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The fir pillow craze has not yet exhausted itself. Maine men are taking contracts to get out fir by the ton, and many people are afforded employment in filling orders.

Surveyors who are locating the line of the Washington and Ellerton Railroad, in Georgia, find from the deflection of their instruments that there must be immense quantities of iron below the surface.

Japan is making great strides in the pathways of progressive civilization. A native paper reports that the Japanese Government is about to establish a new State Department to be known as the "Railway Board."

Surveyor Tinnin, of San Francisco, reports that from 1852 to June 30, 1887, there arrived at that port 333,264 Chinese emigrants, of whom 196,248 have returned, leaving 137,016 still in the country. The local press consider this number too short by 60,000.

In the Indian encounter at the mouth of the Little Big Horn River, directly after the Custer massacre, Private Heath, of Company E, Fifth United States Cavalry, saved the life of his captain, George F. Price. In recognition of this service Captain Price has now deeded Heath a 300-acre Kansas farm, valued at \$10,000.

H. F. Suediger, of Iroquois, Dakota, has a prairie yacht in which he skims over the country. It consists simply of an ordinary road wagon to which sails are attached, and there is a steering apparatus in front. He recently traveled from Iroquois to Huron, a distance of eighteen miles, in an hour and a half, with a light wind.

One of the largest benefactions in the history of the world is that of the Baron Hirsch, who has just given \$20,000,000 to Jewish charities in Europe. Like a prudent man, the Baron gives the money during his lifetime, and intends to see his wishes carried out personally. His generosity eclipses in magnitude the gifts of George Peabody.

Dr. Barnardo, a London philanthropist, has obtained 5,000 acres of land in north-western Canada, which he hopes to convert into an industrial farm to which homeless London boys may be sent. It is said that Dr. Barnardo has had much success with this class of boys, his idea being to give them a practical training that will render them self supporting. He does comparatively little toward relieving their immediate wants.

The United States heads the world in the matter of locomotive engines, with a horse-power of 7,900,000. Then come England, with 7,000,000, Germany with 4,500,000, France with 3,000,000 and Austria with 1,500,000. The horse-power of the steam engines of the world represents the work of 1,000,000,000 men, or more than double the manpower of the whole working population. This means that steam has trod man's working powers.

Several years ago watermelons were almost unknown in California. An old Missourian, who owned forty acres near Lodi, and who had raised the fruit in old Missouri, planted his whole lot to melons. His neighbors laughed at the idea of melons growing without rain, and he was called the boss crank of the country. But the vines thrived and bore melons, 40,000 of them, and he cleared \$20,000 from his forty acres; and now Lodi is the great melon district of the Pacific Slope.

A Californian, largely interested in the fur seal industry, says that sealskins are expensive, not because they are scarce, but because the trade limits the supply. If all the skins that could be taken were placed on the market, the fur would be so common that it would cease to be desired by the wealthy. So the seal catchers agree upon the total number that they will put upon the market, and they make their report to the furriers of London and Paris, who meet each spring and decide upon prices.

Two carloads of Texas steers escaped to the woods from Lpennyning, Mich., recently, and thereby hangs a tale. The owner, who knew of no better way to reclaim his property, went out and shot all of the herd that he could find. Then some friends of his, who thought the sport great because the game was, went out to shoot the rest of them for him. They found plenty of cattle, and had bagged eight or ten before a farmer turned up with a club and drove them away. They had been shooting creamery cows.

The prevalence of scarlet fever in all parts of the civilized world, and the great mortality therefrom, amounting in England alone, during five years, to 88,273 deaths, have induced Science to institute an inquiry into the reasons for such a condition of things, whether it is a fact that this disease is not amenable to control by sanitation, or whether sanitarians have not suggested any practical method by which it may be controlled, or whether parents, teachers, health authorities and others neglect to carry out the recommendations which sanitary science has made.



TO-MORROW, The future cures! Ah, no! It is the gods' abode!

THE WONDERFUL ISLAND. In a book entitled "Adventures by Land and Sea," which I picked up the other day, I saw a brief reference to the strange adventures of Captain Wheaton.

It was in October, 1819, that I shipped second mate on the Starlight, which was then lying in the port of Honolulu. She was an old whaler, and had been sold at auction and cheaply refitted for a voyage to Lima and return.

The weather was broken by a rousing gale, which struck us during my night watch, and a lot of deck rattle, and by the time the ship had shaken herself clear of the foam it was too late to render any assistance.

Now, as we got the gale dead from the North and the sea was a gray, the Southward for several days. Captain Wheaton could not possibly have been floated toward the Galapagos. He must have been driven down toward the equator, or possibly toward the Marquesas group, although to reach any of those islands he would have had to drive for hundreds of miles and for days and nights without seeing a sign of land.

On the fourth day of September, 1860, as the English whaling ship Lady Salscombe was nearing the equator, about midway between the Marquesas group and the Galapagos, and the time being 11 o'clock at night, she was hailed from out of the darkness, and five minutes later had Captain Wheaton aboard.

When Captain Wheaton was swept overboard he gave himself up for lost. He got but one look at the ship, and realizing that she was driving away from him and he was beyond rescue, he ceased swimming and hoped to drown at once. Just then a large boat with a red sail, and in a second he changed his mind and fastened to the boat. He was clear on the point of floating all that day and far into the night.

and there was an abundance of wild fruits to sustain life. There was not an inhabitant or sign of one, nor did he find any living thing except birds and mon-

Wheaton was not only a good seaman, but a well educated and well posted man, and he had sailed on the Pacific for many years. There was hardly an island that he knew which he had not set foot on and could recognize by sight again.

We had a fine run to Honolulu, and remained there for a week to make some needed repairs and lay in more provisions and water. Capt. Wheaton then met a fellow Captain named Bridges, whooommanded a new Bedford whaler, and without a suspicion of what he was doing he had just come from a long cruise, which the chart showed must have taken him very near the unknown island. He had not sighted it, but the logbook reported that when in that neighborhood something like an earthquake had occurred.

I always felt that the old man must have had a jolly life of it for the ten months and over he was on what he called "Wheaton's Island," but he dwelt on the fact that it was terribly lonely. It went harder with him, because he had a wife and six children, and he knew that they would be mourning his death.

One day, two weeks before he set out on his voyage, the Captain made a great discovery. In a rough, wild place, in the center of the island, where a mass of rock was thrown up in great confusion, he found a lump of gold as big as your fist.

The symptoms of drunkenness, be it observed, are all paralytic, and are all due to loss of nervous power and of voluntary control. The flushing of the face shows the paralysis of the small blood vessels; soon the slurred utterance shows the want of muscular control over some of the muscles of articulation; the double vision indicates the loss of accommodative power in the eyes, and the staggering gait shows that the loss of control has extended to the larger muscles; lastly, the drunkard falls prostrate in a condition so closely resembling apoplexy that the most experienced occasionally find it difficult to distinguish the one from the other.

A Prince's Costume. The Prince of Wales when he took his morning draughts at the Homburg springs puzzled beholders with an amazing costume. It was made apparently out of a snuff-colored blanket, delicately set off by a red silk handkerchief tied around his neck, so as to show above the collar a "thin, red line."

HOUSEHOLD AFFAIRS. Family Stock From Bones and Meat. If the family is small the bones may be kept for a week, or until sufficient have accumulated, by baking them thoroughly after the meat is removed; all bits of boiling, rag ends of steak (well rinsed in cold water) if smoky from broiling) and chicken bones or giblets help the stock. Bread crumbs as small as you can, a small machine comes for the purpose, but a hatchet and block of wood will answer. Cover the bones with water, and a teaspoonful of salt to each quart, and let them stew from six to eight hours.

Care of Lamps. It is best to clean lamps the first thing in the morning after the dishes are out of the way. The scissors for trimming the wicks should be very sharp and had better be kept for this purpose alone. Lift up the cap and cut off the wick close to the flat tube through which it passes; it will then be sure to be straight. Then turn it up a little and trim off the corners slightly, so that it will not flare up on each side of the flame.

Recipes. APPLE DUMPLING.—One quart of flour, one tablespoonful of lard, two teaspoonfuls of baking powder, one pint of warm milk, salt to taste, mix and place on a roll out an inch thick; put in pudding and roll one inch.

GRATED CHEESE.—When cheese gets too dry for the table, grate very fine, and mix enough butter with it to make a smooth, compact mass, adding a little made mustard. When thoroughly blended, press it into small jars, to be used for condiment for meats or on bread and butter.

BAKED APPLE PUDDING.—Take four tart apples, sliced or chopped, put them in a well-buttered pudding dish, make a batter with a pint of sweet milk, a pint of flour, a pinch of salt, one teaspoonful of baking powder and two well-beaten eggs; pour over the apples and bake.

Bullets That Hit and Miss. The question has often been raised what proportion of balls, exchanged by hostile armies, will hit their mark and fall. Difficult as it is to solve it exactly, some approximation may be arrived at from the number of balls—estimated at 20,000,000—which were fired by the Germans in the war of 1870-71.

Wooden Handles. The wooden part of tools, such as the stock of planes and handles of chisels, are often made to have a nice appearance by French polishing; but this adds nothing to their durability.

Homes Without Windows. There are in France 279,270 apartments, providing accommodations for over 300,000 persons, which rooms are entirely destitute of any other means of admitting light and air than by the door.

MELTING TRADE DOLLARS. CHANGING THE REDEEMED COIN INTO SILVER BRICKS. How the Work was Performed at the Assay Office in New York—The Last "Melt."

Her voice rose like the rising lark, And soared into the skies; To me she stars left heaven, dark, And gathered in her eyes. The twinkling air in mute broke, And quivered into bells; The mocking bird in envy woke; The sea despoiled its shells.

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