

Luther's Residence at Wittenberg. According to a rough, neglected stairway, I entered the room in which Luther resided after his marriage. His old furniture still there. There is the table on which he wrote—the chair on which he sat—a kind of double seat, where he used to read and converse with his Catharines—all chipped and splintered by vandal travelers. There, too, is the old large stove, whose plates are covered with figures of the four evangelists, cast after device by Luther himself. That, fortunately, can't be cut into chips. A little case, protected by glass doors, contains a number of relics such as specimens of his handwriting, some old documents and embroidery wrought by his wife. There are fragments of a drinking glass said to have been broken by Peter the Great. When a young man was visited at Wittenberg, and desired to carry away the glass, but being refused permission, he dashed it in pieces on the floor—an act worthy of this haughty and passionate czar? Shows, too, is a beer flag of large size, which there, too, that three centuries have not changed the German's devotion to his favorite beverage. Over the door is a scroll in chalk, protected by glass, which may be guessed to be "Peter," and tradition says was written by the czar. If so, the scribbling of penmanship is not confined to Americans. In an adjoining room is the desk from which the great Reformer lectured. On its front are four circular paintings, representing the four faculties of the university, law, medicine, theology and philosophy. The latter contains a fine female figure which my guide said was a likeness of Catharina, showing alike Luther's taste and affection. On the walls are portraits by Cranach. There is also a cast taken after Luther's death. I was looking at these monuments, and asked where is Luther's, when my guide pointed to a plain stone at my feet, which was part of the floor, whereon was the name of Luther. Removing this there is a great bronze tablet, with his name, and date of birth and death. Such is the simple monument—a similar one marks where Melancthon sleeps.—Bishop Simpson's Letters.

How THE WHITE BEAR GOES A SEAMING.—The white bear, is well known, subsists principally on seals, and he kills many of them on these sheets of "fast" ice; but how he manages to get within arm's length of them there, is beyond what I can understand. When the seals are floating about on loose ice, Bruin's little game is obvious enough. He "first fin" his seal," by eyes or nose, in the use of both of which organs U. maritimus is unsurpassed by any wild animal whose acquaintance I have ever made; and then slipping into the water half a mile or so to the leeward of his prey, he swims slowly and silently toward him, keeping very little of his head out of water. On approaching the ice on which the seal is lying the bear slips unseen under the edge of it until he is close under the helpless seal, when one jump up, and one blow of his tremendous paw generally settles the business. The seal cannot go fast enough to escape by crossing to the other side of the iceberg; if he jumps down when the bear is close to him he does the best he can for his life, for if he does not jump actually into the arms of his foe and get into the water, he is very likely to escape, the bear having no chance whatever when the seal is once fairly afloat. If cannot be very easy, even for an animal of such prodigious strength as the polar bear, to keep hold of a six-hundred weight seal, during the first contortions of the latter, and a furious struggle must often take place. That the seal often escapes from the grasp of the bear is certain, for we ourselves shot at least half a dozen of large seals which were deeply gashed and paralyzed by the claws of bears. It is evidently fear of bear which makes the seal so uneasy and restless when they are on ice, as very many of these seals in all probability never saw a man nor a boat in all their lives.—Lamont's Polar Voyage.

In LOVE WITH CALICO.—As the "last best gift" are discussing the dress question in the Rural, we think the remarks of one of the "sterner sex"—a young man in Oswego Co., who has been inspired by calico—are worthy of more than a passing notice. Read them and ponder.

"Calico dresses are a grand institution. Delaines, silks, and even satins, are good enough in their places—in the parlor or bandbox, and all such; but after all, the old 'stand by' the substantial, is the shilling calico. Care must be taken not to soil the silk, nothing must come in contact with the niceties that will rumple and stain it; but calico; that's made for work, and, as the 'hifalutins' say, 'nobody does it fulfill its mission.' Silk rarely finds its way into the realities of life; this is, into the kitchen at home, or in the hut of the suffering abroad.

"But Calico. Oh! what rich meals we get by it; how it cheers the suffering as with its bright colors and cheerful presence, it stands with soft hand ministering to our necessities.

"Calico seems to be always more willing and ready to give to want than silk. It is a curious fact of our nature, that the nicer our dress the harder our heart is, as if, when dressed in silk, we changed our nature, and rose above base, worldly things. What! our silk dress be seen near enough to that poor woman to give her assistance, or drabbling into a dirty hut? No, never! Calico might do it; silk, it's just impossible.

"But when, in addition to all, Calico comes in, rosy with the exercises of kitchen duties which it knows how to do so well, and loves to do so dearly, and make the liquid melody flow forth, eye, even blending its own sweet voice with the music of the instrument, then we appreciate calico."

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