

ALASKA'S GARDEN SPOT.

The Climate of Cook's Inlet Makes it a Veritable Summer Land.

Cook's Inlet has the best climate of all Alaska. The Russians called it "Summer Land." It runs in about 160 miles, between Kenai Peninsula and the Chignale range. On the Kenai shore especially the land is well cultivated and cattle thrive. The Russians have had farms and pastures there since first they came to the country.

Cook's Inlet is booming now. On Mill's Creek two men took out \$1,500 in ten hours. That is as good as Klondyke, but so far work is only beginning, and claims, as a rule, have only paid from \$100 a day up to \$175 or \$200 when the miners found pay dirt. Being on the coast, which is warm all through the winter, and in a country long settled by whites, Cook's Inlet is an ideal spot compared to the interior.

E. C. Sherman, of San Francisco, has started a scheme to make mining easy for the miner, and proposes to outfit a steamer in Frisco and to take up 100 men at \$1,000 apiece to the inlet, where he will board them for a year and a half while they prospect the country round about.

A trail leads from Cook's Inlet over to Copper River, and curiosity will probably induce some of the gold hunters to venture in search of the copper mountain. Already Mr. Sherman has about half the number of men he wishes. The steamer has an accommodation for 120 passengers and is laden with machinery for both quartz and placer mining.

"Marsellaise" Enthusiasm.

Nothing of the kind in this world can be more impressive than the way in which an audience of 6,000 French radicals receives that wonderful air, the "Marsellaise." I observed that the chorus of young men who led the singing never once looked at the notes, and few even had any, so familiar was it to all. There was a perfect hush in that vast audience, while the softer parts were sung; and no one joined even in the chorus at first, for everybody was listening. The instant, however, that the strain closed, the applause broke like a tropical storm, and the clapping of hands was like the taking flight of a thousand doves all over the vast arena.

Behind those twinkling hands the light dresses of the ladies and the blue blouses of workmen seemed themselves to shimmer in the air; there was no coarse noise of pounding on the floor or drumming on the seats, but there was a vast cry of "Bis! bis!" sent up from the whole multitude, demanding a repetition. The moment the first verse was sung through for the second time, several thousand voices joined in the chorus; then the applause was redoubled, as if they had gathered new sympathy from one another; after which there was still one more great applauding gust, and then an absolute quiet.—T. W. Higginson in Atlanta Monthly.

The Original Tobogganer.

The otter was the original tobogganer, and his slide the first of its kind deliberately chosen. Whence came his information? asks E. W. Sandys. "I know not. Turn, if you can, the leaves of Nature's wonderful volume, back to the opening chapter of animal life, for information upon this and countless other curious traits. Maybe the primal otter saw a cube of ice break from its parent glacier and go sliding down a polished path to the sea. He may have then tried the feat himself, under the notion that such sliding was rare good fun for otters—quien sabe?"

Wherever the otter may have obtained his idea of sliding, he has neither lost it nor improved upon it. He slides as his forbears did, for love of sliding, but he does not altogether depend upon snow and ice. During summer earth-slides serve well enough, and these will surely be found on the banks of streams frequented by otters.

Walking-Stick Legacies.

Walking sticks have frequently been left by will. Franklin bequeathed his favorite stick, with a gold handle shaped like a cap of liberty, to George Washington. The gold-headed cane used by Drs. Radcliffe, Mead and others, whose arms are engraved upon it, was bequeathed by Baillie to the College of Physicians. Napoleon's walking stick of tortoise shell was sold in London in 1823 for \$190. Honore de Balzac had the mementos he received from various fair admirers, which consisted in part of precious stones, set in canes.

Feminine Generalship.

On one occasion the noted British officer Tarleton was speaking contemptuously of Colonel William Washington to a patriot lady. "Why," said Tarleton, "they tell me he is so ignorant that he cannot even write his name." With a meaning glance at Tarleton's right hand, which Washington had wounded, the lady replied: "But nobody is better aware than you, Colonel Tarleton, that Colonel Washington knows how to make his mark."

Nearly Killed by Wild Dogs.

Wash Anyana Montezano, a farmer, relates a thrilling experience with ferocious dogs on the mountain, near Huntsville, Ala. A band of wild dogs attacked him and came near taking his life. He was thrown to the ground by the animals, and was barely rescued by a friend with a gun. He lost a thumb and sustained many lacerations about the limbs and body.

It is reported that a scholarship of \$5,000 has been given to Mount Holyoke College by Miss Helen Gould.

CHARMED THE SAVAGE EYE.

Utility Garment of an Early Woman Settler Ticked the Redskins' Admiration.

"It was interesting to notice the way in which the Indians looked upon early settlers around here," said the Kansas City old-timer as he lapsed into a reminiscent mood. "Each white family as it arrived and set about the task of making a home in the great American desert was scrutinized and passed upon, favorably or otherwise, by these 'original inhabitants' very much as a newcomer nowadays is talked about and estimated by the good people of any little town in which he makes his appearance. To be sure, the Indians' standards were a little bit peculiar, but they applied them in much the same spirit of egotism that we do our own."

"For example, when we started West my mother, who was pre-eminently a sensible woman, who did and who refrained from doing things only on good and sufficient reason, soon saw that the long full skirts in vogue at the time had little to recommend them from an emigrant's point of view and adopted a garment consisting of a medium short skirt and substantial pantaloons, which she found quite suitable and persisted in wearing through several subsequent changes of fashion. Now, a few days after my father had completed the cabin which was our first home in Kansas a band of Indians from a neighboring camp called on us for purposes of inspection, as I have already said was their custom, and, incidentally, to trade for—or better, beg—any article among our belongings which might strike their fancy. My mother was, as usual, dressed in her 'utility' garment and this soon caught the eyes of the Indians, who immediately, amid great jabbering of admiration, nominated her the 'white squaw' and from that time on showed our household many marks of esteem—a preferment which had its drawbacks."

Everyday Geography.

We are making geography as well as history rapidly these days. An atlas a year old is away behind the times. The Alaska gold craze has made the old maps of that section almost valueless, and the indications are that China soon will be nothing but a piece of patchwork. But the newspaper to-day are the geographers, and accurate maps appear in their pages almost as soon as the telegraph brings news of changes. The youthful mind has no difficulty in grasping these alterations because they are accompanied by movements which hold the interest.

The study is not of geographical topics heavy with the dust of ages, but of lands and people who attract attention because electricity keeps them practically at our doors. The newspaper supplements the textbook, and the combination fills the youthful mind with more valuable knowledge of things geographical than it was possible for our ancestors to acquire. In competent hands the good newspaper is the best supplement to geography ever issued, and the time is coming when no instructor will fail to put it to daily use.

Wild Bill's Marksmanship.

"The last time I saw Wild Bill," said the ex-Kansas man, "was in Topeka in the fall of '74. He was wearing his old blue army overcoat, and at the hips were two big bunches where his six-shooters hung. He was walking down Kansas avenue when I noticed him. His brown mare Nell was tied to a hitching post in front of a store. He untied her, mounted, and rode down the street as hard as she could go. As he rode he swung half round in the saddle, pulled out one of his guns, and began shooting at the sign 'groceries,' above the door of a little one-story wooden shop. When he was past and the row was all over some fellows who investigated found that all six bullets had struck inside the letter O in the sign. It was just a little exhibition of how he could shoot on the run for the amusement of whoever happened to be in sight."

Cradle Rocked by a Male.

A traveller going through a sparsely settled section of Canada came to a lonely cabin and, finding the door open, went in. Nobody was in sight, but in the centre of the room he saw a cradle with a baby lying in it fast asleep. The cradle was rocked back and forth with great regularity, and he was puzzled to know what kept it in motion. On examination he found a stout cord attached to a nail driven in the side of the cradle and passed through an auger hole in the side of the house. He took up the trail, which led him into a ravine where a donkey was standing and switching his tail. The mystery was explained. The other end of the cord was attached to the donkey's tail, and the constant switching kept the cradle in motion. It was an ingenious device on the part of the mother to keep her baby asleep while she went off for a time.

Hotel Prohibits Baths on Sunday.

Mr. Felix Mahoney, of Washington, tells of one hotel, in New England, in which he stayed not long ago. In every room was a placard, and on it this:

"Guests will please not bathe on Sunday night, as the hot water is needed for the wash Monday morning."

Dust Blowing in Art Galleries.

In some of the European art galleries the dust is removed from the paintings and statuary by means of an air-pump, a jet of air being thrown with great force against the article which needs dusting.



RELIGIOUS CALLED.

Holy brethren, called and chosen by the sovereign Voice of might. See your high and holy calling out of darkness into light! Called according to his purpose and the riches of his love: Won to listen by the leading of the gentle heavenly Dove!

Called to suffer with our Master, patiently to run his race; Called a blessing to inherit, called to holiness and grace; Called to fellowship with Jesus, by the ever-faithful One Called to his eternal glory, to the kingdom of his Son.

Whom he calleth he preserveth, and his glory they shall see; He is faithful that hath called you; he will do it, fear not ye! Therefore, holy brethren, onward! thus ye make your calling sure: For the prize of this high calling bravely to the end endure. —Frances Ridley Havergal.

THE CHRISTIAN'S CALLING.

By calling us into the fellowship of his Son, God guarantees to us the possibility of our entering into that fellowship and of becoming fit for it.—Marcus Dods, D. D.

There is much said about the divine call, little said about the end of it. Why? Because no tongue, not even the divine tongue, will attempt to tell what is the outcome of a life that is led of God.—H. C. Mabie, D. D.

When Jehovah addressed Elijah, was it through the strong wind? Was the Lord in the earthquake or in the fire? Listen to the "still, small voice." It floats across the ocean. The millions of India, China, Japan, and Africa are crying, "Come over and help us." Who are under more obligations to go than we.—Robert P. Wilder.

Of Moses it is said: "No man knoweth his sepulchre," but every man knows his call. Did Amos pass away in peace? What were the closing scenes in the life of Ezekiel? What was the end of Jeremiah? The Bible does not tell us, but every one of those prophets has related with the utmost detail how at some time in his life a divine hand was laid upon him, and a divine voice was heard speaking to his soul. In short, the Bible places tremendous emphasis on the fact that God does summon men and women to specific forms of Christian service, and that we may recognize his call.—W. H. P. Faunce, D. D.

It is our duty to follow on wherever he leads the way, less afraid of stumbling than of holding back when he beckons us forward.—Rev. F. H. Johnson.

The occasion of God's call may be the instituted worship of the church, the words of a preacher, the example of devout father or mother, friend or neighbor, the silent meditation of the soul in seeming solitude. . . . And to rise and obey that call, actually to repent and renounce all lower and less noble aims and purposes, and to devote heart and life to the doing of the loving will of God, in Christlike service of your fellows—this is the way to "make your calling and election sure." —President Hyde.

Sectarian Strife is Civil War.

"Not the least of the perils of the Church of America to-day," says the New York Outlook, "is that threatened by the possible separation of liberalism and conservatism into separate camps. If they are separate, they will be hostile; and, instead of uniting their forces in a common war against vice and ignorance, will employ them in war against each other. Sectarian strife is civil war in the Church of Christ. The church must be at peace with itself if it is to conquer the world. We advise, then, the liberal Episcopalian not to leave the church of his fathers and his love because sacred dogmatism appears to be dominating it; we advise him to stay in, unless he is put out, and preach a theology as broad and a liberty as large as that of Robertson and Maurice and Stanley Brooks. We advise the Presbyterian to remain in the church in which he has been brought up, and preach the freedom of faith for which his Puritan ancestors were willing to lay down their lives. Let every man, in the church wherein he was called, therein abide with God. Not able to promote safe and debate; not able to assault the opinions of others either within or without the church; but to build up men remembering that knowledge puffeth up, but love buildeth up."

Life is too short to wait until some great thing can be done. Little deeds of kindness, little acts of charity done day by day as we go along through life, are far more important than one single deed, however great.

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ARCTIC DRIFT.

Commodore Melville's Plan for Ascertaining Secrets of the Frozen North.

A novel plan has originated with Engineer-in-chief Melville of the navy for getting accurate information concerning Arctic drifts at comparatively small expense and without the sacrifice of human life. He proposes launching in the highest attainable latitude north of Bering strait, east of where he Jeannette entered the pack, about 100 heavy casks, with parabolic ends astern to them. In them will be placed numbers and records. Scientific societies have approved the scheme and will aid in carrying it out. Drifts of Arctic exploration parties and of wrecked vessels differ so greatly and opinions of drifts are so diverse that



DRIFT CASK.

his plan has been proposed in order, if possible, to get reliable information on the subject.

"My idea of a keg, for the ordinary drift bottles used for current studies would never do, is the kind measuring about two feet between heads," said Commodore Melville. "I would build them of thick, tough wood, thoroughly watertight and heavily bound to resist crushing under the tons of ice they would have to contend with, the solid parabolic ends fitting firmly down upon the heads and stave ends to prevent detachment. The shape of float, lying with its axis horizontal, is the best possible form to meet the ice conditions, for it would probably never be tipped in the rough-and-tumble experience it would get. In ninety-nine cases it would slip away safely from extraordinary pressures and remain intact if it floated, as it would lie on old ice."

"With fifty or a hundred of these floats properly made and sealed the most difficult and important part of the scheme remains—their effective launching on their journey. This must be done by a Government ship or by other trustworthy hands."

"These details carefully observed, we could then patiently await results, and at the end of four or five years we might begin to look for our kegs between the Spitzbergen and Greenland or along the shores of both."

Commodore Melville's proposition is found to attract the attention of scientific men on account of its simple, inexpensive and useful character and its practicability. Already funds have been assured for the requisite preliminaries, and by next spring there is little doubt that at least one vessel will start north to begin his great drift study.

The Farmer in the Lighthouse.
A farmer had secured an appointment as lightkeeper in a Maine coast lighthouse. The first night he went on duty he lighted up promptly at dusk and at 11 o'clock carefully extinguished the lamp. The next day, of course there was trouble, and when he was taken to task, he replied that he supposed 10 o'clock was late enough to keep the light going, as he thought that all honest men should be in bed at that hour.

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