

PRIBYLOV'S QUEST.

The Discovery of the Breeding Haunts of the Fur-bearing Seals

"Now that the Bering Sea Commission has concluded its labors, and, singular to say, both England and the United States claim to have come out best in the decisions, it might be interesting to narrate the history of the discovery of the seal islands," remarked A. C. Caperton, agent for a large New York house which deals in seal-skin goods.

"For the lover of true romance there is more than an international interest in the Bering Sea question," continued Mr. Caperton. "It was only about the close of the Revolutionary war that the seal islands were discovered by civilized man, and that discovery is as full of romance as was the expedition of Ponce de Leon in search of the fabled fountain of immortal youth.

"Meantime, every year at certain seasons the channels around the Aleutian Islands swarmed with fur seals, passing north in the spring and south in the fall. No seal was ever known to stray even for an hour on any part of the known Alaskan shore.

"But a Columbus finally appeared. His name was Gerassim Pribylov. He was a mate on a Russian vessel. An old gray-haired Aleut related to him a legend of the natives regarding certain islands said to exist in Behring. Old Pribylov was superstitious as any sailor, and believed there was some truth in the legend.

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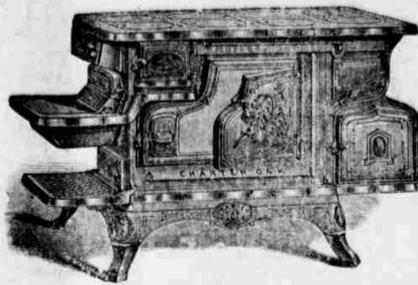
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