

Usefulness of Birds at Sea—The pleasure of watching birds at sea whether in the air or skimming the sea's waves, is to many minds very keen. And there is something more, too, to be considered. Mariners can often tell their way by these birds, especially when nearing a coast. I will remember, as an old sea captain, how I used to watch for them on approaching certain coasts, such as parts of Patagonia, too low to be seen at the ordinary distance. Once, when coming from Monte Video, with a mail and important Government dispatches on board for the Falkland Islands, I was able to run on my course in safety owing to a particular bird having joined company with us. On the occasion I refer to we were approaching the land in thick, misty weather with a strong breeze. It had been clouded over for a day or two, so that my solar observations were rather doubtful. I was anxious, for it was drawing toward evening and I wished to get into Port Stanley with the mail that night. It was, however, so thick that we could not see a mile ahead. Presently, a shrill noise was heard, a flapping of wings made us look around above, and soon we saw what we call the "puffin" bird. I knew my distance now, for these birds never weaken the so many miles from the coast. A glimpse of a black and white bird, more easterly till after dark, and a clearer night, I sighted Cape Horn broke light, and knowing the passages well, worked my vessel up Port William, then shot through the "Narrows," and anchored in Port Stanley, nearly opposite the Government House about one o'clock in the morning. Next day I was thanked by his excellency, the Governor—himself a high naval officer—for the quick trip made and the dispatches, besides long-wished-for private correspondence we had brought. But to this day I thank God's feathered pilots, who had then and often shown me the way.

Red Snow in the Mountains—Inspectors returning from the Holy Cross county, and especially from the head of Cross Creek, report that the ground is covered with red snow. In the almost inaccessible defiles of Mount Shasta in California is the only other known place in the United States where this is seen. In polar regions it is a familiar sight, and no extensive traveler returns without a description of it. The broad fields of everlasting snow that flank the northern coast of Greenland are flaked with the strange blood red, and further towards the poles miles of it stretch as far as the naked eye can reach. The phenomenon is due to the presence of minute red animalcules. A microscope detects its presence, but how it got there is a difficult question, and has never been quite satisfactorily answered. The red snow in this region is first seen at the head of Cross Creek, where it may be observed in patches of intense carmine, varying in area from as large as a man's hat to twenty feet in diameter. Taken in the hand and closely examined, nothing can be detected that gives it color, and it melts into clear, red water, leaving no stain. Further on in some of the steep gulches, with which the country abounds, the bottoms are entirely covered with the strange substance. In some places the color is vivid in the extreme, while in others it fades to a faint pink, producing an effect not readily described in words. Old prospectors, who penetrated the regions two years ago, say that there was no snow of this description there, and its fall can scarcely have antedated their visit. Still higher, and at the very foot of the mountain, the red snow disappears, and nothing save the pure white coverlet greets the eye.

A Georgia editor says: "Gold in thirty-three counties in this State, copper in thirteen, iron in forty-three, diamonds in twenty-six, whiskey in all of them, and the land goes away with all the rest."

America is the cradle of liberty, and so we rocket on the Fourth.

Dissolution of Co-Partnership.
THE co-partnership heretofore existing between JOHN F. KING and THOMAS F. YATES, under the name of King & Yates, in the publication and management of the St. Mary's Beacon newspaper is this day dissolved by mutual consent. Either member of the late co-partnership is authorized to sign the name of the firm in settlement.

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MEN OF GRIT.—Many a life has been lost because the left hand has been neglected. The large majority of men do not use a tithe of the power they possess. Their intellects are mostly in a slumber. One of the wealthiest men in Wall street to-day broke down in business. A good many years ago, he went into an office where he was acquainted and said to the members of the firm that he had no bread for his family. "I'm ready to go messenger for you or perform any other service." He hung up his coat there and commenced work around the lowest rung of the ladder. Previously this man's check was accepted anywhere in the street. You may be sure such a man gradually mounted. Over in Boston a like minded man fell out. "He was without bread, and soon would be without shoes unless he awakened up and stirred his energies. He was a book-keeper, and at one time earned a handsome salary. What did he do? This he did: he took a cotton hook and went down to the wharf to load and unload cotton at so much an hour. Behold another man of grit! The owners of the cotton and the ship eyed this hero. Soon the decree went forth, Come up higher. He resumed the quill and laid aside the cotton hook.

A STORY OF REFUS CHOATE.—In order to counteract the odious reputation arising from the many modes of thwarting and defeating justice in the interest of debtors and of delay, certain judges conceive themselves to be inspired by a divine mission for dispatching business, and this remains one of the celebrated dialogues between a Chief Justice of Massachusetts and Mr. Choate.

WHAT TO READ.—Are you deficient in taste? Read the best English poets, such as Thomson, Gray, Goldsmith, Pope, Cowper, Coleridge, Scott, and Wordsworth.

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Messrs. Editors—The friends of R. JONH SON GILTON knowing his sailing worth and representative ability request you to announce him as a candidate for a seat in the Senate of Maryland at the election of 1881 and say, if he will become a candidate he will be warmly supported by
Nov 27, 1879 The People.

FOR THE SENATE.
Messrs. Editors—As Mr. Wm. O. Reeder has been appointed a Clerk under the Government we beg you to announce Dr. L. J. SUTTON as a candidate for the Senate this Fall, believing he has done as much for the Republican party as any man in it and knowing he has received nothing but abuse. We think he is entitled to some reward for his services and therefore name him as a candidate for the Senate, subject to the action of a regular Republican Convention, and assure the public he will receive, what he merits, the warm support of the Republicans of the county and particularly of
April 14, 1881. CHARLOTTE HALL.

FOR THE SENATE.
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