

Whoever makes a pencilled mark, though it may be of little worth...

The Vanished Islands.

A MYSTERY OF THE OCEAN.

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[The old-time charts of the Southern Atlantic showed, some five hundred miles east of Cape Horn, a group of islands known as the Auroras...

There are but few regions of the land surface of the globe which have not been pretty thoroughly explored...

utes twenty-two seconds south, longitude, forty-seven degrees fifty-seven minutes fifteen seconds west...

The discrepancies in the various accounts are very great, without taking into account the variations in the presumed positions...

In order to verify these accounts and ascertain the exact position of the Auroras in the interests of navigation...

The illustration next reproduced shows a position of a chart, dated 1880, bearing the last reference to them before their official erasure...

These bergs, it should be explained, are frequently loaded with blocks of stone, gravel, sand and mud...

It was during the last days of May, 1892, when the Bristol barque Gladys, owned by Messrs. Shaw, Savill, and Co., of London...

After passing Cape Horn the Gladys stood on an easterly course, hoping to pick up the south-east trade wind...

enabled her to give this unexpected land a sufficiently wide berth. When first seen there appeared to be a single long island, perhaps twenty miles in length...

The Auroras having been erased from the Admiralty charts of that date, the ship had come nearer to their supposed position than would otherwise have been the case...

At the time the Gladys passed them the islands were quite free from ice or snow, and the weather was perfectly clear. Some three days or so later the ship, which was then on a northerly course...

While lying between two immense bergs about five miles apart, with her head towards the weathermost one, it became evident after some hours that the berg to windward was drifting more rapidly than the ship...

On the fifth day the Gladys met with a line of huge bergs extending in a north-east to west-south-west direction whose northern ends made them look just like a column of battleships...

It was evident that they had been keeping a regular look-out for a beaten track was plainly discernible along the sloping face of the upper terrace...

About fifteen miles to the southward of this berg a boat was observed lying on a half-submerged cake of ice about half an acre in area...

But to return to the mysterious Auroras. In addition to his personal experience Captain Hatfield mentions a further corroboration of the existence of the group...

In conversation with this mariner Captain Hatfield made reference to the question of the existence of the Auroras. Captain "Ned" at once said he was absolutely certain of their exist-

ence and identity, for he had actually landed on them several times; he knew a water-place on the south-east end of the northern-most island...

In face of the testimony of the many old-time navigators, somewhat conflicting though it is, and the evidence of these two modern seamen, what is one to think? Do the Auroras actually exist...

TASTE IN POTATOES.

Europe Demands Tubers Which Differ From Our Standard.

It is surprising to learn from so authoritative a source as the Cornell Agricultural College Bulletin that the quality of potatoes, as measured by European standards...

In the United States a tuber of starchy flavor, white and floury in color, and above all, mealy when cooked, represents the epicure's estimate of perfection...

In this country different sections have their preferences. In the North light yellow or whitish-skinned tubers are often preferred...

Of course, tubers with deep eyes and irregular form are avoided, while those of oval, flat-round and elongated oval shape are considered desirable...

Nevertheless, any variety of potato, planted in ground with good drainage, will yield a very different tuber from a table estimate from that produced by planting identical seed in poorly drained soil.

QUAINT AND CURIOUS.

Gibraltar has 70 miles of tunnels.

The foot of a woman should measure one-seventh the length of her body.

A caterpillar's daily food consumption amounts to twice its own weight.

It is said that fatal balloon accidents are only three in a thousand ascents.

In the Northern Hemisphere there are 6100 stars plainly visible to the naked eye.

There are more than 4000 different editions of the Bible in the British Museum.

There are still 20,000,000 miles of territory on this globe which have not been explored.

The average railroad earnings for the whole world are 3 1-4 percent of the capital invested.

A Silesian court sentenced to prison for 20 months a man who had failed to cheer the kaiser during the military maneuvers.

The London general postoffice recently successfully delivered a letter addressed "Corner House, Two Stone Dogs in Front."

The newspaper files of the British Museum have been moved to a special depository at Henden, seven miles from London...

A fire alarm was turned on the other day in Berlin for a swallow caught by the leg on the edge of the roof of a high building...

A sample of the nuts upon which the warriors of Somaliland march and fight so well has been brought to England...

The famous sycamore tree at Heliopolis, in the suburbs of Cairo, beneath whose shade the Holy Family is said to have found shelter after the flight into Egypt...

The body of George Penn, a London dog fancier, was followed to the grave by four fine bull terriers...

There are 29,202 postoffices in the German empire.

FINANCE AND TRADE REVIEW

WEATHER AFFECTS BUSINESS

Dealers in Clothing Especially, Feel the Influence of Spring's Delayed Arrival.

R. G. Dun & Co.'s weekly review of trade tomorrow says: Erratic weather makes trade reports irregular, retail sales of spring wearing apparel being retarded by storms and cold at many points...

Encouraging news comes from the iron and steel industry, large sales of pig iron being made for delivery up to the end of the year...

Improvement is noted in the primary market for drygoods, producers regarding current purchases as of substantial character because prices are now on too high a level to encourage speculative demand.

MARKETS.

PITTSBURG.

Table with market prices for Wheat, Corn, Oats, Flour, Hay, Clover, and other commodities.

Dairy Products.

Table with market prices for Butter, Creamery, and other dairy products.

Poultry, Etc.

Table with market prices for Hens, Chickens, Eggs, and other poultry.

Fruits and Vegetables.

Table with market prices for Potatoes, Cabbage, Onions, and other vegetables.

BALTIMORE.

Table with market prices for Flour, Wheat, Corn, and other commodities.

PHILADELPHIA.

Table with market prices for Flour, Wheat, Corn, and other commodities.

NEW YORK.

Table with market prices for Flour, Wheat, Corn, and other commodities.

LIVE STOCK.

Table with market prices for Union Stock Yards, Cattle, Hogs, and other livestock.

Oil Markets.

Table with market prices for various oil products.

A Costly Tree.

Sixty years ago a Pennsylvania farmer cut down a chestnut tree on a neighbor's property...

PURE SOAP AS A TONIC.

Don't be afraid of being too clean or washing away your skin with too frequent use of soap...

THE CATCHING OF A TARPON IN NOVA SCOTIA.

The catching of a tarpon in Nova Scotia waters probably means renewed discussion of the erratic Gulf Stream...

A SOCIAL LEADER OF KANSAS CITY

Attributes Her Excellent Health to Peruna.



MRS. W. H. SIMMONS. Mrs. W. H. Simmons, 1119 E. 8th St., Kansas City, Mo., member of the National Annuity Association, writes:

"My health was excellent until about a year ago, when I had a complete collapse from overdoing socially, not getting the proper rest, and too many late suppers...

"At the end of that time my health was restored, my nerves no longer troubled me, and I felt myself once more able to assume my social position. I certainly feel that Peruna is deserving of praise."

An Indian Race Legend.

A new-State paper says that the Seminole Indians believed that when the Great Spirit created this world He made three men, all fair of skin. He led them to a lake and bade them jump in...

How Lion Is Henpecked.

"Should some of the strenuous ladies of the United States happen to visit the New York Zoo," said the animal painter, "they would be encouraged in their contempt of man."

ROMANTIC DEVONSHIRE

The Land Made Famous by Philipotts' Novels.

Philipotts has made us familiar with romantic Devonshire, in his fascinating novels, "The River," "Children of the Mist," etc.

"For 30 years I drank coffee for breakfast and dinner but some 5 years ago I found that it was producing indigestion and heart-burn...

"When I realized this, I made up my mind that to quit drinking coffee and having read of Postum, I concluded to try it. I had it carefully made, according to directions...

"As a table beverage we find (for all the members of my family use it) that when properly made it is most refreshing and agreeable...

"The catching of a tarpon in Nova Scotia waters probably means renewed discussion of the erratic Gulf Stream, suggests the Hartford Courant."