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"The Pandora."

A Brief and Thrilling Voyage to the Arctic Seas —Narrow Escape from Icebergs—Safe Return— The Graves of Three of Franklin's Men Discovered.

ON BOARD THE PANDORA, October 18th.—We arrived at Spithead on the 16th inst., after a voyage of twenty-two days from Disco. The following is a continuation of the narrative of our voyage after the 7th of August, an account of progress prior to that date having already been published in the *World*:

August 7th, the crew, after watering the ship, went on shore and attended a dance given by natives in their honor, spending the time until 10 P. M. dancing with the belles of Disco. The anchor was weighed after the return of the crew, and the ship proceeded on her way to the coal depot at Sourtuck. The next day (Sunday) the Pandora encountered numerous icebergs, and at night made fast to one, and the engines were stopped. On Monday the Pandora arrived at the coal depot, and the Captain and Esquimaux Joe went ashore. They returning, bringing two men and some dogs. The next day, after steaming further on through the strait, the ship came to anchor and coaling was begun, and by 7 o'clock P. M. forty tons had been hoisted on board. Wednesday the ship was got under way, and after two days of fair sailing she was anchored off Upernavik. Here the ship was visited by the Governor and a number of natives, who informed the Captain that the Government vessel remained there three days, and sailed on the 27th of July. The Pandora sailed on the same day of her arrival, and the next day on her way encountered heavy ice coming from the northward. On Sunday the Devil's Thumb was sighted, and on Monday the high land of Cape York covered with red snow. On this day a bear was killed by the Captain and Lieutenant, who, with the second cutter pursued him. Thick ice was encountered now for the first time in two days, and on the following day (Tuesday, August 17,) the ship ran into a floe of ice, which stopped her further advance. The engines were reversed, and the ship backed out and got clear of ice. The voyage was continued through a field of floating ice, the course laying in the direction of the Cary Islands, which were sighted the next day. At six o'clock the engines were stopped, and the Captain, Lieutenant and two members of the scientific staff went on shore with letters and dispatches for the Alert and Discovery, which they left in a cask at the base of the mountain, and examined the three cairns, in one of which they found a bottle of rum, a cake of tobacco, three leaden pellets and an English penny dated 1863. The articles were left there by Captain Walker, of the ship Alexandria, in 1867. A tin plate, on which were engraved the names of the Resolute and Assistance, dated 1842, was also found. No intelligence of the Alert or Discovery was found here. The next day the ship was headed in the direction of Lancaster Sound, and at 6 A. M. the West Land was sighted. On Saturday, the 21st, the Pandora arrived at a point opposite Cape Walker, at the entrance of Lancaster Sound. In the meantime the weather was fair, some ice was encountered, and a number of bears and a seal were killed by the crew. The course now lay across Lancaster Sound, and for two days the ship labored through fields of thick ice, but on the 24th she entered clear water. The course lay along the South Land, and on the 25th the North Land and Beachy Island were sighted. On this day the weather was thick and snow fell until noon. At 11 o'clock A. M. the anchor was dropped in Beachy Bay, opposite the provision depot, and the Captain and three of his officers went ashore. The next day the watch went ashore with tools to repair the provision depot, which was in a very dilapidated condition. On the beach they found clothing of many kinds and styles strewn about. On arriving at the depot, which consisted of a square wooden house, the men found the doors broken down and one side of the building torn away. This was the work of bears, according to the opinion of the men. The provisions, however, were found safely imbedded in ice three or four feet thick. A small quantity of the provisions was taken as a trophy of the voyage. There was a wall about three feet high around the house, a few sledges, a few tons of coal, and five boats, two of which were life boats. At the back of the house was the memorial stone of Sir John Franklin, placed there by Captain McClintock. On the morning of the 26th the Pandora left her anchorage and steered out of Beachy Bay. On the 27th she was made fast to a floe of ice, where she remained until the next day, when she was cast off and arrived at Lone Stone island in the afternoon. The Captain and a crew of seamen went on shore, but found nothing in the cairns. They returned and the ship was got under way again.

On the 29th the land of the west coast of West Somerset was sighted, and towards evening of the same day Cape Coleman was sighted, which was visited by Ross twenty-eight years ago, and where a cairn was built. The Captain went on shore and found papers left there by Ross, which were in a state of perfect preservation. The next day the course was continued towards Bellott's Straits, but in the afternoon the ship encountered an ice-floe, and lay to. The Captain and some of the crew landed on an island near by and built a cairn. On account of the density of the ice the Pandora, on Friday, September 3d, was turned back on her way through Peel Sound. On the 6th, the main body of ice was met, which extended clear across the Sound, and the voyagers began to fear that they would be ice-locked, and have to remain there until the next year. But the ship finally worked her way through the ice and continued on her way down Lancaster Sound. Much snow fell during this period, and new ice formed rapidly. On the 7th the ship emerged from Lancaster Sound and entered Davis Straits. On the 10th the Cary Islands were sighted. The first Lieutenant went ashore on the northwest island and found official dispatches to the Captain from the British Admiralty. The boat returned and the Pandora was once more got under way, and the homeward voyage was begun. On the 13th she arrived opposite the Devil's Thumb. During the 13th, 14th, and 15th rough weather was experienced, a high sea running and much snow and sleet falling. On the 20th she arrived at Disco. The Governor came on board and had lunch. The men were invited to a ball, which invitation was accepted with alacrity. On the 24th the Pandora put to sea with light winds and clear weather. The voyage homeward was continued thenceforth, and was accomplished without loss or serious accident.

A Royal Voyage.

The Saloon of the Scrapts, in which the Prince of Wales Goes to India—Its Furniture and Adornments.

On ascending the grand staircase we find ourselves in the royal saloon. Here, perhaps, the visitor will experience some little disappointment. There is no glitter or gorgeousness. Indeed, we question whether the general appearance is not too sombre. The whole of the upholstery and the principal part of the furniture were selected by his Royal Highness himself, and he was consulted on every point. The apartments are very spacious, and have been so arranged that they can easily be divided by means of silk curtains. The whole of the grand saloon has been devoted to the use of His Royal Highness. The cabins hitherto existing have been removed, and the space has been used for the erection of sleeping-cabins, dressing rooms, and bath-rooms, which His Royal Highness will use, those on one side during the outward and those on the other during the homeward voyage.

The whole of the furniture is in unpolished English oak; the coverings of the chairs, sofas and lounges, the tops of the tables, and, in fact, everything requiring to be covered, are in a dull, brown morocco leather. The stern lounges are framed, like the rest in English oak, and are covered with leather; but the frames have been highly polished. The principal dining tables will accommodate sixty guests, and will be in the form of a horse-shoe, the bow being fixed close to the bulkhead of the saloon. This table, however, will not always be used, and it is so constructed that it can easily be removed to make way for a smaller one of an oval shape which will accommodate twenty-four guests. There are unpolished dumb-waiters and dinner wagons, oak-side flap or carving tables, card tables, one of Messrs. Jackson & Graham's recently invented and comfortable reclining chairs, and a host of other articles in oak which it would be difficult to enumerate. The whole of the carpeting throughout the royal apartment is of one pattern, and is in general keeping with the furniture. It is one of the best Brussels, and the pattern is Persian in character. The table-covers are of Indian patterns. We may add that the arms of His Royal Highness appear upon nearly every article, even the brown morocco overlaps of the stationary cases for the writing tables and the many-colored leather footstools being stamped in gold with them.

The general decorations of the saloon are exceedingly chaste, and reflect the greatest credit upon all concerned in their execution. The principal color is white, relieved by a very pale blue, with which the columns and cornices are painted. The latter are surmounted at intervals of about four feet with miniatures of the crest of the Indian troop-ships, namely, a golden sun, bearing a garter containing the words "Heaven's light our guide," within which is a star worked in silver. Gold has been freely but not extravagantly used in "picking out," (to use a technical term) the various points usually gilded in yacht decorations. The sides are also relieved by eight pier glasses framed in unpolished oak, a thick rope of gold encircling the whole.

The Prince's retiring apartments are fitted up with every regard to comfort. He will sleep on a magnificent brass bedstead, which will be fixed to two upright standards, so as to give it a cradle movement; but what the effect will be in the case of the ship pitching or lurching, or making any save a rolling motion, we are unable to say. The furniture in the sleeping apartments is also of oak, with brown morocco coverings, the cabinets being particularly worthy of mention on account of the excellence of the carving. The writing tables are particularly handsome, the brown leather tops being richly edged with a broad band of gold worked into a design, combining the rose, shamrock and thistle while the Prince of Wales' feathers occupy each corner. The whole of the windows of the state apartments are furnished with patent self-acting spring blinds of sage-green silk, the rollers being hidden by sage-green valences of silken fringe, interspersed here and there with white silk tassels. Each window will also be supplied with lace curtains of magnificent pattern.—*London News.*

Useful Recipes for the Shop, the Household and the Farm.

A permanent handsome reddish color may be given to cherry or pear tree wood by a coat of a strong solution of permanganate of potash left on a longer or shorter time, according to the shade required.

Chloroform which has undergone decomposition by exposure can be easily purified by shaking it up with a few fragments of caustic soda.

Fruit is kept in Russia by being packed in creositized lime. The lime is slaked in water in which a little creosot has been dissolved, and is allowed to fall to powder. The latter is spread over the bottom of a deal box to about one inch in thickness. A sheet of paper is laid above and then the fruit. Over the fruit is another sheet of paper, then more lime, and so on until the box is full, when a little finely powdered charcoal is packed in the corners and the lid tightly closed. Fruit thus inclosed will, it is said, remain good for a year.

Pounded alum will purify water. One teaspoonful of alum to four gallons of water will cause a precipitation of the impurities.

To estimate the quantity of shelled corn on the cobs in any given space, level them and measure the length, breadth and depth; then multiply these dimensions together and the product by four. Cut off the last figure, and the result will be the number of bushels of shelled corn and the decimal of a bushel.

Bee moths can easily be killed in large numbers by setting a pan of grease, in which is a floating ignited wick, near the hives after dark. The moths will fly into the light and fall into the grease.

The best way to catch hawks or owls is to set up a high pole with a steel trap on top. The birds often alight directly in the trap.

Pictures may be transferred to painted surfaces in the following manner: Cover the ground with an even coat of light colored carriage varnish, which should be allowed to set (nearly as dry as if for gilding.) If the print to be transferred be colored, soak it in salt and water; if not colored, use water alone. Remove superfluous water by pressing between blotting pads, and then place the picture face down upon the varnish, pressing it smooth. When the varnish is dry dampen the paper and rub it off with the finger. The picture will be found upon the varnish, and another coat or the latter should be added to bring out the effect. The process answers equally well for glass or metal surfaces.

For the protection of iron and steel tools against rust, Vogel recommends a solution of white wax in benzine. The latter, heated, will dissolve half its weight of wax. This will preserve the metal, even from the action of acid vapors. Apply with a brush.

Round steel wire rope will bear more than double the weight required to break iron rope of similar diameter.

The following rule for strength of iron pipes is based upon the fact that a ten inch pipe, one inch thick, will stand the pressure of one hundred yards head water. The coincidence of one inch of metal to every ten inches diameter and one hundred yards pressure should be remembered. For every inch in diameter of pipe, increase or deduct 1-10 of an inch; and for every yard of pressure, increase or deduct 1-100 of an inch.

In calculating the strength of iron columns, the safe plan is to find the diameter of a solid column necessary to bear the compression, and then distribute the same area of metal in tube form or a hollow column.

A mixture of peroxide of manganese and water glass is recommend to be applied to cooking stoves when they are red hot, as it is said to make good blacking, not as liable to burn off as common black lead.

According to recent experiments of M. M. Kundt and Lehmans, the velocity of sound in pipes filled with water increases with the thickness of the sides of the tubes.

To make yellow wax into white wax, the former is boiled in water, spread out into thin layers, and exposed to the light and air. This is repeated until all the color is gone.

Cuttings of many kinds of plants, not usually increased with facility by farmers, may be rooted easily in a Wardian case in the sitting-room.

The First Rum Battle at Sea.

Now that the prompt and peremptory though accidental, sinking of the British iron-clad Vanguard by her consort, the Iron Duke, has called public attention so sharply to the use of the ram in naval warfare, it ought to be put on record that the first modern naval fight in which this method of settling an international difficulty was decisively adopted, was fought by the victorious commander on a hint given him from this country. A writer in the New York *World* says: I allude, of course, to the severe engagement of July 18, off Lissa, on the Dalmatian coast, between the Italian fleet of Admiral Persano and the Austrian fleet of Admiral Von Tegethoff.

The admiral, who was one of the simplest as well as one of bravest of men, told me that on reading the account of the preparations which were made at New York in 1862 to fit out the Vanderbilt for the purpose of ramming and sinking the Confederate iron-clad Merrimac, he made up his mind that this would prove to be the best way of dealing with armored vessels in action; and devoted himself to a special study of the qualities involved. When he was ordered down with small mixed squadron to Lissa, early in July, 1866, to relieve that place, then besieged by the powerful iron-clad fleet of Admiral Porter, his intention was to test his theory on this subject. As she went into action on the 18th he signalled all his ships, "Bear down on the enemy and sink him." His own flagship, the Ferdinand Max, if my memory serves me rightly, was an iron clad of about 600 horse-power. His Captain, Baron Max von Sternek, had orders to "go for" all the iron-clads in the enemy's line, one after another, and did so with great spirit and skill. The Ferdinand Max successively ran three Italians aboard, captured the flag of one, crippled another, and sank the third, the Re d'Italia, in two minutes, with her whole crew of six hundred men. The Austrians tried to save these poor fellows, with human inconsistency, but only succeeded in rescuing few of them. Admiral Von Tegethoff told me, by the way, that he never saw men behave more gallantly than the Italians on this ship. The crew cheered defiantly as their huge ship careened over, and the sharp-shooters in the tops went down firing their rifles.

Cares of the Eyes.

When writing, reading, drawing, sewing, etc., always take care that the room is comfortably cool and the feet warm; there is nothing tight about the neck; there is plenty of light without dazzling the eyes; the sun does not shine directly on the object we are at work upon; the light does not come from in front; it is best when it comes over the left shoulder; the head is not very much bent over the work; the page is nearly perpendicular to the line of sight; that is that the eye is nearly opposite the middle of the page, for an object held slanting is not seen so clearly; that the page or other object is not less than fifteen inches from the eye. Near-sightedness is apt to increase rapidly when a person wears, in reading, the glasses intended to enable him to see distant objects. In any case, when the eyes have any defect, avoid fine needle-work, drawing of fine maps and all such work, except for very short tasks, not exceeding half an hour each, and in the morning. Never study or write before breakfast by candle light. Do not lie down when reading. If your eyes are aching from fire light, from looking at the snow, from over-work, or other cause, a pair of colored glasses may be advised, to be used for a while. Light blue or grayish blue is the best shade, but these glasses are likely to be abused, and, usually, are not to be worn except under medical advice. Almost all who continue to wear colored glasses, having perhaps first received advice to wear them from medical men, would be better without them. Travelling venders of spectacles are not to be trusted; their wares are apt to be recommended as ignorantly and indiscriminately as in the times of the "Vicar of Wakefield." If you have to hold the pages of Harper's *Magazine* nearer than 15 inches in order to read it easily, it is probable that you are quite near-sighted. If you have to hold it two or three feet away before you see easily, you are probably far-sighted. In either case, it is very desirable to consult a physician before getting a pair of glasses, for a misfit may permanently injure your eyes, as squinting or rolling them. The eyes are often troublesome when the stomach is out of order. Avoid reading or sewing by twilight, or when debilitated by recent illness, especially fever. Every seamstress ought to have a cutting-out table, to place her work on such a plane with reference to the line of vision as to make it possible to exercise a close scrutiny without bending the head or the figure much forward. Usually, except for aged persons or chronic invalids, the winter temperature in work rooms ought not to exceed 60° or 65°. To sit with impunity in a room at a lower temperature, some added clothing will be necessary. The feet of a student or seamstress should be kept comfortably warm while tasks are being done. Slippers are bad. In winter the temperature of the lower part of the room is apt to be 10° or 15° lower than that of the upper. It is indispensable in all forms of labor requiring the exercise of vision of minute objects, that the worker should rise from his task now and then, take a few deep inspirations with closed mouth, stretch the frame out in the most erect posture, throw the arms backward and forward, and if possible, step to a window or into the open air, if only for a moment. Two desks or tables in a room are valuable for a student; one to stand at, the other to sit at.—*Dr. D. F. Lincoln, Secretary American Social Science Association.*

The New York Census.

A census made by the State authorities of New York has just been completed, and is much more satisfactory to New Yorkers than that taken in 1870 by the Federal authorities. The gain from 1860 to 1870, according to the United States census, was 13 per cent. The gain from 1865 to 1875, according to the State census, was 28 per cent. The difference in these percentages indicates that one or the other is to an extent unreliable, though the Federal census included the war period, and the State census includes the ten years since the war. The loss of population during the war could not, however, account for the entire difference. The census just completed gives the population of the entire State at 4,916,604, against 4,382,750 in 1875. The population of New York City is 1,249,868, an increase of about a quarter of a million in the last five years. A Philadelphia paper questions the correctness of this census, as there are motives for inaccuracy and misrepresentation in a State census which do not influence United States Marshals and Assistant Marshals who take the National census.

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