

SELECT CULLINGS

Early America.

M. Henri Cordier in the Journal des Savants calls attention to a proof of the discovery of America in the eleventh century which has hitherto passed unnoticed. In the saga of Eric the Red it is said that when Thorfin Karlsefne returned from "Markland," or Newfoundland, in 1005, he took back to Greenland with him two children from the northern land of the Skrælings, and four words of their language are preserved in the saga. These words were thought by the Greenlanders to be the names of the children's parents or chiefs, but M. Cordier shows that they can be traced to Eskimo phrases of the present day, two of them meaning something like "wait a moment" and "the northern islands" respectively. To this he joins the statement of Professor Waldemar Jocheson of St. Petersburg that the scientific expedition sent by F. P. Ribuschinski to Kamchatka has proved the morphological connection of the Kamchatkan language with several Indian dialects of North America. This derives additional interest from the news recently from America of the discovery by V. Stefansson of tribes of white Eskimos showing many traces of Norse descent on the shores of Coronation gulf.—London Athenaeum.

Rubber Wings For Ships.

Pellico Portello, a Brazilian, proposes to save sinking ships by means of rubber wings. His invention is on exhibition in Paris. The idea is not to make a vessel fly, but merely to keep it afloat after it has been hit by an iceberg, for instance, as in the Titanic's tragic predicament. Portello's idea is that every ship should be equipped with a lifebelt of rubber wings or sacks, stretching around the craft. These wings, he says, could be filled with air by means of special pumps at almost a minute's warning. The wings, he asserts, would cost comparatively little, and, uninflated, would be a scarcely noticeable incumbrance to the ship. No steamship or other vessel thus equipped, it is declared by Portello, could sink except in a leisurely way, allowing the passengers and crew ample time to escape in the small boats and rafts. Naval experts express interest in the young Brazilian's model, but have made no pronouncement as to its feasibility.—Philadelphia Record.

Russia and Slavianski.

Under the headline "How Russia Rewards Her Artists" the Berliner Tageblatt tells the sad story of Agevevov Slavjanski, who about twenty years ago organized an orchestra and in a tour of Germany and Austria introduced to the musical world the folk music of Russia, which up to that time had received only slight and mediocre interpretation. "His efforts," says the account, "were successful, and he profited financially to such an extent that he bought and paid for an estate near Moscow. Then, at the invitation of the czar, he took his company to the exhibition at Nizhni-Novgorod at tremendous expense, and when he asked to be compensated his request was ignored by the government. His estate was sold for debt, an attack of heart failure caused the musician's death, and today his family is in dire poverty."

The Enemy Within the Gates.

Nearly every European capital has seen the enemy within its gates during the last 100 years. Berlin was penetrated by the Austrians in 1757 and the Russians in 1760 and was occupied by the French from October, 1806, to December, 1808. Rome was occupied by the French in 1808 and 1849. Vienna was occupied by the French in 1805 and 1809, and Moscow in 1812. Lisbon in 1807 and Madrid in 1808. Paris was entered by the allies in 1814 and 1815 and by the Germans in 1871. Copenhagen was bombarded by the British in 1807. Athens was occupied by the Turks in 1826. Belgrade was captured by the Servians from the Turks in 1807, Sofia was taken by the Russians in 1829 and 1878, while Bukharest was occupied by the Russians in 1828 and 1853 and by the Austrians in 1854.

New York's Opium Fiends.

New York city is now the largest consumer of smoking opium in the world. It has surpassed the record of any Chinese city, not only in the quantity used or the number of men and women addicted to the habit, but also in the intensity and the passion with which the drug is consumed. There are at least 60,000 opium smokers in New York city. This is the conservative estimate of men whose duty it is to wage a daily, if vain, struggle against the growing vice. And they declare that this number is so much more appalling because of the fact that the city is drug ridden and consumes more cocaine, morphine and other derivatives of opium than any other municipality in the world, with the possible exception of Paris.—New York Tribune.

Limestone Wool.

Wool not the product of sheep is being utilized abroad for men's clothing. This is known as "limestone wool" and is made in an electric furnace. Powdered limestone, mixed with certain chemicals, is thrown into the furnace, and after passing through a furious air blast it is tossed out as fluffy white wool. When it comes from the furnace the wool is dyed and made into lengths, like cloth. A pair of trousers or a coat made of this material can not, it is claimed, be burned or damaged by crease.

IN THE WORLD OF SPORT

Jim Thorpe May Take Up Professional Hockey.



Photo by American Press Association.

Negotiations are being conducted by the Tecumseh professional hockey team of Toronto with Jim Thorpe, star athlete of the Carlisle Indian school, which may result in Thorpe's becoming a professional hockey player next season.

The management of the Tecumseh team learned upon good authority that Thorpe is a very efficient hockey player, and, since there is a scarcity of good material, a communication was forwarded to the Indian.

It is reported that Thorpe will not turn professional unless he receives an ironbound contract calling for a handsome stipend.

When questioned W. J. Bellingham, president of the Tecumseh Hockey club, practically admitted that he was negotiating with Thorpe, but declined to enter into particulars.

Is Coulon Going Back?

A Chicago friend of Johnny Coulon, a man who has backed him in many of his fights, says that he believes little Johnny is nearing the end of his string as a bantamweight champion. "Coulon has been in the game eight years now," he said, "and during the last year has lost a little something more in each of his battles. "With Kid Williams, Eddie Morgan of England, Charley Ledoux of France and Eddie Campi of the coast surging to the front, it is hard to see how Coulon can withstand the charge of all four combined. Some one of them is bound to take his measure."

George Standing to Retire.

George Standing, champion racket player of the world, has retired from competition. With the exception of Tom Heit of Boston, Standing is the oldest racket and court tennis player in the United States. His victory over Peter Latham of England several years ago gave him the world's championship, which he has since defended.

With Standing on the retired list the United States is said to be without a player of world championship caliber in this branch of sport.

McIntosh Quits Fight Game.

Hugh McIntosh, the Australian promoter, announced recently that he had disposed of his interests in the pugilistic game to "Snowy" Baker, a prominent boxing promoter. McIntosh will devote his whole time to a theatrical circuit.

Baker has purchased the stadium where all big fights arranged by McIntosh were staged and hopes to arrange a world's lightweight championship match and will offer champions in all divisions special inducements to come here, he said.

Cycle Champion May Retire.

Leon Meredith, the English bicycle rider, who won the world's 100 kilometer (about sixty-two and a half miles) amateur championship on six different occasions and by virtue of the event being abandoned in America this year on account of insufficient entries still retains his title, plans to retire. He hopes to establish an unpaired speed record from London to Brighton and return before finally quitting the sport.

Sets New Swimming Mark.

In one of the most spectacular mid-winter aquatic events ever held on the Pacific coast John McMurray, aged twenty, won the annual Christmas day 100 yard swim in the Willamette river, Portland, Ore., recently in 35 1-5 seconds, a new world's amateur mark. The time is within one and one-fifth seconds of the world's professional record in open water, held by Healy of Australia, the world's champion.

Red Sox Dispose of Krug.

Marty Krug, who acted as utility infielder for the Red Sox last season, was recently sold to the Indianapolis club of the American association under an optional agreement. Krug has the making of a rattling good major league ball player, but lacks experience and finish. He will get this in the American association.

ROUND THE GLOBE

Many London women are now taking up pharmacy.

Trinity church, New York city, is the richest in the world.

The coin collection of the British museum numbers 350,000 pieces.

A process has been discovered for converting oak wood to artificial ebony.

Mexico uses more cigarettes than any other country in proportion to its population.

Annapolis shops have been ordered to shun barber cadets and to do their own shaving.

The metric system of weights and measures is the only one legally recognized in Spain.

A French scientist urges putting one's pillow under one's feet as a remedy for insomnia.

Denmark has a law that prevents a merchant from having more than two clearing sales a year.

Shoemaking is the leading industry on the Balearic Isles. One factory turns out 110,000 pairs a year.

W. H. Osgood of Field museum, Chicago, is back from Peru with 2,000 specimens of fauna for the institution.

About 35 per cent of the cultivated acreage in British India is under rice. The average crop exceeds 23,000,000 tons.

The Chicago police have equipped a boat with a submarine light to expedite the recovery of bodies of drowned persons.

Shoes made by a well known Chicago firm are displayed in the shop windows of Baku, on the shores of the Caspian sea.

A laboratory for the study of canning and preserving has been opened at San Francisco by the United States bureau of chemistry.

Japan makes use of marine vegetation more than any other nation, much of its seaweed being manufactured into edible gelatin.

The population of Frankfort-on-the-Main now exceeds 424,000. Of the city's twenty-four aidemen thirteen are unsalaried.

This country last year imported more than \$2,872,000 worth of Swiss cheese, and the amount is constantly being increased.

The United States is now leading all other countries in the use of cocoa and coffee, but ranks third in the consumption of tea.

Electrical apparatus which accurately determines the range and tone of human voices has been invented by a German woman.

Before a fire brigade can start for a fire in Berlin the members must all fall in line in military fashion and salute their captain.

Natural gas production in the United States now amounts to 500,000,000 cubic feet annually, valued in first hands at \$70,000,000.

Ozone is now used to sterilize the drinking water at St. Petersburg, formerly a source of epidemics yearly of cholera and typhoid fever.

For pumping heavy liquids a Welsh inventor has designed a combined piston and rotary pump, with no valves that can be easily clogged.

But two-hundredths of an inch of rain was measured at Greenwich observatory in England in April, making it the driest month recorded in a century.

Two English physicians are experimenting with a new parasite with which they hope to exterminate the flies of their country in a very few years.

Portuguese East Africa contains the following game in abundance: Buffalo, crocodile, eland, elephant, giraffe,gnu, hartebeest, hippopotamus, hyena, koodoo, rhinoceros, antelope, waterbuck and zebra.

Mickey Smith, a basket maker and cattle drover, died in the poorhouse at Dunshaughlin, Ireland, recently at the age of 116. He drank heavily and smoked constantly. He was married three times.

It is rumored that the French Compagnie Generale Transatlantique is studying the possibility of making Brest the home port of its American lines. Brest has perhaps the largest natural harbor in Europe.

One of the unsolved problems connected with ostrich breeding in South Africa is the defective bar in so many feathers which are otherwise comparatively perfect. These bars are not found in wild bird feathers.

A stained glass window to the memory of Izaak Walton, the "compleat angler," is to be placed in Winchester cathedral, where he was buried. It has been decided to make a special appeal to fishermen for funds.

A pigeon recently flew from Niagara Falls to New York city in six hours and thirty-three minutes, or at the rate of nearly seventy miles an hour. While the aeroplane can beat this rate, it will probably be some time before an aviator equals this record for a flight between the two places.

Sugar cane fiber, now largely waste material, promises to become one of the most valuable of byproducts. It has been practically demonstrated that the fiber produces a stronger paper than any heretofore manufactured. It can also be worked up into artificial wood, celluloid, nitrocellulose and wax.

The great bulk of American exports to Germany—just about three-fourths—are classified as foodstuffs in crude condition and food animals, foodstuffs partly or wholly manufactured, and crude materials for use in manufacturing. Demand is large for American cotton, copper, lumber, wheat and other raw materials which Germany needs.

THE SORREL WIG

By ELIZABETH WEED

Dear old motherly Mrs. Cruikshank was all heart. She took me into her house at the time of my mother's death and cared for me. She said it was because she was lonely, her son being a sailor and away from her nearly all the time, and that I was very good to stay with her and all that. It was no use to combat her as to this, and I saw that to remind her continually of my obligation distressed her, so I let her have her say in the matter. She was a funny little body, full of crotchets, and one must humor them.

Shortly before Mrs. Cruikshank took me in her son Albert sailed on a voyage, to be gone three years. I was seventeen then, just the age to be thinking of a lover, and his photograph hanging in the parlor caught my fancy. It represented a boy of eighteen in sailor costume, his collar rolling away from his neck, his hair tumbled and a frank, fearless face. The old lady never tired of talking to me about him and one day said to me:

"If you'll be a good girl and stay with me till he comes back, perhaps I'll give him to you—if you want him." I smiled at this way of putting it and told her that any girl who wouldn't want such a fine looking fellow as that wouldn't deserve to have a husband at all.

When the time came round for Bert to be coming home he wrote his mother that he had been promoted to be first mate and he hoped it wouldn't be long before he would have a ship of his own. His mother read me this part of the letter with every appearance that she considered me interested in it on my own account, and I didn't disturb her in her opinion.

As bad luck would have it, several months before Bert's return I was attacked by a fever which nearly carried me off. If I was obliged to Mrs. Cruikshank before the obligation was now increased a hundredfold, for she hung over me as if I had been her own daughter and the only one at that.

Alas! When the fever left me it took my hair with it, leaving me as bald as a billiard ball. True, my hair began to grow again and just before Albert's arrival was about half an inch long all over my head. I could see that this troubled Mrs. Cruikshank immensely, for my hair was my most attractive feature, and without it I at least considered myself a very homely girl. She declared that I was more attractive than ever, but since my loss troubled me it must be hidden till the hair grew again to its wonted length—I would wear a wig.

Mrs. Cruikshank went to the city one day to procure the article and came home with one whose color was unique. The nearest word by which to describe it is sorrel. I told the good lady that it was beautiful, which comforted her greatly, for she said it had been offered to her for half price and she feared the reduction was owing to its color. I assured her that it matched my complexion exactly.

By the time Bert arrived I was up and about. Every now and then I would catch sight of myself in a mirror and would be astonished, even shocked, at my appearance. My pallor was heightened by my wig, and the appearance was like an old woman who had been trying to make herself look young. But I refrained from saying a derogatory word to the mother of the boy whom I was to attract. Indeed, I pretended to be very much pleased with myself.

The result was what might have been expected. Mrs. Cruikshank had mentioned me in her letters to her son, commending me for a beauty, and had unfortunately spoken of my "tresses" as my chief physical attraction. When he met me he was so astonished at the color of my head covering that his eyes were glued to it in a fixed stare. Then he shook hands with me, but there was no warmth in his grip. It was plain to both his mother and me that he had met with a great disappointment.

After remaining at home a few days submitting to his mother's caresses he made an excuse to get away to the city, saying that he must go on business for the ship. I could see that his mother was greatly disappointed at the ill success of her plan for keeping him at home by offering me as an attraction. He said he would be away a month, and on his return would sail again. His mother resigned herself to what she could not help, and we were left alone.

One night when we had gone to bed there came a rap at the front door. Getting out of bed I donned a dressing gown and without putting on my wig went downstairs with a lighted candle to see what was wanted. Opening the door there stood Bert.

As at our first meeting his gaze was fixed upon my hair, but now my own hair, and instead of disappointment I saw admiration. My hair is naturally kinky, and it was now long enough to stand in little ripples.

"For heaven's sake!" he exclaimed. "What's become of the sorrel?"

I burst into a laugh, and called to his mother that her boy had returned.

Bert's manner toward me was completely changed. He did not sail as expected, having been offered a ship of his own, and when he did sail he took his mother and his wife with him, I being the wife. It is needless to say that the old lady was delighted, and as for me—well, I was by no means distressed.

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