his tameness is simply the hereditary consequence of the good treatment he has received. We are sorry to say that this good treatment by no means extends throughout Europe. In Italy robins may be seen hanging up for sale in the poulterers' shops with all the other little feathered victims. The only bird which is looked upon as in any way sacred in Italy is, so far as we know, the swallow, which is dedicated to the Madonna. In general sacred birds will be found to have two sets of legends, one of great antiquity, the other of Christian origin. The latter set represents them as having rendered some service to our Savior on the way to Calvary or on the cross. By the earlier legends they are distinguished as fire-bearers, and hence are sacred to the god Donar. In their connection with fire was seen the cause of the robin's red breast and the woodpecker's red head. It seems singular that among the rewards promised to the robin in a Breton story, "blue as heaven shall be thy eggs," as every one knows that the bird's eggs are not blue, and the mistake is of a kind rarely found in folk lore.—*Walford's Antiquarian.*

### Delusive Labels.

In New York city is a large printing establishment whose work is well and favorably known to its many patrons. A large portion of its trade consists in supplying labels to bottlers, grocers, druggists and saloon-keepers. Over a thousand kinds are kept in stock, while a thousand others can be produced at forty-eight hours' notice. These labels may be classified into criminal forgeries (i. e., copying a label protected by a trade mark); simple forgeries (copying a label not protected by a trade-mark); imitations of well-known labels; and simple lies.

The skill displayed is admirable. The clumsy wood-cuts, and awkward printing of the Rhine; the inartistic drawing and comical heraldry of Italy; the high-colored and graceful designs of France; the queer type and paper of Russia, and the plain, business-like labels of England are all counterfeited in a manner that would deceive an expert. As the salesman opens his sample-book, the wine-cellars of all Europe are before your eyes. The Chateau La Rose and Chateau Lafitte of Bordeaux; the Beaune and Clos Vougeot of Burgundy; the Josephshoefer of the Moselle; Steinwein and Scharlachberger of the Rhine; Szeczardi and Tokaya Maslas of Hungary; Lachrymae Christi and Barrolo of Italy; these, and hundreds of others, are all there, waiting anxiously to be bought and used by dishonest dealers.—*American Analyst.*

### The Appetite of Birds.

Of all animals, birds possess the quickest motions, the most energetic respiration, and the warmest blood, and they consequently undergo the most rapid change of substance and need the most food. Although few creatures are so pleasing to the æsthetic tastes of a poetically inclined person as birds, the breeder knows that most of them are to be looked upon as hearty or excessive eaters. Any one who closely observes birds and their conduct will soon remark that all their thoughts and efforts, aside from the few days they spend in wooing and their short periods of resting, are directed to getting something to eat. With what restless earnestness do titmice plunge through the bushes and the trees! Not a leaf is uninvestigated, every chink in the bark is examined for whatever eatable it may be hiding, and a sharp look is cast into every joint of a branch. How industriously does the ousel turn and thrash the leaves on the ground of the woods all the day long, spying its game with a glance of its sharp eye, and snapping it up on the instant! After observing a few such incidents we can easily believe the stories that are related of the fish-eating powers of the cormorant and of the fruit-eating birds that are able to consume three times their weight every day.—*Popular Science Monthly.*

### Catching Robins With Seines.

This is the season for the red-breasted robin, as toothsome as he is pretty. Abundant as these birds are in the up country, they are as nothing compared with the number of those on the coast. In the morning and evening they fly up and down the "banks" in gangs of millions. The strips of the beach are narrow, and it is always easy to know just where the birds fly, since they pursue a certain route. So the fishermen—this being the dull season—employ their seines in catching birds. They set the seines between tall poles on the beach and catch thousands of robins in a morning or afternoon. At one "flight" a man caught over two thousand. He put away half for food for his family and shipped the others. On Bogue banks, with a small net, last Monday, a Mr. Ross caught 500 robins. The birds fly quite low and do not observe the net at all. The people who have set the nets are always concealed near by.—*Richmond Dispatch.*

There are 1,600 undertakers in New York, and only 700 bodies a week for them to bury—less than a corpse a week for each man in the trade.

### Things Seen in Alaska.

Nowhere in my home travels, from Lake Superior to the Gulf of Mexico, from Washington to Sitka, writes Governor Swineford, have I seen a more luxuriant vegetation than here in Southern Alaska. I find the hardier vegetables all growing to maturity and enormous size, with turnips weighing ten pounds, cabbages twenty-seven pounds, and as fine potatoes as can be found in all of the Eastern markets I found growing in Wrangell, Juneau and here in Sitka. While timothy and redtop grow to a height of from five to seven feet, and in this vicinity all the hay was cured during the past summer that will be required during the winter, and I am satisfied from personal observation that hundreds of tons more could have been harvested. The few cattle I have seen are sleek and in the best possible condition, and I unhesitatingly give it as my opinion that the country is well enough adapted to grazing purposes to render wholly unnecessary the importation of beef, even when the population of the Territory shall have grown far beyond the number requisite to its admission as a State.

On the other hand, while I am not prepared to speak advisedly on the section known as Southwestern Alaska, I may be permitted to say that the reports I get from the most trustworthy sources indicate the existence of large areas of valuable grazing lands on the Aleutian islands and some parts of the peninsular, where the hardier breeds of cattle do not require to be fed in any season of the year. If this be true the prediction which has been made that Alaska will eventually furnish the Pacific coast with its beef may yet be verified.

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