

NOME SANDS RICH IN GOLD.

23,000,000 DOLLARS LAST SUMMER AND FORTUNES WILL BE DOUBLED. Nome and the Coast Range. One of the most promising of the new gold fields in Alaska is the coast range to the south of Irbing Strait, between Cape Prince of Wales and Norton Bay. First Lieut. D. H. Jarvis, commander of the revenue cutter Bear in the Behring Sea last summer, said in Washington last week that he believed that great fortunes would be taken out of the Cape Nome region this season. He says the miners who have rich holdings there at Amasa Spring, Jr., who recently returned from Nome in his home in Elizabeth, N. J. He was one of the first to stake out claims in the new fields last winter, when the Anvil Creek discovery started the stampede from the coast, and he was one of the first to incorporate the company which first saw the possibilities of beach digging. Mr. Spring is said to have millions to be dug out of the sand from Cape Nome to Cape Prince of Wales. Last summer, he estimates \$2,000,000 was taken out of the beach at Nome and \$1,500,000 more was panned out in the creeks inland.

It was striking out claims in the Cape Nome country so soon after the discovery of gold in Anvil Creek. Mr. Spring told a STS reporter last week "that I feel like one of the original party. The story of the finding of gold there I don't believe has ever been rightly told. A party of six miners left Irbing Bay in the summer of '98 to see what they could find along the coast to the westward. Gold was first seen in a stream on St. Michael's and it is there that an old miner has been bringing silver out of the Fish River country to the north and loading it into schooners for the last twenty years. The six men were: John Harrison, a Swedish farmer; Jafet Lindberg, a Norwegian sailor, who came here with the silver ore in the summer of '98; Eric Lindholm, a Swedish sailor, who came away from a whaling ship into the gold fields; Dr. A. W. Kettleton, the physician stationed at the Port Clarence reindeer station; G. W. Price, a prospector for Lane, California; Miller, and a landowner, one of the older herdsmen, whose name is John Torrens. The six men sailed from Irbing Bay in a schooner and after about twenty miles and went ashore where they saw a river flowing into the sea. This was the Snake River. Let me tell you something about the landscape of the ground there. It is an Alaskan plain running back a few miles to low hills, and there is a strip of timber, but it is not a mountainous country by any means. Running down almost to the water, leaving only a narrow strip of sand beach, is the moss-covered tundra. The moss, part of it white and the rest green, is from one to three feet thick, and is frozen hard all winter, but in the summer it melts out a spongy carpet. The ground, of course, is always frozen. The coldest day we had last winter there was 64 degrees below zero, but never in August the thermometer got up as high as 70 above. The worst feature of the weather there is the wind. The south westerly in the summer sweep along the coast and drive small sailing craft to shore, and a great many men lose their lives. The winter nor'easter from the mountains out right through the heaviest furs and it is almost impossible to be out doors any length of time without getting your face or hands or feet frozen.

TAKING A NAP AFTER EATING.

Two Blue Parrot Fishes That Always Lie Down After Dinner. Other Fishes' Habits. Among the most fishes at the Aquarium in Berlin, Germany, are two blue parrot fishes from Bermuda, that, after feeding, bury themselves in the gravel in the bottom of their tank, as though they wanted to be down and take a nap after dinner. They have done this almost every day for six months. The bottom of the gravel, which is covered with the growth of green vegetation, making it a dark brown color, is in one end of the tank, rising above the gravel, but in a little rock of the same hue. The blue parrot fishes, as would be inferred from their name, are very blue in color. They are about 10 inches long and 4 inches high, and in the afternoon, soon after they have buried themselves, one very likely on one side of the rock and the other on the other. It is practically like going to bed and drawing the covers up over them. One not knowing what the fishes are doing, would naturally think that they were buried in the gravel to escape the portions of them that were valuable for pieces of smoky pearl turban in the market.

IS THE HEN REAL ESTATE?

THE KNOSY QUESTION THAT BEY ALL MAINS TO GURNING. It was the Beat of the Hill-Oliver Food, and Was Hiding Fair to Win Up a Starter When It Was Unexpectedly Drumped by the Parties at Issue. EAST ROCKFORD, Mo., Dec. 8.—The Hill-Oliver food, which has been raging with or less intensity for the six years causing great amusement among the neighbors and bringing the Hill and Oliver families into the court two or three times a year, has been ruled out of court and all an Oliver, a partner of the Civil War, has retired to his camp in the woods to work of his superlative energies snarling words and shooting words. As the story of the trouble occupies many pages of the county court record, and as the trouble itself has varied juries and lawyers and furnished a subject for debate since the Civil War, it is not surprising that it has become a partisan of one side or the other, and had expressed an opinion upon the matter that would effectually disqualify him from jury service whenever the case came up for trial.

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The family quarrel began away back twelve or fifteen years ago when Hill, a young farmer of the town, married Oliver's daughter, Nancy. The first quarrel was over a woman and family discipline. One day when Hill's son and Oliver's grandson, Master Henry Oliver, had been soundly whipped by his father, old man Oliver intervened, and was choked for his trouble. The judge had no sooner acquitted Hill on the charge of assault and battery than Oliver sued Hill for loss among his cows. The dog had killed three hens and filled the barnyard with feathers from other hens that were not dead when Hill appeared on the scene, kill the dog and kill the father-in-law. Oliver's son-in-law, who was the old man with a vacation for two weeks, was the father-in-law's lawyer, and Oliver's son-in-law, who was the old man with a vacation for two weeks, was the father-in-law's lawyer, and Oliver's son-in-law, who was the old man with a vacation for two weeks, was the father-in-law's lawyer.

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WHY HE WENT OUT.

The benefit afforded by a R-I-P-A-N-S Tablets is so marked in all cases of indigestion, that my wife has more than once made me leave the theatre between the acts to go across the street, to drug out a clear stool, for a contingent of R-I-P-A-N-S. She has no intention at all about wearing a corset and I am not in a hurry to get well. Well, not again, but I'll do my best to get a R-I-P-A-N-S before I get to bed.

TWO QUANT OLD LETTERS.

EVENTS OF 1810 LUMINAIR DAYS CALLED IN CURB-B.

An Eye Witness of the Battle of Queenstown Heights Sends an Account of It to His Son, a Soldier in the British Army. The letter is a very interesting one, and gives a very full and accurate description of the battle. It is a very valuable document, and is one of the few letters of the kind that have been preserved. The letter is written in a very simple and direct style, and is a very good example of the kind of writing that was common at that time. It is a very interesting document, and is one of the few letters of the kind that have been preserved.

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