

SCANDINAVIAN NEWS

Interesting Notes From Across the Ocean.

HAPPENINGS IN THE FATHERLAND.

Principal Events That Have Occurred in the Old Countries, with the North Sea Within a Week or So Just Past.

NORWAY.

If we are to believe a Kristiania daily the next storthing will be composed chiefly of "an indistinct mass of mediocrities." The general trouble seems to be that there are too many plain laborers to suit the progressive element.

Even at this early date there are thousands of workmen in the cities who look forward to the coming winter with great apprehension because their prospects for remunerative employment are poor.

An illness which is not considered dangerous has compelled Bjornson to remain in bed for a few days.

A number of young authors and artists have commenced to raise funds for the erection of a monument on the grave of Sigbjorn Obstfelder, the poet, the poet who died a few weeks ago at the early age of 34 years.

The retail price of tomatoes in the Kristiania market is 10 cents a pound. They were raised in Norway.

A shipyard at Arendal has just turned out a new steel steamer of 1,570 tons. It is to be employed in the Spanish trade and is made for carrying both passengers and freight.

Kristiania seems to be unable to consume all the vegetables raised for that market last summer, and the bottom has dropped out of the prices.

The Kristiania board of health has collected a mass of statistics from the life of the inhabitants of the metropolis. No figures are more interesting than those showing the proportionate number of births and deaths in the different portions of the city.

In the parish of Trogner, for instance, there are only 25 persons to the acre and 134 to every 100 rooms, while Grunerlokken has 178 persons to the acre and 246 to every 100 rooms. But the forces of life seem to be more impetuous in the most densely populated portions of the city.

The statistics bearing on this particular subject are indeed curious. The board of health went to work and counted all the women between the ages of 20 and 50 years and compared their number with the number of births during the year. In the parish of Trogner there were only 94 births for every 1,000 women of said ages, while in Grunerlokken the number was 100. In other words, the natural increase by births was more than 100 per cent greater in a typical "slum" district than in a typical fashionable quarter. But the Grim Reaper almost equalizes the difference. The number of deaths per 1,000 inhabitants being 17 in Grunerlokken and 9 in Trogner.

It will be seen that there is still a margin of about 5 per cent in favor of the "slums," as compared with the upper "400." The above statistics were selected because they were the extremes. But the rule holds good throughout the entire city.

About 60 Holland gold coins from the 17th century were found in an excavation on the site of an old monastery in Bergen. Parts of the ruins of the monastery extend under the fort.

The officers of a Danish squadron which visited Kristiania met with an extremely cordial reception. After returning to Denmark they expressed their appreciation and gratitude in a letter to the Swedish minister of foreign affairs. This did not please the Norwegians, who claim that Sweden had nothing to do with the affair.

King Oscar decorated the Duke of Abruzzi with the Swedish order of the Seraphim. He did this in Norway, and many Norwegians feel sore because the duke did not receive the Norwegian order of St. Olaf.

Many fields of grain even in the southern part of the country were uncut up to the 15th of September. What had been cut was quite satisfactory in all respects. The potato crop is expected to be rather light, because the growth of the vines was badly checked by early frost.

A cablegram from London gives out the improbable news that Fridtjof Nansen and the Duke of Abruzzi have agreed to undertake a joint expedition into the North Pole regions.

The mackerel catch in the North sea has been fairly good. In many cases the fishermen have made \$25 a week, or even more.

The Kristiania woman's suffrage union has provided for instruction in dressmaking, and a class of eleven has just finished a course.

The total imports during the months of January to July were about \$1,000,000 above those of the corresponding period in 1899; but the increase of the exports was almost \$4,000,000, making the balance of trade more favorable to Norway.

SWEDEN.

The railway department has granted licenses to certain parties to sell liquor in dining cars on the line running between Stockholm and Malmö.

An interesting work of sculpture has been found in a house at 61 Regeringegatan, Stockholm. It represents the genius of death leading a young woman into the abode of the dead. It is made of pure white marble, and the figures are of life-size. Strange as it may seem, no one knows where or by whom it was made. But the paper in which the find was wrapped is said to be similar that used in Italy about 100 years ago.

The Malmö Agricultural society has unanimously petitioned the provincial government to appoint a special veterinarian for treating tuberculous diseases in cattle.

Rev. N. Soderbom, pastor of the Swedish congregation in Paris, has been granted permission by the theological faculty of Sorbonne to write and publish a thesis with a view to having the faculty confer the degree of doctor of divinity upon him. If this program is carried through, Rev. Soderbom will be the first foreigner receiving that degree without having studied at a French university.

The new sanitarium for consumptives at Osterasen will be formally dedicated May 15, 1901, on which occasion the king and queen expect to be present.

A number of Swedish and Danish capitalists are ready to invest large sums of money in a new and highly elegant summer resort on the north shore of the famous island of Hveen. The projectors want to shut out all Sunday visitors, and all kinds of music will be banished as a source of disturbance to people who desire perfect rest. Even the cooking and preparation of the food is to be done in a separate building. But the projectors of the plan think they must have a bar at the resort, and if the government of Malmohus lan does not grant a license to sell liquor the whole project may be abandoned.

The government ordered only 264,000 tons of coal last winter for the state railways, because the prices were considered abnormally high. This quantity was way below the consumption, however, and now the government will have to buy over 70,000 tons at a still higher price.

The death of S. A. Hedlund deprived Gothenburg, and Sweden for that matter, of a good and very useful citizen. Mr. Hedlund was born in 1831, and since 1858 he was prominently before the public as a journalist, reformer, member of the riksdag and alderman of Gothenburg. For nearly half a century he was editor-in-chief of Gothenburg Handels och Sjöfartstidning.

The sea pilots of Sweden may point to a proud record for the year 1899. The number of craft piloted by them was 46,652. In 48 cases the vessel was grounded while the pilot was on board. But in 27 out of the 48 cases the captain of vessel declared that the pilot was not responsible for the accident. Legal investigations have proved that in 11 other cases no blame attached to the pilot. Eight cases are still pending. Thus it will be seen that courts-martial have found the pilot guilty in only two cases. In other words, the pilots, in serving on 29,328 vessels, were criminally responsible for only one grounding. This record indicates a high degree of efficiency and consciousness.

A selection of mushrooms was exhibited in connection with a horticultural fair in Malmö. The culture of mushrooms is receiving more attention than ever before in Southern Sweden.

The military band of the Skane Husar regiment, which is giving concerts in Leipzig, Germany, recently made a visit to the Lutzen battlefield. The center of attention was of course der Schwedenstein (the Swedish stone), which is supposed to mark the spot where King Gustaf Adolf fell Nov. 6, 1632, in the midst of the Thirty-Year war. Several numbers were played at the stone, and the band joined the director in shouting nine hurrahs in honor of the memory of the famous Swedish ruler.

DENMARK.

A son was born to Princess Alexandrine and Prince Christian about a month ago. He was baptized by Rev. Paulsen at Edensborg and received the name of Knud Frederik Mikael. Of this proud row of names, it is only Knud that is destined to play any part in the practical affairs of life.

The mission school at Herning has been removed to Odense. The missionaries sent to foreign countries are educated at this school.

In a conflict between non-union men and strikers at Norrebro, Copenhagen, about twenty policemen had to fight the rioters for several minutes before order could be restored. Many of the rioters were armed with stakes, and half a dozen of them were arrested. A few windows at the police station were smashed.

Ernst Roeder, of New York, spent half an hour in wrestling with Bech-Olsen, but to no purpose. The fat Dane refused to be beaten, and that settled it.

News has been received from Am-drup's Greenland expedition. He landed July 18 at Dalton. The expedition explored and mapped out the country as far as Scoresby sound, the work lasting three weeks. The expedition landed several times between Scoresby sound and King Oscar's fjord. The Antarctic left Greenland Sept. 1, arrived in Iceland the 5th, and left Dnyrdorf on the 7th for Angmagssalik, Greenland. All well on board.

FINLAND.

The publication of the following newspapers has been suspended for about a month: The Viborg Viipurin Sanomat and Nyheter and Borga-Bladet.

A Finnish country paper claims that the Swedish authorities have been reminded that they must strictly enforce the laws which provide that nothing shall be printed in Sweden which reflects unfavorably upon a foreign government which is on friendly terms with the government of Sweden.

CONCERNS THE WOMEN.

Worry is worse on looks than anything else, so women should fight the blues.

Women are beginning to find a business side to art in the designing of labels for preserving firms, suggesting names for new brands, designing pictures for advertising and arranging displays at fairs and expositions.

The Livery Stable, a weekly paper printed in New York, charges the tight check reins and the docked tail horse to "heartless woman," and adds that if "ladies will refuse to drive behind docked horses and tight check reins," both abominations will soon disappear.

Under the rules of the board of education of Philadelphia, a woman, no matter how well she may be equipped mentally and by experience and practical knowledge, is excluded from the supervising principalship of the public schools, except those in which there are girl pupils only, or of mixed primary schools. It is claimed in extenuation that women, as a rule, have not as good executive ability as men.

The new German code of civil law defines the rights of a husband as being supreme in most social affairs. He may prescribe the hour for dinner, the manner of serving it, the number of servants, and may limit the quantity of linen to be purchased in the year, but he may not open his wife's letters under any circumstances without her expressed permission. Also he may forbid his wife to write a certain mis- sive or to dispatch it if written, but he cannot prevent her doing so if she is sent thereon. And he has no right to open the letter in order to find out its contents.



STORY OF A SONGSTER.

Since Death Took the Sweet-Throated Mocking Bird His Mistress Has Been Disconsolate.

Within a dimly-lighted room at Atlanta, Ga., where visitors trod softly, a mocking bird sang and the weary eyes of a woman turned to the songster gratefully. Age had silvered the hair of the woman, and the relentless grip of disease had fastened itself upon her, so that with limbs useless, she was helpless.

Thus she had lain for six years and thus each day the tiny songster had been her companion.

When the sun shone outside, its rays rarely penetrated to the room where the invalid lay, the mocking bird sang its merriest, and when clouds shut out the brilliancy of the sun the limp song, uninterrupted, but with a more melancholy strain, went on and cheered the aged hearer.

The woman was Mrs. James D. Reed. For six years she has been confined to her room in the boarding-house conducted by her daughter at No. 107 Marietta street. During all that time the bird, "Bob," had been her constant companion until to-day.

Now Bob is dead, and the aged invalid, robbed of the greatest joy that was left to her, is disconsolate and losing strength day by day.

In the boarding house this mocking bird was the pet of all. Miss Reed kept house for 14 years, and during nine years of that time "Bob" had been with her.

From the moment of the beginning of Mrs. Reed's illness "Bob" was transferred to the sick room, and he rarely left it. There his duty was to cheer the weary moments of the invalid's day, and this he did well.

Mrs. Reed, the invalid, is more than 70 years old. She is unable to move covering, and sometimes, one would almost think, of sleep. The furniture is of the simplest description, the most conspicuous feature usually being a wooden box decorated with crude designs in red and yellow. In this are his copy of the Koran and other simple treasures. A large copper basin called a tish serves a variety of purposes, both lavatory and culinary. Some of the houses, however, are heartbreakingly European, with cheap wooden carpets, gaudy crotches and occasionally a stroke of genius in the way of tawdry vases with artificial flowers.

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STREET LIFE IN CAIRO.

Woman Traveler Considers Egypt's Capital the Most Picturesque City in the Old World.

Cairo is the most picturesque of cities. As one saunters along the native quarter about midday groups of Arabs eating the midday meal are passed at frequent intervals. They sit leaning against some garden wall, their feet drawn up till the knees are level with the chin, and brown earthen basins on the ground beside them hold the food. They delight in color—the children of the tropics always do—and the basins have linings of brilliant green, purple of yellow enamel, in which the inevitable tomato gleams a vivid contrast. A favorite dish seems to be a kind of soup with finely chopped green vegetables. Into this all dip pieces of coarse bread. If the fingers go in at the same time, that is a trifle that escapes notice.

The fellah uses his home but little. He eats and frequently sleeps out doors. He is independent of bed and

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How to Sweeten Them by the Use of Sachets That Are Easily Compounded at Home.

A sachet of long lasting fragrance can be made to imitate the scent of lemons that come into the household and mixing them with caraway seeds.

Take half an ounce of the powdered seed and half a pound of the powdered lemon peel. The peellings can be ground in an ordinary kitchen coffee mill. Mix the two powders well together, and over it all pour a mixture of 1 1/2 drams of oil of lemon peel and three ounces of oil of bergamot. This makes a dainty powder for sachets to use in the bureau drawers, linen closets, hat boxes, handkerchief cases, etc. It is called the verberna sachet.

A rather expensive sachet, but one that will pay for the making, is composed thus: Oil of patchouli, one-half dram; oil of rose geranium, one-half dram; attar of roses, one-half dram; oil of sandalwood, one dram; oil of lavender, one dram; oil of cloves, one-half dram; oil of bergamot, 3/4 drams; extract of musk, one-half dram; mix well and add to two drams of this compound one ounce of powderedorris root, one dram Tonquin beans and two ounces sifted pine sawdust.

This is a favorite sachet for veil rolls and shirt waist boxes. The perfume can be renewed by dropping occasionally a few drops of the scented oils on the sachets.—N. Y. Herald.

DEATH IN CUPS AND GLASSES. Americans Warned Against Using Silver-Mounted Drinking Vessels from Abroad.

Walter Schumann, United States consul at Mainz, has called the attention of the state department to the danger to the health of persons using silver-mounted glasses and porcelain wares. He says a Frankfurt newspaper some time ago called attention to the fact that certain kinds of silver-mounted and porcelain wares, such as cups, glasses, jars, vases, etc., had been placed upon the market.

"The silver on these articles," he says, "is applied by means of a galvanoplastic process in baths which contain large quantities of potassium cyanide. As glazed wares have innumerable hair-like cracks, this deadly poison enters these cracks, and the articles, beautiful to look upon, become a severe menace to the health of anybody using or handling them, and especially as it is impossible in the course of manufacture to remove this poisonous residue.

"Only a short time ago a very severe case of poisoning resulted from the use of such ware. I am told that these goods are chiefly exported to the United States from Frankfurt, Berlin and Stuttgart. It might be well for the public to be informed of the danger in these goods and steps might be taken to prohibit their sale."

And Willie Knaw. Little Willie—Pa, is ma a microbe? Mr. Henpeck—Why, no, Willie. What makes you ask such a question? Little Willie—Well, the teacher told us that baldness was caused by a microbe.—Baltimore American.

HE BASELY DECEIVED HER.

Let Her Think She Was Reforming Him, When He Had No Bad Habits to Break.

"So your engagement is broken?" said the girl in gray, according to Pearson's Weekly.

"Yes, it is," replied the girl in brown, frowning at the recollection.

"What was the matter?"

"He basely deceived me," answered the girl in brown. "You see, it was this way: I asked him one day to promise me that he never again would smoke cigarettes, and he promised. Then I asked him to refrain from the use of tobacco in any form, and he promised to do that. Later I told him I had a horror of anyone who touched liquor, and he agreed never to touch it. After that I suggested that I thought it was his habit to influence on young men and I should expect him to give them up, and he said he would. I also took up the subject of gambling, and made him promise that he would stop playing cards and betting on the races.

"Well, you didn't demand a great deal of him, did you?" said the girl in gray. "I suppose he deceived you in the matter?"

"He did."

"Broke his promise, did he?"

"Oh, no! I could have forgiven that. But just when I was congratulating myself that at least he reformed one young man I found that he didn't require reformation. He wasn't addicted to a single one of the habits I made him promise to break. It was a terrible shock, and it broke the engagement at once. There was no longer anything in it to make it interesting."

Another De Luxe Edition of "A Message to Garcia."

The Passenger Department of the New York Central seems never to tire of sending out copies of "A Message to Garcia." The latest issue is the first five thousand of the third half-million edition, and is numbered consecutively from 1,000,000 to 1,004,999. It is beautifully printed on heavy white paper, the illustrations being brought out in a manner equal, if not superior, to the best magazine. The book is bound in a grey-blue cloth and heavy boards. It is intended for libraries, and was issued at the request of a large number of American libraries who wanted the "Message" in a permanent binding. This edition contains, in addition to the standard admirable preface, a short sketch, with a portrait, of Lieutenant Colonel Andrew S. Rowan, the man who carried "A Message to Garcia," a short sketch, with a portrait, of General John M. Garcia, the man to whom the "Message" was carried, and a short sketch, with portrait, of Mr. Elbert Hubbard, the man who wrote "A Message to Garcia."

It also contains eight pages of extracts from the press, and comments from well-known educators, clergymen, professional men, and other employers of men, on the "Message" itself; a sketch of the Cuban Educational Association; and a sketch on Harvard-Americanism and the Cuban teachers.

A limited number of copies of "A Message to Garcia" bound in cloth and boards may be obtained at very low prices. A copy of a postage stamp issued by any country on the globe, or it will be sent in packages of 100 each, on receipt of 50 cents for each 100.

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Pleasantly Locating the Distress.

"Did you have any trouble with your French in Paris, Mrs. Riffraff?"

"No, the weary patient seldom survives. He was not the man to talk with us, as we seemed to have an awful time."—Indianapolis Journal.

Wisdom has an up-hill fight against a fool.—Chicago Daily News.

Near Enough.—Tommy—"Pa, what does 'disagree' mean?"

"Pa—"Well, when two people think alike they are said to agree. Now, you can guess what 'disagree' means." Tommy—"Oh, yes! that's when only one people thinks alike."—Philadelphia Press.

Few delights can equal the mere presence of one whom we trust utterly.—George MacDonald.

WOMAN'S KIDNEY TROUBLES

Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound is Especially Successful in Curing this Fatal Woman's Disease.



Of all the diseases known with which the female organism is afflicted, kidney disease is the most fatal. In fact, unless early and correct treatment is applied, the weary patient seldom survives. Being fully aware of this, Mrs. Pinkham, early in her career, gave exhaustive study to the subject, and in producing her great remedy for women's ills—Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound—was careful to see that it contained the correct combination of herbs which was sure to control that fatal disease, woman's kidney troubles. The Vegetable Compound acts in harmony with the laws that govern the entire female system, and while there are many so-called remedies for kidney troubles, Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound is the only one especially prepared for women.

The following letters will show how marvelously successful it is:

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"DEAR MRS. PINKHAM:—I am failing very fast—since January have lost thirty-five or forty pounds. I have a yellow, muddy complexion, feel tired, and have bearing down pains. Menstrues have not appeared for three months; sometimes I am troubled with a white discharge, and I also have kidney and bladder trouble. I have been this way for a long time, and feel so miserable I thought I would write to you, and see if you could do me any good."—MISS EDNA FREDERICKS, Troy, Ohio.

Sept. 10, 1899.
"DEAR MRS. PINKHAM:—I have used Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound according to directions, and can say I have not felt so well for years as I do at present. Before taking your medicine a more miserable person you never saw. I could not eat or sleep, and did not care to talk with any one. I did not enjoy life at all. Now, I feel so well I cannot be grateful enough for what you have done for me. You are surely a woman's friend. Thanking you a thousand times, I remain,
Ever yours,
MRS. EDNA FREDERICKS,
Troy, Ohio.

"DEAR MRS. PINKHAM:—I have taken five bottles of Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound and cannot praise it enough. I had headaches, leucorrhoea, falling of the womb, and kidney trouble. I also had a pain when standing or walking, and sometimes the weary patient seemed to be in front of me, so that I could not see for about twenty minutes. Felt as tired in the morning when I got up as if I had had no sleep for two weeks. Had fainting spells, was down-hearted, and would cry."—MRS. BERTHA OREN, Second and Clayton Sts., Chester Pa.

"DEAR MRS. PINKHAM:—I cannot find language to express the terrible suffering I have had to endure. I had female trouble, also liver, stomach, kidney, and bladder trouble. I tried several doctors, also quite a number of patent medicines, and had despaired of ever getting well. At last I concluded to try Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound, and now, thanks to your medicine, I am a well woman. I can not praise your medicine too highly for I know it will do all, and even more, than it is recommended to do. I tell every suffering woman about your Vegetable Compound, and urge them to try it and see for themselves what it will do."—MRS. MARY A. HIPLE, No. Manchester, Ind.

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