

Saint Mary's Beacon

MOVING AT YAKUTAT.

How the Indians Handle their Canoes—A Persistent Dog.

The Indians at Yakutat, Alaska, were getting ready to go to Disenchantment bay to hunt seals and get the oil for winter consumption.

Everybody was going, big and little, and the village would be deserted until the hunt was over, with only the disconsolate dogs to watch it.

When the canoes were in the water, the work of loading them began. The members of each family gathered up their traps and piled them in—bundles of blankets and skins, household utensils, pots, kettles and pans, dried salmon, provisions from the store, oil in tin cans and bark pans to hold it.

One man had two dogs and not much room. He chucked one in and paid no attention to the pleading of the other. The dog was persistent, but his only reward was a cuff on the ear.

The late bishop of Winchester is said to have possessed among his many other qualities that of sarcasm. A good story is told of a report he made to the late Lord Bramwell, who, meeting him on his way back to his room to take off his robes after reading prayers in the house of lords, apologized for having been absent from the economy.

"When I kneel down, it gives me palpitation of the heart," said Lord Bramwell, "and it would not be respectful for me to sit or stand while your lordship was praying."

Bishop Thorold, perhaps knowing almost as much about the old bard as the sanctity as did Lord Bramwell himself, answered in measured tones: "Pray do not mention it, Lord Bramwell. I am sure your lordship can be equally devout whether you are standing, kneeling or sitting—I will not say lying."

The playful old judge afterward inquired who had read prayers that afternoon, and on being told remarkably, with a sparkle in his eyes, "He's a sharp fellow."—Household Words.

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SAILORS' PETS.

Animals Which Vary the Monotony of Existence For Jack Tar.

Three things, writes a naval contributor, there are which do more than anything else to lighten the burden of existence such as it is borne by Jack Tar, says the Westminster Gazette.

An elephant seems "a large order" as a sailor's pet aboard ship, but who of the senior naval officers does not remember the vessel called by the nickname of H. M. S. Menagerie, and the elephant on board of that paddle wheel-fragate when they were on the Indian station?

Admiral Sir G. W. told me that when he commanded an Indian troopship a full grown tiger was embarked for passage to England as a present from some Indian prince to the queen.

Here is another anecdote of a real pet, this time in the same ship. There are several officers now alive who can vouch for the truth of this story. The first lieutenant had a very jolly little monkey, quite a general favorite.

It had been the custom for his monkey to follow him and wait by the table for a morsel of food now and then. This evening, after some little time had elapsed, and the monkey did not appear, his owner, excusing himself for a minute, ran back to his cabin to see what his pet was doing, knowing besides, having a strong imitative trait of character, it was generally up to some mischief or other.

Among the sayings attributed to Douglas Jerrold is a very bitter one he applied to Mark Lemon, then editor of Punch. Lemon was deeply attached to Dickens and showed it in a very open fashion, which perhaps aroused the great satirist's jealousy.

"Do you know that Snigley is the father of twins?" "Yes, I heard it last night at the club. Did you hear what he said about it?" "No. What?" "He said that they were the first duplicate wedding presents that Mrs. Snigley and he had received."

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General Cabanis raised him \$100 more, using the same sort of currency. Colonel Culpepper saw the raise and tilted \$400. General Cabanis saw this \$400 and raised him \$1,000, and so the game went on for an hour longer, when each gentleman saw he had exhausted his ready funds, but still neither was prepared to call.

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