

BUTLER CITIZEN.

MISCELLANEOUS.

A MYSTERY OF THE SEA.

The Fate which Overtook the "City of Boston."—Captain Murray's Ideas and Experiences.

A few years ago, the "City of Boston" sailed from harbor, crowded with an expectant throng of passengers bound for a foreign shore.

The mystery of her untimely end grows deeper as the years increase, and the Atlantic voyager, when the fierce wind howl around and danger is imminent on every hand, shudders at the name and mysterious fate of that magnificent vessel are alluded to.

Our reporter, on a recent visit to New York, took lunch with Captain George Siddons Murray, on board the "Alaska," of the Union line. Captain Murray is a man of stalwart build, well knit frame and cheery, genial disposition. He has been a constant voyager for a quarter of a century, over half of that time having been in the trans-Atlantic service.

"Yes," remarked the Captain, "I shall never forget the last night we saw that ill-fated vessel. I was chief officer of the "City of Antwerp." On the day we sighted the "City of Boston" a furious southeast hurricane set in. Both vessels labored hard. The sea seemed determined to sweep away every vestige of life. When day ended the gale did not abate, and everything was lashed for a night of unusual fury. Our good ship was turned to the south to avoid the possibility of ice-bergs. The "City of Boston," however, undoubtedly went to the north, her boats, life-preservers and rafts were all securely lashed; and when she went down, everything went with her, never to reappear until the sea gives up its dead."

"What, in your opinion, Captain, was the cause of the loss of the "City of Boston?"

"The "City of Limerick," in precisely the same latitude, a few days later, found the sea full of floating ice; and I have no doubt the "City of Boston" collided with the ice and sunk immediately."

Captain Murray has been in command of the "Alaska" ever since she was put in commission and feels justly proud of his noble ship. She carries thousands of passengers every year, and has greatly popularized the Williams & Gouin line. Remarkable upon the bronzed and healthy appearance of the Captain, the reporter said that sea life did not seem to be a very great physical trial.

"No! But a person's appearance is not always a trustworthy indication of his physical condition. For seven years I have been in many respects very much out of sorts with myself. At certain times I was so lame that it was difficult for me to move around. I could scarcely straighten up. I did not know what the trouble was, and though I performed all my duties regularly and satisfactorily, yet I felt that I might some day be overtaken with some serious prostrating disorder. These troubles increased. I felt dull and then, again, shooting pains through my arms and limbs. Possibly the next day I would feel flushed and unaccountably uneasy and the day following chilly and despondent. This continued until last December, when I was prostrated soon after leaving Queenstown, and for the remainder of the voyage was a helpless, pitiful sufferer. In January last, a friend who made that voyage with me, wrote me a letter urging me to try a new course of treatment. I gladly accepted his counsel, and for the last seven months have given thorough and business-like attention to the recovery of my natural health; and to-day, I have the proud satisfaction of saying to you that the lame back, the strange feelings, the sciatic rheumatism which have so long pursued me, have entirely disappeared through the blood-purifying influence of Warner's Safe Rheumatic Cure, which entirely eradicated all rheumatic poison from my system. Indeed, to me, it seems that it has worked wonders, and I therefore most cordially commend it."

"And you have no trouble now in exposing yourself to the winds of the Atlantic?"

"Not the least. I am as sound as a bullet and I feel specially thankful over the fact because I believe rheumatic and kidney disease is in the blood of my family. I was dreadfully shocked on my last arrival in Liverpool to learn that my brother, who is a wealthy China tea merchant, had suddenly died of Bright's disease of the kidney, and consider myself extremely fortunate in having taken my trouble in time and before any more serious effects were possible."

The conversation drifted to other topics, and as the writer watched the face before him so strong in all its outlines, and yet so genial, and thought of the numerous exposures and hardships to which its owner had been exposed, he instinctively wished all who are suffering from the terrible rheumatic troubles now so common among the means by which he had been restored. Pain is a common thing in this world, but far too many endure it when they can avoid it. It is a false philosophy which teaches us to endure when we can just as readily avoid. So thought the hearty Captain of the "Alaska," so thinks the writer and so should all others think who desire happiness and a long life.

—If a mouse of rat makes entrance into any part of the dwelling, saturate a rag with cayenne pepper in solution, and stuff it into the hole, which then can be repaired with wood or mortar. Neither rat nor mouse will eat this rag which should be large enough to fill the hole completely.

—Mrs. Annie Logan, 1348 Marlborough street, Philadelphia, Pa., says: "I used Brown's Iron Bitters as a tonic, think it good and cheerfully recommend it."

—Few people have yet caught a glimpse of the comet; Some have caught cold, though.

—The wine cup is the father of sin; and the whisky jug is the step father.

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