QUAINT AND CURIOUS.

A California farmer recently plucked a 371 pound cabbage from his patch.

The once populous town of Meadow Lake, Nev., has now but one inhabitant.

About one-fourteenth of the federal soldiers engaged in the late war were colore d.

The long loose mantles are now givng place to a shorter and more clinging style.

At Ashland, Penn., recently the mirage of a town was visible in the sky for nearly an hour.

Near the town of Snyder, N. Y., there is a gander over 90 years old and still strong and vigorous. A Hungarian in Pennsylvania put up

his wife, furniture and cow at auction and received for them \$82. C. S. Chapman, of Waterbury, Conn.,

has a clock which has ticked off the time without stopping since 1788. While bird hunting, W. R. Bunk

ley, of Leesburg, Ga., killed a white lark, the first ever seen in that section. At Sherlocks, Cal., mountain lions have killed all the hogs, goats, calves and donkeys that are not kept under

lock and key. Fancy shawls of soft wool in light, quiet shades, edged with deep fringe and fluffg woolen balls, promise to become fashionable.

Captain J. R. McCollum of Newnan, Ga., went out bird hunting and had the remarkable luck to bring down nine partridges at one shot.

The "tailor" costume is both convenient and elegant for walking or driving in town, but is not sufficiently dressy for afternoon visits.

In the neighborhood of Hart's Road, Fla., live two families with 16 boys, one having nine and the other seven, and none of the parents is yet 40 years

A prospector in the San Bernardine Mountains, Cal., killed a mountain sheep that weighed dressed 400 pounds. Its horns measured 161 inches around at the base.

The British war office has decided that when it becomes necessary to handcuff a soldier in uniform he must not be marched through the streets, but a covered conveyance shall be provided.

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ARCTIC SEALING.

How The Newfoundland Hunters Capture Their Prey.

Slaughtering the Animals Among the Icebergs.

Describing what he saw while on a Newfoundland sealing vessel among the northern ice floes, a writer in the New York Times says: As the morning brightened out the seals could be seen with the naked eye, scattered here and there in little coveys and lying quite still. How glorious the sight was when the clear, bright sun arose out of the distant east! Everywhere stretched a white gleaming field; the summits of the bergs sentineling the floe caught the sun first and fairly quivered and scintillated in flame. The side turned to the east was burning gold; the side away from the sun was a steel blue. Birds which make these icy peaks their home till they reach their breeding haunts further in the south rose and circled in swarms about the top of the berg. But when the sun rose about the smooth-ice level it sent long spears of yellow fire, so numerous and so bright that you could not look at the pathway of scintillating

It needs no orders from the Captain to get the men out on the ice such a morning as this. Every man of them, except the regular crew, sailed forth, his gaff in his hand. The gaff is a weapon with a stout wooden handle and a steel spear and gripping contrivance at the end. This is the hunter's weapon of slaughter. He carries a coil of rope on his shoulder and his great knife in his belt.

He has no fear on this floe, for all the armies of the world and all their horses may rest upon it with safety. It consists of a vast agglomeration of "pans" or "cakes," frozen together and compact except when the floe begins to break up. Ocean ice always forms in this way, and never in great sheets, as on rivers and still water. The wintry ocean waves are forever in motion, which would break up large areas of thin ice. The bergs are regular ocean wanderers and get imprisoned by the flat ice, but they break away as the spring advances and have a fondless for the track of ocean ships. Of all other floating things they are, in foggy weather, the most deadly menace to

ships. The writer went out for slaughter with a great brawny hunter who soon showed how the work was done. Here and there on a broad ice pan was a covey of three, four or five seals, all sunning themselves, and apparently sucking the ice. They have no other food in this wilderness so far as can be seen. They go on the ice to bring forth their young, and also perhaps to get a free ride down from Greenland to Newfoundland and the shores of the Canadian provinces.

They seldom make much effort to get away as you come up to them, but the hunters declare that there is a look of terror in their soft, dark eyes, and they have, moreover, the firm belief that the seal sheds tears. Lifting his heavy gaff the hunter strikes the animal on the head, strikes every one of them in the group, then taking out his knife he strips off the pelt by opening the ani-mal back and front down to the lean meat. The skin, which is gray, goes with the blubber or fat, and the carcass is left on the ice. These pelts are left where they are till all the animals in a convenient radius have been secured. Then, tying several of the pelts together the hunter proceeds to collect them, putting them all together, and marking them with a miniature flag from his

Here is the advantage of the steamer; she can work her way up, following the lead of the men from day to day picking up the pelts. The sailing vessel remains where she gets fast, and the hunters are oliged to drag their trophies for miles over the ice. They get lame at first from ice travel and they all get ice blind unless they wear green gog-gles, as they call that kind of glasses. The seal is not the valuable fur ani-

mal from which ladies' jackets and muffs are obtained; he is known as a white-coat, and the fur is not in much request, being coarse and presenting a bristly appearance. In about a week the ship had over 20,000 pelts, worth about \$5 each, and in another fortnight had added nearly another 10,000. This filled her to the hatches, and the men slept on top of the cargo. Their clothes were saturated with seal oil and

they smelled strongly of it. There are hosts of sea birds on the floes, and some good sport can be had. The greenhorns looking for adventures would go after the huge stemmatopus, or hooded seal, but they usually left in much terror. Heavy seal shot has little doorposts of Saratoff washed sflect on the "dog hood." He covers til a new account is started.

his head and lies defiantly on the ice before the hunter's gun. He is nearly

as large as an ox. A curiosity is the small white known as the ice fox. He comes out to feast on the carcasses left by the scalpers, but if there is any chance of an off storm, which would blow the floe off from land, he scampers shoreward. He is an excellent weather prophet.

The Crow and the Drake,

A duck with a brood of ducklings was walking along the edge of Hanking's pond, near Pleasant Mont, Penn., when one of a flock of crows that were hanging about the spot lit on the ground near the ducks and pecked and strutted to and fro, in her indifferent sort of way, as though not noticing the presence of the ducks, but all the time drawing closer and closer to them. Finally the crow made a sudden movement, captured a duckling and flew away with it, greeted by a loud chorus of congratulatory caws from its companions, who had been perched in a tree not far away, as quiet as mice. There was great commotion in the duck family over the loss of one of its members, and the old duck's drake, which had been swimming in the pond near by, hurried to her and quacked his condolence. After a few minutes another crow, probably envious of the succes of its fellow in securing so delicious a meal so neatly, dropped down on the ground and began a system of similar maneuvers. The cawing of the crows ceased instantly and the eyes of the flock were evidently fixed on their scheming companion, watching the result of his wiles. A farmer who had been an eye-witness of the first performance, now thought it strange and stupid on the part of the ducks, after their experience, that they did not their little ones in the watel where they could protect them better. But he did not interfere, being curious to see what success the second crow would have. He soon discovered that the ducks had longer heads than he had given them credit for. The crow pecked and sidled along until it was quite near the ducks, when it darted forward to seize a duckling. But the drake had its eye on the marauder, and before the crow had the duckling the drake had the crow. It seized the black robber by one leg, and in spite of the latter's yells and fluttering, plunged in the pond with it. The drake swam a few feet and then dived with his prisoner. The capture of the crow filled the flock of crows with alarm, and they arose in a body and circled about with deafening cries. The sudden disappearance of their comrade beneath the water aroused all their sus. picious nature, and they flew rapidly away. The drake remained below for an extraordinary long time, and when it came to the surface the crow was not with it. It appeared soon afterward. It was as dead as a stone, the avenging drake having drowned it. The drake swam back to its mate and family, and a loud quacking of congratulations followed, after which the whole family launched themselves into the water for

Eyesight as a Help to Speech.

a triumphant swim.

An interesting method has for some time past been practiced by means of which deaf mutes are easily enough taught to speak in a passable manner. M. Goguillot, professor in the deat mutes' institution, Paris, in a published account of the essential features of this process, shows that it is at least characterized by entire simplicity. The professor emits any given sound, as, for instance, that of o or a, and obliges the pupil to look at him-at his mouthand at the same time to put his hand on his face or chest, to feel the vibrations of these parts; the pupil then adopts the same expression, tries to do with his mouth what he has seen the master do, and puts his hand to his own chest or face, to feel the vibrations, and tries to reproduce those he has felt. In this manner young deaf mutes may be trained to speak in a tolerably intelligent fashion, and thus, though in capable of being taught to hear, many get to understand what is said to them. through the evesight: that is, they look at the mouth of the person who is speaking, and understand the conversation in this manner. However, one must speak slowly, and exaggerate somewhat the real movements of the lips to insure comprehension. - Chicage

Accounts Kept on Doorposts.

The government of Saratoff, Russia, sells each year to the people an immense quantity of tar for use in their business. All the sales are on credit, and as the peasants can neither read nor write the account of each is kept by means of certain signs made with the tar upon his doorpost. Pay day comes every fall, and then only are the doorposts of Saratoff washed clean un-

Facts About Etna

The traveler is not so much attracted to Catania by its reminders of a mighty past as he is to put eyes and feet upon the monster which all through that known time stood moaning or thundering above it. Its ascent is begun within the very streets of the city. Strada Edta, Catania's longest street, beginning at the very edge of the port side, leads almost due north toward the volcano's peals, within a few feet of eleven thousand feet above the level of the sea, and fully twenty-eight miles away. The area of country dominated by the mountain, and at all times subject to overflow of lava, is astounding. Its circumference is fully one huning. Its circumference is fully one hundred and seventy miles, and it describes an irregular circle, of greatest diameter from north to south. Catania stands at the extreme of a southern deflection in its southern segment. The Alcantara River, rising in its northwestern foot hills, flows to the northeast, thence circles its northern edge, and finally sweeps around to the southeast into the sea. The Simeteo River, having its source at the northeast, near that of the Alcantara, circles the base, first to the southwest, then southward, and then flows around and into the sea to the southeast, below Catania. From Catania to the mouth of the Alcan tara, the Ionian Sea on the east, running with almost a straight wall of shore, cut a thin segment out of this circle. within this extraordinarily distinct cir-cle of 170 miles there is not a square inch of the earth's surface over which the lava has not at some time poured; which one cannot now distinguish to be unadul terated lava soil; and which is not subject to-day, or any other time, to a new coating of molten lava. The entire majestic contour of the mountain, broken here and there by lesser volcanoes, is visible from any point at this tremendous base-edge; but more strange than all else is the density of population within the lower and cultivably luxuriant rim. Threading the base, along the seashore, around to the north by the shores of the Alcantara, around to the south along the inner, or northern shore of the Simeteo and crowding up to the very edge of its lesser volcanoes, are between sixty and seventy cities and villages, housing—and every human being in life-long danger of destruction—upward of 300,000 souls.
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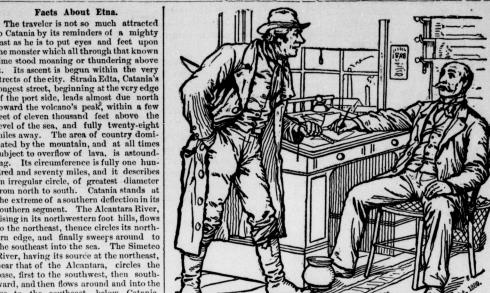
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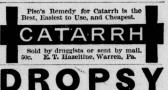
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