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Carpenter's Letter

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and shipped to China. The best of them will sell here for \$500 a ton and the exports amount to many thousand dollars a year.

Through the Queensland government I have been able to get photographs of these curious sea worms and also some information as to their habits from the government commissioner of fisheries, W. Saville Kent, who has recently made a special study of them. He says they live on the foraminifera of microscopic shell animals which are found in great quantities in the water of the coral reefs. Each slug has hundreds of little feeders about its mouth with which it brushes the rocks and draws the food from them into its throat. It might be better to say that each sea worm has hundreds of trunks corresponding to those of an elephant, save that they are of infinitesimal size and that with each of them it picks up its food and puts it in its mouth.

There are different varieties of beche de mer, the red and black bringing the highest price. There are some kinds which are not worth the gathering and of these one is known as the cotton fish, because it ejects a mass of white, cottony stuff, adhering with extreme tenacity to all it touches. The matter ejected is so strong that the making of cement from it is talked of. It has also some of the properties of rubber and it is a question whether it might not be used for similar purposes.

Shark Fins at \$800 a Ton.

Another Chinese delicacy which is found in and about Torres Strait is sharks' fins. The waters of the Barrier reef and about New Guinea are filled with sharks and they can be caught by the hundreds. Their fins are eagerly bought by the Chinese, who will pay as much as \$800 a ton for them. A recent shipment here sold at \$860 a ton and in the reports of the Australian government I see it suggested that the industry be encouraged. The fins are dried in the sun and then bagged up for shipment. In cooking them after the Chinese fashion they are first boiled with wood ashes in several waters and then scraped and washed until perfectly clean. After this there is another boiling in spring water to take out the ash taste and they are then stewed in a soup and served with crab meat and a little ham.

Prince of Wales Islands.

I am surprised at the number of islands scattered over this part of the globe. The South Pacific ocean is peppered with them and I shall be traveling in and out among islands for weeks on my way to Java. From the steamer, as it lies in the Thursday island harbor, a half-dozen island groups are in sight. To the right is Horn Island, where the Australians are now mining for gold. Close by and below it the Prince of Wales island, which gives the name to the Torres Strait group. A little further over is Booby Island, and to the northeast are Murray Island, Darnley Island and others. Each of these islands has its own curious people, who in many cases are not unlike the aborigines of Australia, save that they seem to be more civilized. Some have huts of straw thatch, which look for all the world like hay stacks hollowed out for houses. Murray Island has a court house, where the English judges hold forth, which the natives consider a wonderful structure. It is a mud building of one story roofed with straw thatch.

Missionaries of the South Seas.

The missionaries are at work in all the islands and also in British and German New Guinea. In Dutch New Guinea there are no stations that I know of, but in Kaiser Wilhelm's Land three Protestant and two Catholic missionary societies are at work.

In British New Guinea the work has gone on for twenty years, and there are now a large number of native evangelists. Mr. Dauncey, one of the missionaries, who has spent ten years there, tells me the people are being slowly but surely civilized, and that a number of them are Christians. One missionary society has 10,000 native Christians and 1,600 church members. It has

more than 100 native preachers, and in its Sunday schools there are 900 scholars, while in the common schools the scholars number 2,600 boys and 1,000 girls.

On one of the islands off southern New Guinea the Roman Catholics are doing a great deal of work. They have eighteen priests and a number of lay brothers; they have twenty-three chapels and a number of schools, in which there are 1,000 scholars. So far the missions are entirely English and French, the Americans not having entered the field.

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Daughters of Presidents

The recent death of a daughter of President Zachary Taylor raises the question of how many presidents' daughters are now living.

In the Louise Home at Washington is a charming and interesting woman, now an octogenarian, who once diffused an atmosphere of gaiety and brightness throughout the executive mansion, lending something of her natural brightness and charming personality to such of the White House functions as she presided over, for in those days it was not at all the functions by any means that women were present. Indeed, excepting the dinners given the cabinet officers and the diplomatic corps, there was but one occasion, during Mrs. Semple's residence at the White House, when women were present at public dinners, and that was when the Prince de Joinville was entertained there.

To the public dinners, which were given fortnightly, men alone were bidden, and when the president received he stood well out in the middle of the room, while the women of his household stood modestly in the background.

It was owing to the semi-invalidism of President Tyler's wife that the duties of first lady of the land devolved upon Mrs. Semple, and none was better fitted to fulfill them than the gifted and beautiful daughter of President and Mrs. Tyler, who was for a time virtually the mistress of the executive mansion, one of the fairest and noblest it has ever known.

Mrs. Semple was a young matron then. Mr. Semple, who was paymaster in the United States navy, was absent much of the time. Mrs. Robert Tyler was a member of the presidential household, but was occupied with her young family, and Miss Elizabeth Tyler, who afterward married Mr. Waller, was then but a young girl.

Many are the interesting reminiscences which Mrs. Semple can relate of the life at the White House sixty years ago. Though it was quite simple, still there was a certain dignified ceremoniousness attached to it. The early breakfast, midday dinner, afternoon drive and 6 o'clock tea made up the daily routine.

The women wore low-necked gowns, short-waisted, and with scanty, clinging skirts, too short to conceal their dainty, high-heeled slippers. The hair was worn parted smoothly on the forehead, and a cluster of little curls almost hid the ears. Pretty faces and bright eyes were enhanced by the gay flowers and ribbons heaped in profusion on enormous Leghorn bonnets, extending far over the face, and cushions of hair, or elderdown, held the huge "leg of mutton" sleeves in shape.

The men were resplendent in buff waist-coat, green coats, frilled shirt fronts and collars so high that they half concealed the cheeks and made the turning of the head a difficult task.

It was during Tyler's administration that dancing was introduced at the White House, and owing to his daughter's grace and wit the functions at the executive mansion lost some of their prim stiffness.

Mrs. Semple was her father's constant companion and her ambition was to be as good, rather than as clever as her father. For all that, her reign at the White House was one of intellect as well as beauty.

This intellect yet shows in the noble brow and strong features, so strikingly like John Tyler, and a beauty still belongs to the octogenarian, as it did to the young girl and to the matron. The once brown curls, though snowy white now, are scarcely less glossy than of yore and none would dream that the large, lustrous dark eyes are sightless.

Another of President Tyler's daughters

is still living, Mrs. Margaret (or Pearl) Ellis of Mecklenburg, Va., the only surviving daughter of his second marriage to Miss Julia Gardiner.

Mrs. Elizabeth Dandridge (Betty Taylor), daughter of President Taylor, lived in Winchester, Va., and has just passed away. Mrs. Nellie Grant Sartoris lives in Washington, as does Mrs. Stanley Brown who was Mollie Garfield.

A few years ago Miss Fanny Hayes, daughter of President Hayes, was married at Fremont, O., to Ensign Harry Eton Smith.

Ellen Herndon Arthur resides in New York. Mrs. Mary Harrison McKee has her home at Saratoga Springs. Ruth, Esther and Marion Cleveland and the little 4-year-old girl of the late President Harrison represent the daughters of the ex-presidents of the United States.

Eureka Harness Oil advertisement featuring an illustration of a horse's head and text describing the product's benefits for harnesses.

Hiller's Pure Rye advertisement featuring an illustration of a bottle and text describing the whiskey's quality and price.

Advertisement for Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup, highlighting its effectiveness for children's ailments.

Lion Coffee advertisement featuring a scale and text comparing the quality of coated coffee to pure coffee.

The Regent Shoe Co. advertisement featuring a large '350' and text promoting high-quality shoes.

Regent Shoe Co. advertisement with text 'No, We Don't' and '205 South 15th St.'.

Perfection in Brewing advertisement for Blue Ribbon Bottled Beer.

Advertisement for Metz Bros. Brewing Co. featuring a logo and text about their beer.

Storz Brewing Company advertisement with text 'The home of Blue Ribbon is one of the most perfectly appointed breweries in the world.'

A. I. Root, Printer advertisement featuring an illustration of a waste basket and text about printing services.

Kearney Military Academy advertisement with text 'A boarding school for boys under the military system.'

Sapolio advertisement with the slogan 'DIRT DEFILES THE KING.' THEN SAPOLIO IS GREATER THAN ROYALTY ITSELF.



Choice Confectionery GOLD MEDAL Chocolate Bon-Bons STRICTLY HIGH GRADE Sent by Express in 1, 2, 3 and 5-pound boxes—6c pound. W. S. Balduff, 1520 Farnam St., Omaha.



MONARCH of all BEERS A Summer Drink

That reaches the thirsty spot and makes you stronger and healthier for the drinking. METZ'S FINE BOTTLED BEER. Brewed and bottled in Omaha by Metz Bros. Brewing Co., BOTTLED BEER. BREWED AND BOTTLED IN OMAHA Telephone 119.

The Chicago Record advertisement featuring an illustration of a typewriter and the name YOST.

If you want a typewriter, why not come first where you can see EVERY GOOD SORT OF TYPEWRITER in its best form? TYPEWRITER SUPPLIES of all kinds for all machines. TYPEWRITERS RENTED. TYPEWRITERS REPAIRED.

New Century advertisement featuring an illustration of a typewriter and text 'The finest catalogue ever issued is yours for the asking.'

United Typewriter and Supply Co., 1614 Farnam St., Omaha.

Advertisement for Piles treatment with text 'PAINFUL TREATMENT FREE. We will relieve you for any case of Internal External Itching Piles or Hemorrhoids.'

Advertisement for Arnica Tooth Soap featuring an illustration of a woman's face and text 'Kisses are Sweetest when taken from mouths that know delicious Arnica Tooth Soap.'