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EASTERN ITEMS.

THE AMERICAN BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

Sam Small Offends the Prohibitionist—The Atchison's Blanket Mortgage—Settled the Differences With the Pistol.

Minister Thomas Ryan is in Washington.

Peach trees are blooming all over Pennsylvania.

An Italian at Chicago sold his wife and child for $15.

The capital of the rubber trust is fixed at $30,000,000.

The Vermont day at Gettysburg will occur October 9.

Edison and family have sailed from Havre for home.

Negroes in Bibb county, Ala., refuse to work for white people.

Rev. Sam Small is now stumping Ohio for the Prohibitionists.

An outbreak of small-pox is reported in Henderson county, Tenn.

The tax collector of Richmond, Va., is reported short about $60,000.

The new dry dock at Halifax was used for the first time September 20.

A woman arrested as a vagrant in Montreal claims to be 101 years old.

Diphtheria has closed the public school at Fieldsboro, Burlington county, N. J.

The builders of the cruiser Baltimore will receive nearly $150,000 in premiums.

Virginia and Maryland are getting into a quarrel over the Potomac oyster beds.

Kansas Railroad Commissioners order a 20 per cent reduction in rates to certain cities.

The American National Baptist Association advises colored people to leave the South.

Mrs. James Blaine, Jr., will sue for a divorce as soon as she recovers from her illness.

The new diffusion process by which sugar is made from sorghum is not yet a success.

The gunboat Petrel, though deficient in power, will be excepted by the Government.

Oklahoma authorities are contending against the illicit sale of liquor in the territory.

Ex-President Cleveland attended a mammoth clam-bake at Naysack, N. Y., last week.

Swindlers are said to be preparing to float fraudulent bonds of counties in Kansas and Texas.

The Colorado Mining Exchange proposes to contest the Act restricting the coinage of silver.

Ben Butterworth received a warm welcome on his return to Washington from his European trip.

William P. Dale, Commissioner of Indian affairs under President Lincoln, is dead, aged 76 years.

The equestrian statue of Gen. Robert E. Lee will be unveiled at Richmond, Va., on December 5.

There is a movement in Arkansas to require railroads to provide separate cars for the colored people.

The building of a new $1,000,000 "opposition" brewery in St. Louis is now said to be an assured fact.

The delegates to the Three Americas Conference, will visit New England to inspect her manufactories.

St. Paul, Minn., through its Chamber of Commerce, has voted in favor of Chicago for the World's Fair.

Over $3,000,000 of the $6,000,000 guarantee fund of the World's Fair at St. Louis has been subscribed.

Charles H. Stoddard, a well-known resident of Reno, Nev., died in Washington, D. C., on the 31st, of paralysis.

The total potato crop for 1889 in the United States is estimated at 233,000,000 bushels, against 217,000,000 in 1888.

The son of ex-Governor Alonzo B. Cornell, of New York, pronounces the story that his father is insane a "silly lie."

There is every prospect of a bitter fight at the annual election of the Northern Pacific Railroad, to be held in New York on October 16.

The story comes from Yankton, D. T., that Sam Small offended the Prohibitionists there so deeply that they canceled his engagement to lecture.

The permanent Interstate Deep Harbor Committee met in Topeka on the 31st, and began mapping out the work of the coming convention.

Deputy Marshal Neagle is reported to be in Boston, his native town, visiting his uncle. He makes use of the name of "John Jones, of New York."

Ex-Controller John J. Knox, in a speech at Kansas City recently, opposed coinage legislation at the present time as detrimental to the interests of the country.

Intimations are heard in Wall street that the Cotton Oil Company is likely soon to give up altogether its existence as a trust and become an ordinary corporation.

At Waterloo, Iowa, three county jail prisoners beat the sheriff into insensibility and escaped. M. E. Billings, the Waterloo lawyer, who had just received a life sentence, gave the alarm.

James J. West and Charles E. Graham, ex-editor and secretary of the Chicago Times, charged with over-issuing the stock of the Times Company, have been held in heavy bonds to appear before the grand jury.

It looks as if a proposition for a "blanket" mortgage, bearing 4 per cent interest, to run fifty years, will be submitted to the Atchison security-holders. In all probability the limit will be made $200,000,000.

Four men, after serving for five years in the Pennsylvania penitentiary, are found to be innocent of the crimes charged against them.

It is now stated the contract requirements of the Baltimre of 9000 horse-power have not been fulfilled by about twenty or thirty horse-power.

FOREIGN FLASHES.

Her Presence Ignored by the Government—Puts the Blame on the Government—Fatal Explosion.

Europe is adopting smokeless powder.

Vienna is threatened with a water famine.

Ireland recently sent 10,000 tons of bacon to Paris.

The next Lord Mayor of London will be a Hebrew.

Last year 1,356 persons died of delirium tremens in England.

Emperor William is investigating executions by electricity.

The Sultan of Zanzibar has joined the warfare against slavery.

The German Emperor has given his portrait to Lord Salisbury.

A large part of Naples was recently flooded during a terriffic storm.

Rev. George Porter, S. J., Catholic Archbishop of Bombay, is dead.

English noblemen are beginning to invest largely in real estate in Australia.

The Landore Steel Works at Swansea, Wales, were destroyed by fire last week.

The English postal clerks are forming a union to press their claims to better pay.

Gladstone expresses his decided opposition to Land Nationalization and Bimetallism.

Twelve hundred and eighty-five deaths from cholera have been reported in Mesopotamia.

George Eliot's grave at Highgate Cemetery is neglected and ovegrown with grass and weeds.

The Coroner's jury at Quebec, puts the blame for the land-slide disaster on the Government.

Twenty thousand pounds have been raised in London for Dr. Wanzen's North Pole expedition.

A balloon trip across the Straits of Gibraltar will be attempted by a British officer this month.

Minnie Palmer is to play the title role in "Cinderella" the next pantomine at Her Majesty's Theater.

The crew of the Spanish vessel captured by the Riffians off the Morocco coast have been released.

The Irish National League held a convention at Manchester, England, last week. The membership is $30,000.

Jay Gould is said to be planning to place $30,000,000 of New York Elevated Railroad stock on the London market.

Joseph Chamberlain predicts the early collapse of the Gladstone party, and favors the formation of a new National party.

The captain of the Spanish crew recently captured by the Moors has died from the effects of the ill-usage to which he was subjected.

Upward of twenty-eight large bales of human hair were brought to France in a steamer that arrived the other day from the Orient.

Lady Mandeville threatens to go on the stage unless her father-in-law, the Duke of Manchester, shall pay her husband's debts.

The prohibition of the import of swine across the eastern frontiers of Germany has caused great dissatisfaction among the poorer classes.

An English plasterer has been staggered with a fortune of £1,400,000, left to him by a clergyman who emigrated and prospered in Sydney.

Buffalo Bill has become so fascinated with Paris that he is inclined to make that city his home when he abandons his calling as a showman.

The Russian Minister of War has ordered that military races shall be indulged in from time to time as a means of improving the cavalry.

The French Government has decided that defeated candidates may contest in the second ballots without infringing the Multiple Candidature Act.

Fifty persons, mostly girls, were injured by an explosion in an ammunition factory at Spandau, prussia, last week, from which several will die.

Typhus fever, which some months ago threatened to cause great ravages in the environs of Cairo and elsewhere, has been completely stamped out.

Advertisements in London journals indicate that the purchase of cast-off court suits, artificial teeth, etc., "for export," is quite a considerable business.

A bomb was exploded behind the Ayete Palace at San Sebastian, spain, last week, where Queen Christina is staying. No one was hurt and no damage was done.

General Boulanger's autograph was worth two weeks ago 9s in France. It had fallen to half-price, owing to the General writing so many letters. Now it is valueless.

Boulanger is being urged to return to Paris before the second ballots. His presence, his supporters believe, will bring a great wave of popular sentiment to his support.

Mr. Neville, the London banker, was offered and refused $4,000,000 for his business shortly before his death. In early life he failed, and had his accounts settled by the Bankruptcy Court.

Princess Victoria of Prussia will accompany the Empress Frederick to Athens, and they will pass the winter in Italy, after which the Princess will go to England on a long visit to the Queen.

Ex-Queen Natalie arrived at Belgrade on the 30th. Her presence was totally ignored by the Government officials, but she was received enthusiastically by the crowds in the streets. From private houses and places of business flags were displayed in her honor.

THE PARIS EXPOSITION.—It has just been officially announced that the Walter A. Wood machines have received the following awards at the Paris exposition: Grand prize on general exhibit only object of art, highest award on harvester and binder, gold medal on reaper and gold medal on mower. No other American inventor or manufacturer of harvesting machines has ever received for an exhibit at any world's fair so many honors and medals as have been awarded to Walter A Wood at the great Paris exposition.

HOME AND FARM.

What he Needs—Grapevines—Feed for Young Chicks—An Orchard Ladder—Cucumber Pickles.

Sailor hats in colored straw are effectively trimmed with black lace.

Tomatoe Pickles.—Choose small red or yellow tomatoes, prick them with a pin, put in a glass or stone jars, add two or three dozen nasturtium seeds to each quart, cover with good cold cider vinegar. They will be ready for use in two weeks and will keep all winter.

French Pickle.—One peck of green tomatoes sliced, two heads of cabbage cut as for slaw, twelve large onions, chopped, twelve green peppers chopped, four tablespoonfuls each of ground cloves, allspice, celery seed, and salt to taste. Cover with strong cider vinegar and boil two hours. When done and cold, seal in jars and keep in a dry place.

Mixed rations are more economical than the feeding of any particular article of food exclusively, as some foods assist in the digestion of others. There are growing rations, which are best for growing stock, and there are rations that promote fat more than others. The stockman should have an object in view, and feed in a manner to obtain it at the least cost.

There is no fixed quantity of butter or cream to expect from milk. Milk varies daily, according to the food and amount of water consumed. The quality of the food largely determines the amount of cream also. Cream itself varies, and does not give the same proportion of butter by measurement of weight. A great many conditions enter into the work before an estimate can be made.

Small Cucumber Pickles.—Wash and wipe a quantity of small cucumbers and place them in jars. Cover them with boiling brine strong enough to bear an egg; let stand twenty-rour hours. Then take them out, wipe, place in clean jars and cover with hot vinegar spiced with an onion, twelve whole cloves, one ounce of mustard seed and a little mace. They will be ready for use in two weeks.

Oxen are serviceable on large farms, and also in those sections where the roads are nearly impassible in winter, as they can travel where a horse cannot venture. They can be bred for the purposes desired by judicious selection of the best breeds for producing quick-draught oxen, the Devon breed being superior to any other. A Devon ox will bear the heat well, travel at a rapid gait and endure fatigue. A cross of the Devon with large native stock also produces excellent oxen, if the male calves are retained for that purpose.

Feed for Young Chicks.—This should be changed as often as possible, advises a good authority. Too rapid feathering is a drain on the system. Some varieties feather up quickly, while others are almost naked. Feed ground bone (fine) every day mixed in with the feed. Where we raise from 6,000 to 10,000 per year we know by this time the necessity of proper feeding. Corn and oats ground together is our standard feed, to which we add ground bone, ground meat, charcoal and oyster shell. A pinch of bread soda (Bicarbonate of soda) can be used as a substitute for charcoal.

An Orchard Ladder.—It is made of one-inch spruce or good pine, sixteen feet long, and the sides are joined together at one end for a length of twenty inches, when they begin to spread apart. Three feet six inches from the end the end the sides are held together by a five by one-half inch carriage bolt, both ends of which are let into the wood so that they will not injure the bark on the limbs of the trees. The first rung, ten inches long, is placed twenty inches below the bolt, and the last rung is eighteen inches long, those between being of graduated length. These ladders can be run up into a tree and under the branches anywhere without injuring the tree or shaking down the fruit. There is no patent on them, so that any one can make one for himself.

Fall Feeding of Bees —A western apiarist well says that the average bee-keeper does not like the work of feeding sugar-syrup to his bees in the fall to insure them against starvation, because of the attention, and usually practiced, the puttering work it takes. To any such let this word of caution be dropped: now is the time to prepare against having this to do. While honey is coming in and the surplus being stored, a few brood combs filled with honey should be removed from your best colonies and set to one side that they may be ready to give to those light in stores later on. There is probably no more satisfactory way than this method of fall feeding. It is easily and quickly done, and does not incite robbery.

Unless a lawn is seeded to grasses that can endure constant mowing, as well as a dry season, it becomes unsightly instead of ornamental. When seeded down in the spring it becomes at times necessary to grow oats, wheat or some grain crop on the lawn in order to shelter the young grass from the effects of the noonday sun in dry weather. This may be avoided if the seed is sown in the fall, at which period of the year the rains are usually plentiful, and the young grass is not so easily overrun with weeds. Should the grass not make a good "catch" the ground may again be seeded over in the spring by simply scratching the surface with a rake, but it is seldom that seed sown in September fails, if a plentiful supply of seed be used and the ground properly prepared.

What he Needs.—What is needed to help the average dairyman is the information how to improve the herds already in his hands. He needs to be taught to teach each cow separately, both for quantity and quality, and to have the nerve to dispose of the non-paying ones, while building on those which turn him a profit. He needs to know that like produces like in the animals as well as in the vegetable world; that good animals produce good offspring, and poor ones as certainly bring forth poor progeny; that the male is half the herd in breeding, and that he cannot expect to improve his herd without a good sire; that although a grade male may be better than a scrub, a pure bred male is better than either; that the greater and more rapid improvement which he produces makes him cheaper in the end at a good round price than either the scrub or the grade as a gift, and that it is only by weeding out poor cows and breeding from his best ones, a pure blood male of individual excellence and good pedigree, that he can in a few years bring his herd up to an average yield of 300 pounds of butter per cow.

THE PACIFIC COAST.

WASHINGTON IS REPUBLICAN BY A LARGE MAJORITY.

Fell Down an Elevator Shaft—A Gold Discovery Near Tacoma—Shot by the Authorities—Hemmed in by Immense Iceburgs.

Seattle's police are uniformed.

Portland, Or., has a building boom.

The San Francisco Chronicle has a $100,000 libel suit on hand.

Carson, Nev., was recently visited by an immense warm of butterflies.

The democrats of South Dakota claim twenty members of the legislature.

The laundrymen of Tacoma have decided not to give credit to anyone.

The Grand Lodge of Good Templars will meet at Fresno, Cal., on the 8th.

Newhall's sawmill on the tide flats, near Seattle, was burned on the 31st.

A lady shot and probably fatally killed a burglar, near Los Angeles, on the 3d.

Bee ranches have suffered severely by the brush fires in San Bernardino, Cal.

Peter Hanson was burned to death in brush fires near San Diego on the 31st.

High license at Watsonville, Cal., has caused twelve saloons to close their doors.

A carpenter named Christopher Rebman, at Napa, Cal., suicided on the 1st.

Joseph Giannelli, a Stockton groceryman, is missing, and foul play is feared.

The town of Cambria, Cal., was almost wholly destroyed by fire on the 30th inst.

Butte, Mont., has been visited by an incindiary fire to the amount of $300,000.

The new State of Washington has gone Republican by an overwheling majority.

It is believed that Dakota and Montana have gone Republican by large majorities.

The Portland and Willamette Valley Railroad has been sued for $15,600 damages.

The estate of Charles Crocker has been settled up, the widow's share being $2,856,244.

A ledge of coal seven feet wide has been found eight miles from Ellensburg, Washington.

There is not a Chinaman in the mining camp at San Pedro, N. M. None are allowed there.

A recent gold discovery on a school section, adjoining Tacoma, caused quite an excitement.

The official investigation of the Santa Monica Hone for Veterans, was commenced last week.

The salaries of the policemen of Los Angeles have been reduced to $70 per month, a cut of $10.

A nickle mine has been found in San Bernardino county, Cal., that assays 20 per cent pure metal.

The Tacoma Hotel at Tacoma, Wn., has been sold to a New York, St. Paul and Tacoma syndicate.

An Ellensburg firm has signed a contract to ship one carload of kaolin a day to a pottery at Tacoma.

The Salvation Army at Colusa, Cal., has been acquitted before a jury on the charge of being peace disturbers.

F. A. Carle, recently managing editor of the St. Paul Press, has taken editorial charge of the Portland Oregonian.

The Union Pacific, which is now building from Port Townsend to Portland, will cross the Northern Pacific at Eleanor.

K. J. Tallier, the leader of a gang of train robbers, was shot by the Mexican authorities, at Guaymas, Mex., last week

George Reese stole a valice containing $6 from a car at Chico, for which he has been sentenced to serve six years at Folsom.

It is rumored that the headquarters of of the Santa Fe system, now at Los Angeles, Cal., is soon to be removed to San Diego.

Mrs. Albert Vincent hanged herself at Port Townsend, recently, because she was dissatisfied with her daughter's marriage.

Charles White, an officer in the Salvation Army, aged 22, eloped from Pasadena, Cal., recently, with Miss Horton, aged 15.

Miss Abbey, an elderly maiden lady, was found in her home, near Otay, murdered, it is believed by parties whom she detected stealing.

In the case against the parties charged with robbing the Spokane relief stores, the defence claims it was a free for all grab for everybody.

The new steamer Arctic, carrying supplies to 300 miners on Forty-mile creek, Alaska, has been wrecked, and the miners are in danger of starvation.

The burglar killed at Sacramento last week has been identified as Wm. Crandall, alias Dickenson and Henry Horton. His mother lives in Pittsburg, Pa.

Celina Long, an English woman and the wife of Pen Long, a Chinaman, has been declared a citizen of the United States by the courts of Portland, Or.

Dr. J. C. Shorb, one of the most prominent physicians in San Francisco, was found dead in a lodging house in that city last week. He was an opium fiend.

Seattle republicans will again dine at the expense of the Tacoma republicans, having won the standing bet on the majorities of King and Pierce counties.

A contract has been awarded for constructing the Northern Pacific and Montana Road, which extends from Missoula, Montana to the Cœur d,Alene country.

Proceeding have begun at Portland in the important cases of the United States against four military wagon-road companies of Oregon, to forfeit their grant.

Mr. Thorn, present manager of the Grand Hotel, San Francisco, will soon take entire management of the Palace Hotel. He will also manage the Grand.

Judge Beverly of the Probate Court at Tacoma, has decided that Indian children of wives married according to Indian customs cannot inherit unless by legislative enactment.

PORTLAND MARKET.

THE LOCAL MERCHANDISE MARKET CONTINUES GOOD.

Coffee is Still Unchanged—Sugars are Steady at Quotations—A Slight Reduction in Poultry—Grain is Still Inactive.

The local merchandise markets continue under the influence of favorable conditions, which not only maintain the volume of business, but in several instances have developed progressive improvement. The cooler temperature that has prevailed has stimulated the demand for many descriptions of merchandise, and the presence of many country buyers in town attending the Industrial Fair, adds to the busy feeling prevailing. The coffee market still remains featureless, while sugars are steady at quotations. The demand for new evaporated apples is good. Butter continues firm. There is no startling activity in the grain market yet, but an early change is looked for.

GROCERIES.

Sugars, Golden C 6⅜c, extra C 6¾c, dry granulated 8⅛c, cube, crushed and powdered 8½c. Coffee: Guatamala 20@22½, Java 30@32c, Costa Rica 21@22½c, Mocha 37½c, Rio 22@23c, roasted Java 30@32c, Arbuckle's roasted 25c.

PROVISIONS.

Oregon ham 13@13½c, breakfast bacon 12½@13c, sides 9@10c, Eastern ham 12½@14c, breakfast bacon 12½c, sides 9c, shoulders 9c. Lard 8¾c.

FRUITS.

Apples $1, lemons $8, Sicily $7.50, pears $1@1.25.

DRIED FRUITS.

Apples 4@5c, evaporated 6@6½c sliced 6c, pears 8c, peaches 8@10c, Oregon plums 3@4, petite prunes 5@6c, German 5½@6c, prunes, Italian 7c, silver 6½@7c, California figs 7c, Smyrna figs 14@15c, apricots 13@14c, raisins $1.75@2.25 per box.

VEGETABLES.

Potatoes, new, $9c@1, sweets 1¾c per lb, onions 85c.

DAIRY PRODUCE.

Butter, Oregon fancy 30c, dairy 25@27½c, common 10@12½c. Eastern 25c, California 18@20c.

EGGS.

Oregon eggs 30; Eastern 25c.

POULTRY.

Chickens $3@3.50, old hens $4@4.25, young geese $8@10, turkeys 12½c per lb.

WOOL.

Valley 17@19c, Umpque 19@20c, Eastern Oregon 10@14c.

HOPS.

Hops 6@8c for Oregon, 6@9c for Washington.

GRAIN.

Wheat, Valley $1.22½@1.25, Eastern Oregon $1.12½@1.15. Oats 38c.

FLOUR.

Standard $4.25, other brands $3.75@3 90.

FEED.

Hay $17@18 per ton, bran $14.50, chop $18@20, shorts $16.50, barley $21.

FRESH MEATS.

Beef, live, 2½c, dressed, 3c; mutton, live, 3c, dressed, 6½c; hogs live, 5@5¼c, dressed 11½, deer 2¾@3c.

—At a recent test of search lights for the purpose of discovering an approaching enemy dressed in uniforms of various colors, it was found that the red uniforms were very distinct, blue being the least conspicuous.

—Dr. Foster, director of the University Ophthalmic Clinique at Breslau, believes that a common cause of shortsightedness in the young is restriction of the circulation produced by the wearing of tight-fitting collars.

—A Swiss inventor has perfected a method of making artificial boards, and is advocating their use in building. They are made of a mixture of plaster of paris and reeds pressed into shape by hydraulic process. The material has the advantage of incombustibility and lightness, and will resist the warping action of atmospheric changes.

—Sand is considered the best material for forming molds, as the hot metal has no chemical action upon it; it behaves well as a conducting medium for the air expelled from the space by the metal, and for the gases generated in the mold; it possesses considerable adhesiveness when rammed together; and is made to conform very accurately to the surface of the pattern. Molding-sand is always mixed with about one part of coal or charcoal dust to from ten to fifteen parts of sand.

—A company has been formed under the laws of New York State to develop large deposits of ozokerite, a natural paraffine wax existing in the Wasatch Mountains of Utah Territory, about one hundred and thirteen miles east of Salt Lake City. These mines are said to contain the only deposits of this mineral known to exist outside of Galicia, Austria, whence the entire world's supply of this product has until recently been obtained.

—In response to an invitation sent out two years ago by the Council of the Meteorological Society of Great Britain, more than a hundred photographs of lightning flashes have been received by the society, showing knotted lightning, ribbon lightning, and flashes which appear like a lace curtain suspended in the air. The photograph of a celebrated dark flash, about the meaning of which there has been considerable discussion, has also been received.

—During the last twelve months, says the Revue des Cuirs, a paper leather to imitate calfskin, has made its appearance and seems likely to play an important part in the manufacture of portfolios and albums. It can be used for a variety of purposes, for toilet articles, bookbinding, etc. Real calf is expensive, but of great durability. This imitation calf is cheap, although it can hardly be expected to wear well.

LIFE IN CONSTANTINOPLE.

Oliver Optic's Opinion of Sherbet and Other Oriental Luxuries.

The boy reader has had his palate tickled in imagination by the sherbets and confections of the Orient. I had, and I wanted to taste some of them. I asked Dimetri about sherbet. He took me to a shop and I drank sherbet, expecting to be thrilled as with the nectar of the gods. What do you think it was? Nothing but what the old ladies of New England call "raspberry shrub." It is very good for those who like it; but sherbet comes down from its seventh heaven after you have tasted it.

At the door of the monastery of dervishes Dimetri bought me a qantity of confections—fig paste, candy and other things of this sort. Not one of them was eatable; in fact the smell of these delicacies was more than enough. I threw them into the street when I went out, and the Moslem gamins scrambled for them.

I had some curiosity to learn how the Turks lived, and Dimetri took me into a cafe near the mosque of St. Sophie. The first dish was made up from the fire before me. In a copper saucepan, like half a globe, was a large quantity of mutton fat, with bits of meat in it. In another kettle of the same kind was some rice, having a pinkish tint. On a small tea-plate the attendant put a portion of this rice, spread it out, with a cavity in the middle. Then he emptied a ladleful of the mutton grease and two bits of meat into the middle of it. The odor was not pleasant, and a single taste of the compound was enough for this deponent. It smelled bad and tasted worse. The next dish was pancakes, round balls of dough fried in fat. They were soaked with grease, and rancid grease at that. Press them a little, and the fat flowed out in streams. These two dishes exhausted the bill of fare. I resorted to fruit.

An Armenian gentleman on the Bosphorus had told me that I had come in season for the best grapes of the year. I called for some of them and up to the present moment they were the finest, the most delicious I ever tasted. The Turks sell them from great baskets all over the city for next to nothing. They look like the common Malaga grape, but the skins were hardly perceptible. The flavor was a little spicy, sweet, and rich enough to be the food of divinities. Though my worthy California companion insisted that they were better in his State, I have never tasted any that were equal to them.

Coffee is classed as a principal oriental dainty, and all the boys have read about it in their story books of the East. We have all come to the belief that coffee in the land of its origin is another name for nectar. I went into a cafe in Scutari, on the Asiatic side of the Bosphorus. Half a dozen Turks were smoking chibouks, owned by the cafe, and leased to the smokers. The implement is a pipe consisting of a glass urn, filled with water through which the smoke is drawn. The water is bubbling all the time, and the odor of the place is any thing but agreeable. We called for coffee. It was a very small cup, no milk or sugar. It was half mud. Before drinking, the solid half of the mess is stirred up, and the beverage is soft mud. Another illusion has "gone up." No more Turkish coffee for this Yankee.—Oliver Optic, in Chicago Inter Ocean.

RIDING AN ALLIGATOR.

A Naturalist's Thrilling Adventure in South America.

Charles Waterton, the English naturalist, is remembered as the first and only man who ever bestrode and rode a cayman, the alligator of the South American tropical rivers. This cayman-riding exploit is one so peculiar in its nature, and so characteristic of this eccentric naturalist, that we can not refrain from giving the adventure in his own words.

Mr. Waterton was anxious to have a specimen of the cayman in his possession, for the purposes of dissection. Assisted by a number or trembling Indians, he got a barbed bait made, which, after a time, was swallowed by an immense cayman. Our heroic wanderer urged the Indians to pull out the monster by the rope attached to the bait, and they did so in a state of unspeakable trepidation. With a mast of a canoe in his hand, Mr. Waterton then placed himself on the watch, intending to thrust the instrument down the animal's throat. But he was led to change his tactics, as he himself thus narrates:

"By the time the cayman was within two yards of me I saw that he was in a state of fear and perturbation; I instantly dropped the mast and jumped upon his back, turning half round as I vaulted, so that I gained my seat with my face in a right position. I immediately seized his forelegs, and by main force twisted them on his back, so that they served me for a bridle. Thus bestridden, the brute, which was large enough to eat half a dozen men with the greatest ease, became very obstreperous, and lashed the sands with his tail at a furious rate."

But Mr. Waterton kept his seat and his bridle-hold, and roared to the men about to pull him farther on shore, which was accordingly done.

"It was the first and last time," says our hero, "I was ever on a cayman's back. Should it be asked how I managed to keep my seat, I would answer, I hunted some years with Lord Darlington's fox-hounds."

In short, the cayman exhausted his strength, was mastered, and was conveyed to the place desired.