

The Gold of Alaska

THE FIELDS ARE REMARKABLY RICH, BUT ALMOST INACCESSIBLE.

Experiences of a Denver Man—Perils of Mining in the Land of the Midnight Sun

The Gold Seeker Is Surrounded by Many Dangers and Inconveniences.

There is a man in Denver who, after braving the perils of a trip to the gold-fields of Alaska, avers that he does not care for any more Alaskan gold if he has to go there and dig for it.

Mr. and Mrs. Conklin went to Alaska last spring via Juneau. There are two routes to the gold-fields—that via Juneau, and via the mouth of the Yukon to St. Michaels.

After the headwaters are reached there is still a 30 mile tramp to take the prospectors on the 1,000 mile trip to the gold diggings.

When the boat is finished, the real perils of the trip have just commenced. First he comes to Miles canyon, which takes a skillful navigator, then the White Horse rapids are likely to make trouble, as well as Five Finger rapids, and when he comes to Thirty Mile Bad river there is a current six to ten miles strong in a river filled with rocks which seem to lure the boats to destruction.

But if the fortune hunter is lucky and gets down to Circle City, which is the largest and best of the camps, he has distanced the man who traveled by steamer up the river some time, for the trip takes a month by steamer.

Gold was first discovered on Stewart river, which is destined some day to be the great camp of the region.

The most productive gold diggings are in the gravel banks along the smaller streams which branch out in every direction, frozen in winter, but filled with melted snow and ice when the 2 1/2 months of summer set in.

It has been found lately that mining can be carried on in winter in many places, for the frost does not go beyond a certain depth. They dig down through drift around under the frozen gravel, and when they find pay dirt, they build a fire and sit outside the mine until the fire is out. Then they shovel out the dirt, pile it up and let it lay until spring to wash out the gold.

These hardships are but a few which the miner has to deal with. In the winter the cold is so intense that it can be borne only by the hardest. In the summer the sun beats steadily for 2 1/2 months, never setting, but swinging around in a circle. During this time the heat becomes intense.

Mr. Conklin is of the opinion that the region is destined to be the most famous U. S. Gov't Reports

show Royal Baking Powder superior to all others.

mons gold producer the world has ever had, but the hardships to be encountered are likely to keep many away. Miners are coming away every year with gold to the extent of from a few hundred dollars worth to as high as \$60,000, the latter amount being rare.

What you want when you are ailing is a medicine that will cure you. Try Hood's Sarsaparilla and be convinced of its merit.

IF YOU WANT A WIFE You Must Keep Your Eye Open for a Warm Bundle of Femininity.

The Rev. Charles H. Parkhurst, D. D., discusses "The Young Man and Marriage" in the November Ladies' Home Journal.

And what may this different law be that explains the continued existence of those who are weak and feeble and puny? The law that in the hearts of the highest beings of the earth there shall grow with their progress upward from the animal an increasing recognition of the claims that the feeble have upon the strong.

Look then with me, just for a few moments, beneath all the fierce struggle for wealth, for life, even going on around us, and by the law of "the survival of the fittest" explain to me the existence of so simple a thing as your public school.

By that same law explain a hospital where suffering creatures, maimed in many cases beyond all hope of future utility, are kept alive by the most expensive appliances of science; where even the slightest neglect of the poorest patient, if that neglect becomes known, arouses an uproar.

JENNY LIND'S AMERICAN DEBUT Never Has a Prima-Donna So Charmed Her Audience.

Hon. A. Oakley Hall writes of "When Jenny Lind Sang in Castle Garden," for the November Ladies' Home Journal—the first of a series of "Great Personal Events" described by eyewitnesses for that magazine.

Again, tell me or yourself where come public libraries instead of the private aggregations of the "middle age;" public parks instead of enclosures prohibitively walled against all that are "common or unclean;" public art galleries, where the connoisseur needs must jostle against the poor and the threadbare?

We run counter to this "animal" law, a law that has ruled even human beings through many a dark age of the past, because the great advancing common sense of civilization is superior to any such brutish, beast and law method of making progress.

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Some Rambling Thoughts BY "NEMO" (Copyrighted)

These "Thoughts," by a layman, are read in a quarter of a million homes, scattered in every State of the Union.

Life in "the home of the brave and the land of the free" is not by any means the selfish tooth-and-nail struggle for existence that some would have us believe it to be.

Self-lieal is one thing most difficult to inculcate and always hard to practice, especially when there are good things to eat within reach.

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A Few Facts and Figures on Thoroughbred Stock By a Farmer Who Believes in Moving Forward.

CLYTON MILLER, KY.—MR. EDITOR, We beg a little space in the News to suggest a few ideas and figures on good up-to-date stock, for the consideration of your readers, thinking perhaps that it may prove interesting and profitable to all who will give the matter a little thought.

The time has been when extensive farming was profitable, but now nothing but intensive or diversified farming will remove the debt and fill the storage houses for winter. Once muscle and strength were the important factors on the farm, now the intellect is strained and must be needed to bridge over the ditch into which the farmer has fallen.

If you are a thinking reader, you will recognize the incompleteness of the line of thought in this one column. Very well; then think farther for yourself. It will do you good, for most of us are in too much of a hurry to think. If you are an unthinking reader, it may startle you to a faint understanding of your relationship to your fellows, and your mutual responsibility.

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NOT CAUSED BY AN OPAL. A Story of Bad Luck, the Cause of Which Is Still a Matter of Doubt.

Here is a story showing how to account for bad luck: A man was shaking dice in a store. He lost.

This set the man to thinking. Four days later he slipped in getting off a street car and sprained his ankle. This decided him. He gave the pin to a friend who was on the Board of Trade, and who was too hard-headed to entertain any fool notions about the number 13 or black cats, or cross-eyed girls with red hair.

Nevertheless, when this Board of Trade man lost over \$10,000 on wheat he began to worry. He didn't care much for the pin any way, and so one day when a young man in his office admired the "fire" in the stone he said: "Take it along, if you like it."

The opal did very rapid and effective work after it became the property of the young woman. On the second day after she began to wear it, she ignited a curtain in attempting to light the gas.

So she didn't. She gave it to her brother, who scoffed at the suggestion that a little stone could wield any influence, good or bad.

So he went to the jeweler and said: "What will you give us for this opal?" The jeweler looked at it and said: "That isn't an opal; that's a cat's eye."

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Farm Animals—Economy in Feeding.

In the central West grain is usually very cheap. This condition of the supply of stock food encourages extravagance.

It should be remembered that the damaged oats are to be classed with the perishable foods. By experiment, one may learn to mix this damaged food in a way that may be of some value and thus reserve the corn for the future.

As the cold weather advances, any damaged grain may be furnished to the store stock that is grazing and may be given in liberal quantity, where it is not intended that such stock shall be fattened to a finish in the next four months.

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Beware of the Knife.

Mr. Lincoln Nelson, of Marshall, Mo., writes: "For six years I have been a sufferer from a scrofulous affection of the glands of my neck, and all efforts of physicians in Washington, D. C., Springfield, Ill., and St. Louis failed to reduce the enlargement."

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