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### THE OLD RAIL FENCE.

I told that foreign tourists without fear of consequence, that the old landmark of our country had split down the middle.

### AMONG THE CHILKATS.

#### A Thrilling Adventure with an Alaskan Brown Bear.

The Ingenious Devices Adopted by Northern Indians to Remove a Monster Grizzly from a Log Bridge—Chilkat Traders and Their Patrons.

Alaska, our Arctic colony, way off in the northwestern part of our continent, has a coast line equal to that of all the United States on the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans and Gulf of Mexico put together.

If you look in your Alaskan maps for Sitka, the capital and largest town in Alaska, you will see that it is on an island, with many islands around it, close to the coast.

In the heavily wooded country on either side of the snow and ice-clad mountain passes are found the black and brown bear.

as the grizzly, and by some it called the "barren ground bear," owing to the great number of times it is seen in the large clearings, caused by fire that annually sweep away great tracts of forest land.

It was not many years ago that a small party of Chilkat Indians had left their country at the head of Lynn Channel, and with packs of trading material on their backs, averaging about a hundred pounds apiece, had crossed the Kotik Pass, the eastern of the three in their country, and were making their way down the eastern declivity of the pass into the country of the Tahkheesh, their inland transmontane neighbors.

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A statistical memoir lately issued by the Italian Government gives some idea of the great destruction caused annually by avalanches in the Alpine districts of Italy and the Tyrol.

the whole array of Indians were without weapons, unless a small quantity that they carried could be possibly have done a better place to dispute their march, for it was almost impossible to retrace their steps and find a passable way around this savage obstruction.

I have lost a barrel. To the best of my judgment it must have been about thirty feet high and fifteen feet in diameter. I say "judgment," because I have no distinct recollection of ever having owned such a behemoth of a barrel. I simply infer its monstrous dimensions from the following facts.

The next day a small chest of drawers, a father's desk, articles on the half-year list, was found to have been omitted from the returns and this, together with a child's velocipede, was also referred to the missing barrel as part and parcel of its probable contents.

Working nineteen hours a day and listening to the clamor of a village bell, the other fellow has not agreed with me. If the pup had been any other color than yellow, I might have expected but even in the sound of his voice his complexion stood out in bold relief. No man enjoys a life of idleness in all their village idleness, by putting himself to work, and I longed to be able to relieve him of his troubles, and in time, my stomach bled its contents and the pup ate his grip.

As the days lengthened, together with the weeks, my interest in the pup increased. I read an eminent physician and submitted myself to his tender mercies. He examined my tongue, listened at my heart, sounded my lungs and administered, as I supposed, to his patient, the undertaker, could be prepared for the emergency about to arise, and taking his seat wisely on one of the chairs to me a considerable time.

### A LOST BARREL.

Its Mammoth Dimensions and Multitudinous Contents—The Losser's Predicament.

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### CATTLE FARMING.

One of our Illinois correspondents calls attention to the steadily changing profits of cattle farming, the margin being less and less both for beef and dairy products, and he thinks more consideration must be given to what he calls the indirect income from cattle farming.

The English farmer thinks himself well compensated in feeding cattle if he can get the manure for his labor. It has little value for him, but it is worth the cost of the manure, and it is worth the cost of the manure, and it is worth the cost of the manure.

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Success depends on the ripeness of the buds. When they are not fully mature, as often with the first budding cherries, it is advisable to cut a little deeper into the wood, so as to cut out a thicker slice of wood.

### HOME, FARM AND GARDEN.

Tools are invaluable in a garden as insect destroyers, and have a market value in England. —N. E. Farmer.

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### THE DEAD SOLDIER.

General Grant used to love to talk about Mexico better than almost any other topic. He was while there Quartermaster of the Fourth Infantry, and his baggage train during a battle, but he was always at the front, and secured, by his gallantry, promotion from the rank of Second Lieutenant to that of Captain by brevet.

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