

KIND WORDS.

O, keep not back kind words, I pray, From those who journey day by day. With us along life's rugged way.

A FIGHT FOR LIFE.

Three Sailors Repulse a Hundred Desperate Savages.

Under Pretense of Friendship the Blood-thirsty Demons Got Alongside a Helpless Schooner—Aid From an Unexpected Quarter.

Captain Thomas Webster was one of the pioneers in the settlement of Victoria, Vancouver Island. At that time the remote region swarmed with savage and hostile tribes in frequent and sanguinary conflict with each other.

It was early in the month of May that the Golden Gate left the port of San Francisco, bound for the new settlement with a general cargo. She had on board as crew two men, a Chinese cook and the captain. In addition to this complement, she carried with her as supercargo a young native, the son of a friendly chief.

At this important crisis assistance arrived from a wholly unexpected direction. A stalwart savage was already in the main chains, and the canoe alongside the little vessel, when Hon Pee, rushing from the galley with an immense copper of boiling water, precipitated its scalding contents into the middle of the canoe.

Every thing being now in readiness, the captain took a survey of the situation. The Golden Gate had ridden in on the floodtide to within half a mile of the low coast, and that her presence was perceived by the natives was evident, as they could be seen running along the shore, evidently in great excitement.

There being no steerage-way on the vessel, Captain Webster directed his two men to watch the movements of the canoe on the port side, whilst he gave his undivided attention to the movements of the canoe on the starboard, in the center of which a stalwart native now stood erect and hailed them in broken English.

The words had hardly left his lips when the chief, putting his fingers in his mouth, blew a shrill and piercing whistle. Simultaneously the blankets were stripped from the suspicious-looking heaps in the center of either canoe, and each man, bending forward, seized a musket.

ing at the foot of the main-mast, alone remained a mute but awful witness to the desperate character of the conflict through which the crew of the Golden Gate had so lately passed.

BUFFALO BILL'S FATHER.

A Frontiersman Whom the Indians Looked On as an Evil Spirit.

An old-time resident of Denver, a day or two since, related an incident of the original "Buffalo Bill" Cody, father of the present famous showman, which has never been in print.

The savages pretended to be very friendly and wanted to trade, swapping furs and skins for ammunition, but their real object was to burn the post and carry away Cody's scalp as a trophy.

The cannon loaded, he awaited developments. Early one morning he observed an unusual movement in the camp of his pretended friends, and soon, fully armed, with war-paint on the savages made a dash toward the fort.

At that time the town consisted of two log houses. The white men who came out said they wanted to borrow it for thirty years. They gave the Indians two drinks of whisky each, some provisions, promised them more when they wanted it, and that is the way the reservation was secured.

WIZARDS OF ANAM'S EAST.

Fests of Anam's Magicians Which Throw Herrmann Into the Shade.

While traveling through Anam, in Cochinchina, with a party of German officials, we stopped one night at an inn, where I made the acquaintance of a company of native magicians, who chanced to be resting there.

One of these was begun by the giant, who threw a great coil of ribbon far up toward the sky. As it uncoiled in mid-air a small hawk seemed to be liberated from it, to seize the ribbon's end in its beak and to fly with it in a cloud.

"The milk that I got of you this morning sours." "You didn't get it of me, ma'am." "Well, Bridget did. It's all the same."

A Smart Milkman.

"No, it isn't ma'am. She's so ugly that she'd make any milk sour. Now, as you are very handsome, why, when you get the milk, ma'am."

NAPOLEON'S ONE NOVEL.

A Sensational Love Story Written by the Matchless Corsican.

The New York World has dragged from its obscurity a sensational love story written by Napoleon Bonaparte in his college days. It is possible that the story is a "fake," but as Bourienne, Napoleon's private secretary, preserved it and handed it down to posterity, the presumption is that it is genuine.

GENUINE HAPPINESS.

A Probed Sermon for the Fault-Finders and Chronic Grumblers.

It is the custom of some individuals to forever measure out in their mind the good gifts that come to them, even the love and generosity of those who should be best and dearest to them. Such persons usually imagine they are cheated in life, and give more than they receive.

CHIEF WA-NE-MA-NEKA.

One of the Indians Who Deeded Council Bluffs to the Government.

George Humphrey, the well-known Winnebago chief, Wa-Ne-Ma-Neka, was at the County Commissioners' room soliciting assistance. He is seventy-six years old, and had walked from a point in Southern Iowa, eighty-five miles distant, without a cent to procure food or lodging with.

BLIND BUT HAPPY.

Touching Story of a Man and Wife Who Live in Peace and Contentment.

Every pleasant evening, in that hour just before twilight, which we all love to idle away with inconsequential thoughts and observations, there passes my window a couple that greatly interests me.

TIMOTHY FOR HORSES.

A Stock-Raiser's Experience With Grass That Was Cut Early.

My observation and experience have proven that nearly every one, especially farmers, feed twice as much hay as is necessary or best for horses, the common practice of feeding it being to gather up a fork or arm full and fill the manger of each horse.

ELECTRICAL DENTISTRY.

Teeth Extracted with the Assistance of the Wonderful Current.

Boston people nowadays have their superfluous teeth drawn by electricity. The process is very simple, scarce any apparatus being required beyond an ordinary two-cell battery with vibrator attachment.

A HUMAN CUCUMBER.

The Arabesque Night-Garden in Pasadena, Georgia.

It is well-known that when cucumbers are first cut from the vine there is a piece which exudes or bleeds from the stem. One of our prominent northern truck growers, Jared Benson, cut his hand a year or two ago and found juice got into the cut and his hand commenced to inflame, and an eruption similar to erysipelas made its appearance on his hand and extended up his arm, and finally spread over his whole body.

PITH AND POINT.

—Carpets are made to cover the floors and rugs to cover the flaws.

—The greatest loss of time that I know of is to count the hours.—Rabelais.

—Men say of women what they please; women do with men what pleases them.

—We grow wise as we grow older, but it is by forgetting what we thought we knew.—Life.

—As oysters are swallowed when they are opened, so is the frank man taken in when he tells his plans to rogues.

—Nothing is earned without labor. Hence, if any one obtains any thing without labor, he is defrauding some one else.

—We can not be reminded too often of the fact that brevity is the soul of wit, and tediousness the limbs and outward flourishes.

—Solomon was esteemed a wise man in his day, but then in Solomon's day no one had ever seen a Harvard Sophomore.—Somerville Journal.

—If you have any faith, give me, for Heaven's sake, a share of it! Your doubts you may keep to yourself, for I have a plenty of my own.—Goethe.

—It takes something else besides "cuteness to make folks see what'll be their interest in the long run. It takes some conscience and belief in right and wrong.—Eliot.

—The good, old gentleman who is fifteen or twenty years behind times usually has a son who is rapid enough to make the average about right.—Merchant Traveler.

—It contributes greatly towards a man's moral and intellectual health to be brought into habits of companionship with individuals unlike himself, who care little for his pursuits, and whose spheres and abilities he must go out of himself to appreciate.—Hawthorne.

—There is an "aristocracy" of intellect as well as of birth, or of money, and highly-cultivated people are apt to be disdainful of every-day thinkers as rich people are of the poor. Yet lives are made noble, and the world is made happier, very often, by simple thinkers, to whom the refinements of philosophy are unknown quantities.—Texas Siftings.

—Happiness depends not on what one has, but on what one is. He who is of a cheerful spirit will be cheerful in all his privations. He who is of a complaining spirit will never lack occasions of complaining. It is not one's possessions or one's surroundings, but one's way of looking at his possessions and surroundings, that settles the question of one's cheerfulness, wherever he is, or whatever he has.

THE INDIA-RUBBER TREE.

An Attractive Plant Which Is as Useful as It Is Ornamental.

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