PEARY IS A GRAFTER.

Is Mean, Contemptible and Overbearing, Declares Dr. J. A. Vincent.

"A mean, contemptible, over-bearformer mayor of Springfield, Ill., visions or guns. denounces Lieutenant Peary.

It was the young man's report of aboard Peary's ship. his treatment on this trip that "To Mr. Whitney, secured an assignment as one of the were safer there then on the long tion. party and it was too late for him sledge trip in the spring across Melto withdraw with honor, Peary de- ville bay, but all his note books and him before permitting him to make which have been so closely written the voyage. Upon his return, the upon, he kept and carried with him. there was a bitter wind. I recorded the foundation is to be placed. father says, young Vincent declared To me, who understands only a very ever knew." He declared the offi- down so closely and in all direc- much like another. cer was mean, insolent and over- tions, were very bard to read, but food ran low. Dr. Vincent told his ter, their conduct, that is what inwhile every one else aboard ship tures is valuable." was put on shortened rations. Upon the return, he said, Peary claimed Cook's Own Story of Finding the seventeen days. all the glory, although some of the of heroism in strapping himself to according to an interview for the to advance more easily. a sled and hauting an exhausted American by W. T. Stead: companion back to safety, after the dog team had given out, the naval North Pole. officer stepped into the spot-light on resumed the practice of his profeskilled assertions. sion. He was accidentally Cook by saying:

"I would sonner believe Cook, for he is an honorable man?

STORY FROM COPENHAGEN.

It Tells About the High-Handed

Methods Used by Peary. A remarkable letter, giving Dr. Danish physician, who several times at the American Embassy. visited Greenland to study eye diseases, which he has made a spec-

story to one of his closest American friends just a week ago, before Com-mander Peary reappeared on the portions. The finished result of 1908. My observations showed that scene, but said that he did not in- my calculations I brought here to the latitude was precisely 90 tend to make it public because it might lead to unpleasantness.

Dr. Hansen was with Cock for some time in Greenland and returned with him on the Danish government steamer Hans Egede. In his parts, the loss of either would still which appeared purple in the light. letter, he says:

am no longer under any obligations house in Annatok, a story which Dr. | there." Cook himself had too much delicacy to relate to the world. I write it presence of Minister Egan and half according to my memory, in the a dozen guests and naval officers, much as possible and took observasame manner that Dr. Cook in all of whom heard Dr. Cook's reply. Egedesminde told it to me, and I am fully convinced that in no details are my recollections wrong.

"Dr. Cook has built his house for stores in Annatok, north of conclusive. Etah, and it was this depot which when this important point was reached everything was safe. He confirm his own. had, before the start, arranged with a young friend named Whitney that his evidence piecement at Copenhe have the right to use the house while hunting musk oxen for sport, in the winter of 1908-09.

"When Dr. Cook and his two Eskimos, exhausted and half starved, came within a shot's distance of the house in Annatok, young Whitney came out to bid him welcome, but inside the house was a stranger, a giant Newfoundland boatswain on watch. This man had been placed in Dr. Cook's house by Peary, when the latter passed Etah with his ship, bound south.

'Peary had given the boatswain a with the following words: 'The house belongs to Dr. Frederick A. of his Polar march as follows: Cook, but Dr. Cook is long ago dead and there is no use to search after him. Therefore, I, Robert E. Peary, install my boatswain in his deserted house."

"This paper the boatswain, who ed to Dr. Cook and the latter took a copy of this wonderful document, over the heights of Elismore Strait. This copy, however, he does not intend to publish if Peary's course does not force him to do so. Dr. Cook gave me a lively account of how the young millionaire, Mr. Whitney, during the whole winter was treated like a dog by the giant boatswain and how he had calmly witnessed the sailor bartering Dr. Cook's provisions for fox and bear skins for himself. Dr. Cook also had to put a good face on the unto make a compromise with the the tribe. boatswain with strong fists.

trip lasted, but he was compelled to let the Newfoundland boatswain continue his watch. The boatswain, ing grafter," are the terms in which however, received strict orders not Dr. J. A. Vincent, legislator and to exchange any more of the pro-

"Now, I suppose the sailor will Dr. Vincent's son, Dr. Edward celebrate his triumphant entrance Vincent, who was physician of the into New York harbor aboard Peary's Peary polar expedition of 16 years ship, while Whitney is, where? ago and was accoucher at the birth Aboard his own yacht Jeannie? Or, of "the Snow Bird," Peary's daugh- perhaps he has not wanted to wait ter, who came to life in Greenland. for his own boat and has gone

"To Mr. Whitney, Dr. Cook gave

Pole.

some years ago by a street car in good his claim by the production of were on land or sea. Detroit. The elder Vincent does these data he asked for nothing more not deny that Peary found the pole, than to be left alone to complete his \$8.21, and were within a little bit to take care of themselves. Its but disposes of the controversy with book and present his case as a less than one hundred miles of the method of feeding the young is one whole to the scientific world.

ments vary are few and relate al- silk tent which we carried. most exclusively to the question of

Frederick A, Cook's version of the their way to New York. This may knew our position. trouble with Commander Peary over be a mistake of some of the coraupplies, appears in the newspaper respondents; for it certainly does Politikin. The letter was written not agree with a statement made by ed latitude 89 degrees, 50 minutes feeds on crustacea, insects and waby Dr. Norman Hausen, a prominent Dr. Cook last Sunday at luncheon and 46 seconds, and were therefore ter molluses.

Dr. Cook told practically the same to produce them. Dr. Cook replied: | a double round of observations which

"In order to avoid any risk of confirmed our position. Copenhagen; the rough material grees. The temperature was 38 de-

leave him adequate material to "Now, that Dr. Cook has gone, I make good his claims, he replied:

This statement was made in the the breeze.

Cook always asserted that at the proper time, before the proper auwhich, he said, would be entirely had lost my sounding line.

he started to reach in February, produce this evidence was immut. Then, realizing that the flag would 1909, crossing Smith sound. It able, even when the news came that was a pretty large house, the walls Peary had reached the Pole. Dr. I took it down as we were about to being built of heavily filled provision | Cook's first remark upon hearing boxes, so that Dr. Cook knew that this news was that he hoped it was together with a signed report of my true because Peary's evidence would march from Etah. This I buried

Dr. Cook deprecated producing Pole." hagen. He produced no document to any one. He drew sketches of his route and he penciled diagrams Italians Break Ground for Monuas to the position of the sun at various points, but beyond showing Captain Sverdrup a book containing a he guarded jealously.

After describing the fortunate brought him to the edge of the Arctic circle at a time when good dogs, written order, which commenced plenty of Eskimos and lots of food

"I started away from Annatok near Etah, on February 19, which Commander was the sunrise of 1908. I had ten Eskimos, eleven sledges, heavily laden with supplies, and 103 dogs. It was the coldest part of the wincould neither read or write, exhibit- ter. The thermometer registered 83 degrees below zero as we passed

"We were bound for Land's End, to the west, where we were to begin our ice journey. During the trip we struck several fine game trails, and secured 101 musk oxen. 385 hair and 7 bears. We reached the end of the land and the begin- the fact that the plan was originated

ning of the ice on March 18, 1908. station, and I picked out the two tion on the 6th of October. The best men and twenty-six of the best ground on which this monument is dogs for the dash across the ice, to be erected is doubtless the same pleasant situation. He had to beg The Eskimos were Eutikishook and over which Verrazano trod in 1524. to get into his own house and had Ahwelsh, bravest and strongest of

"Dr. Cook made a present of the or 460 miles from the Pole. We coast of the New World, but in

faithful Eskimos, with the proviso er, on March 21. During the first came to New York and saw the that Whitney was to have the use days we made long marches. The Hudson River, even if he did not of the house as long as his hunting cold persisted and there were strong winds.

"I lived as the Eskimos did and managed to get some comfort by sleeping in snow houses which we dug out, eating tallow and drinking overcast by smoky mist, so that no observation could be taken, but on Geographical Society 'has in its March 30 an observation gave out position as latitude 84.47. We had covered, therefore, more than 130 miles in nine days.

"Beyond this point we encounwas no life. Tracks of animals and lia.' This globe was discovered in embittered the elder Vincent. The his instruments and his observations, blowholes of seals were absent. an old Spanish convent and its aufather says that after his son had as he thought those previous things Nor was there a trace of vegeta- thenticity is undoubted.

"Day after day, from then on, we daily our position and the incidents Peary was "the meanest man he little astronomy, the records written of the march, but one day, was

"April 7 was worthy of especial bearing, treating professional men what is the record to us. The two note, because the sun at midnight of the party like servants. When men, Peary and Cook, their charac- appeared over the edge of the northern ice. The next day I made an father, Peary and his wife continued terests us, and every little item observation which placed our posito est everything they desired, throwing a sidelight upon their na- tion at latitude \$6.20. Our speed had increased slightly. We had traversed more than 250 miles in

"We were then a trifle more than members of the crew went several a There are three statements which 200 miles from the Pole. We were of a goose. It has bead-like eyes miles further north than Peary did. Dr. Cook persists in making with sum arned and frosthitten on the like a rat and a tall somewhat like and although he performed an act unfailing uniformity, and they are, many day, but the light enabled us a beaver. It has the broad bill of

"Beyond the eighty-eighth par-First-He had discovered the affel the crevices became fewer and take a common fowl. It makes its narrower, and between the eighty-Second-He had his data, in the seventh and eighty-ninth parallels the return and claimed all the glory, shape of scientific observations, a 1 was surprised to find indications Young Dr. Vincent never cared to diary and the like, by which he of land lee. For two days we trave feet, one end of the hole opening repeat his experiences with Feary, could convince any competent scient elled over ice that looked. like 2 leto a river or stream and the other and after coming back to America tille authority as to the truth of his glacial surface. But there was no on land. It never lays more than perceptible elevation and, therefore, two exes at a time and its young Third-That until he had made it was impossible to tell whether we are born naked and helpless. They

On April 14th we reached latitude Pole. We no longer had energy to of the strangest known to natural-The points upon which his states make snowhouses and slept in a lats. The little bills of the babies

"In the days that followed we saw where he has the documents upon mirages, inverted mountains and udder or tests like other mammals which he relies for his vindication. | queer objects that seemed to dance Certain reports represent Cook as about. The horizon itself seemed until the young are able to forage saying that all his documents were to dance. But I made careful as- for themselves. Up to that time aboard the Jennie and were well on tronomical observations and always they derive their nourishment from

"On April 21 my observation-corwithin a stone's throw, almost, of When asked what he had done to the ninetieth parallel. We advancsafeguard them, as it was of vital ed the 14 seconds-approximately a importance that he should be able quarter of a mile-and there I made

upon which these results were based grees below zero. The barometer I sent to New York by the Jeanie." stood at 29.83 degrees. There was To the question that although he no land in sight-nothing but a dehad divided his documents into two pressing waste of ice and snow,

"The Eskimos, told that at last they had reached the 'Big Nail,' and "That is true. The calculations were the first of their race ever to keep sflence, and will exercise my would have to be worked out over to have set foot there, celebrated right to publish the story about the again, but the material would be all with savage joy. I raised the flag of the United States of America to

tions from various points within walking distance. I was unable to take any soundings of the sea thority, he would produce evidence through crevices I found because I

"Until early in the day of April His confidence in his ability to 23, 1908, we remained at the Pole. be torn to pieces within a few days. depart and placed it in a brass tube in the ice, exactly at the North years and decided to quit. The com-

STATUE OF HUDSON'S RIVAL.

ment at the Battery.

Last week ground was broken for the foundation for a monument to map on which he traced his route, he Giovanni da Verrazano, the Italian showed nothing. This book he took explorer who is credited by the from a small handbag which was Italians the world over as having tightly bound and sealed and which discovered the Hudson River nearly a century before Hendrick Hudson, the ceremony being performed in combination of circumstances that Battery Park, Manhattan, east of the

Aquarium. Preceded by a band, a committee of Italians paraded down Broadway and marched to the place selected for the statue. Here they were met by Chevalier Charles Barsotti, president of the committee, and Ettore Ximenes, the sculptor who designed the bust. Measurements had been taken for the location of the site of the monument and after the band had played the Italian national hymn the chevalier addressed the

onlookers, saying in part: "It affords me pleasure to break the ground for the erection of a monument to the memory of Giovanni da Verrazano, who is the real discoverer of the Hudson River. And we are to congratulate ourselves on not three months ago and that the "There we established a supply monument will be ready for dedica-

"After the discovery by Columbus of America in 1492, the Cabots-"We were then at latitude 82.33, John and Sebastian-surveyed the house with all its contents to his two started our advance three days lat- 1524, Verrazano, the pathfinder, fact .- Balzac.

explore it. To prove the facts we have an old engraving made from an oil painting of the Verazzann family which became extinct in Florence in 1769. Verrazano's brother, Jerome, made a map of his tea. The sky during these days was brother's discovery in 1529, and that is still in existence. The New York possession a copper globe of the earth made in 1547, and purchased but a few years ago in which it shows the Hudson River and the lands adjacent and which is labeled tered merely a desert of ice. There on the map 'Verrazano of New Ital-

At the conclusion of the address, the sculptor, Ettore Ximenes, broke progressed monotonously. The sur- the ground with a pickax and the manded and received \$1,000 from greasy and soiled record books, face of the ice grew smoother and chevalier with a silver trowel, turnmore level. It was still cold, and ed over the first bit of earth where

A Curious Animal.

When you go to the Museum, at Scranton, find case 17, and there you will find a specimen of one of! the rarest animals or birds in the world, the "Duckbill," Platyous, Mullingong or ornithorhynchus anatinus. The classification of this freak of nature is a puzzle to naturalists. It is about twenty-four inches long, has the fur of a beaver, Its fore feet are web-feet like those a duels hind legs like a beaver, lays use like a bird and hatches them nest in the ground and lines it with press and fur. It burrows in the ground to a debth of forty or fifty are earried in a pouch at the mother's breast until they are old enough are scaled to the breast of the mother, although the old ones have no The bill remains glued to the breast the mother, but in just what way it

Fortune for the Blind.

New York, Sept. 16 .- Many blind people here and abroad were made happy to-day when the contents of the will of Edith Rebecca Lord, daughter of the late John Taylor Lord, who was at one time a member of the dry goods firm of Lord & Taylor, became known. The will was filed yesterday and almost the entire fortune was left to the blind. Miss Lord died July 7, in Germany. Miss Lord's fortune in Europe is not known, but her property here amounts to \$300,000.

Immense Power Dam for Towanda. Mial E. Lilley, of Towanda, representing New York capitalists, has announced that a large power dam will be built on the Susquehanna river at that point. A charter has been secured for the company that will erect the dam and the state water commission has given con-

It is expected to carry the project through in three years. Barring accidents Towanda will then nestle close to a lake having an 1800-acre surface.

A Model "Presentation" Speech. John Smith had worked for the Valve corporation for forty-two

pany in consideration of his long and faithful service arranged to give him a monetary recognition. The superintendent of the works, a German and an extra good mechanic, was asked to present it. He was advised to use a little sentiment in making the presentation speech, and this is the way he did it:

"John, you haff work for the company over forty years?" "Yes."

"You are going to quit?" "Yes."

"Vell! They are so tam glad of it that they asked me to hand you this \$100."-Monsen Register.

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PECULIARITIES OF BAKHALIN.

Island Which Seems to be Exempt from Natural Laws.

Curious facts have lately come to light concerning the island of Sakhalin, which lies off the eastern coast of Siberia. Cold winds and sea currents circulate around it, and their effect appears to be to produce on the island a reversal of the ordinary course of nature respecting the arrangement of temperature.

Usually the air is warmest near sea-level, and coldest on highlands and mountains, but in Sakhalin the coldest air is found near the sea, and there the plants are of an Arctic character, while in the lofty interior of the island the climate is mild and even subtropical plants flourish on the heights.

Too Pat.

A pun is often the easiest as well as the lowest form of wit. An example of the kind of pun to be strictly avolded is given in the following story, taken from the Chicago News. A customer went into a music store to look over some songs.

"How do you sell your music?" she isked of the clerk.

"It depends on the kind you want." and that individual. "We sell plane nusic by the pound, and organ music y the choir.'

The customer did not buy any .ath's Companion.

Ten Days Gueen. hady Jane Grey was Queen of Engand for only ten days. Edward VL Hed July 6, 1553. Two days inter the ablic announcement of her accession o the throne was made, and on the she was brought before the Coun-I for acknowledgment. To enable e Duke of Northamberland to win grown for his own family, the orof succession as fixed by Henry H. was changed and Lady Jane was put on the throne, and ten later the lairigue was cuded, nd Mary became the acknowledged steen of England.

No Perpetual Motion.

Every machine is constructed to mamit motion or force. In every tunes the motion of the machine is ived from without, either from wouldr action or the weight of fallwater, or a current of air, or the ansive power of steam, or some or natural power. The motion and way that the machine has gained been obtained only at the expense some exterior agent. The quantity force in existence being fixed, no stock can be created, and therea self-moving machine is absurd even in name.

Mrs. Lanc's Old-Fashioned Ideal. "What is your ideal woman?" was and of Ellnor Macartney Lane, the ither of "Katrine," and Mrs. Lane newered: "Nothing of the new coman. A loving, passionate, greatonled, generous creature who loves hildren and animals, men, women and plants." This thought she expressed also through a character in one of her novels, who says, "Give a voman plenty of her husband's kisses, and his babies at her breast." -Harper.

Tea Grown in Oregon. A citizen of Hubbard, Peter Loer, has demonstrated the fact that the finest quality of Japan tea can be successfully grown in Hubbard and in all parts of Oregon. He has a large patch of land planted to tea, which is rowing nicely and is very thrifty. He aised a small quantity of tea last ar, which he readily disposed of to Portland merchants at four dollars a bound. The merchants offer to pay hat price for good ten raised in Ore-

Good Stroke of Pusiness.

TOIL.

The £1 note is not the smallest isned by the Bank of England. By istake a note of the value of one enny was made and issued in 1828. was in circulation for many years, source of annoyance to the cashiers n making up their accounts. At ength the holder of it brought it to he bank and after considerable argunent persuaded the authorities to give him £5 for it.

Makes for Good Health.

Boston has come to the conclusion that the health of the child is of great importance to its success in school, and a "health day" has been appointed. This was observed recently, physicians speaking to the pupils of the high schools upon the subject of "Health, Its Value and Cost."

Handy Ink Eradicator. When a blot occurs and the ink eraser is not at hand, use a bit of the emery board which comes for manicuring the nails. It is quick and efficacious, but care must be taken to work gently so as not to make a hole in the paper.

Speller Best Seller.

The book which is the very best seller in this country, outside the Bible, has been the humble Webster's Spelling Book, it being computed that upward of 30,000,000 copies of this work have been disposed of in the United States.

May Use Autos to Carry Mail. Baron Goto, minister of communications, is investigating the advisability of transporting mail by automobiles in the principal cities of Japan, and also possible to distant points where railroad traffic is not yet opened.

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