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ALASKA TERRITORY.

Benefits According to the United States
Through Its Possession.

There is one benefit in the purchase of Alaska, which, in my mind, is more certain and probably will be more extensive in the future than any other, though at present hardly appreciated upon. I refer to her fisheries of salmon, cod, halibut, and other merchantable fish, capable of being prepared for export. Alaska is, without doubt, the future fishery of the world, but its most valuable development therein until the Pacific coast has a population which will create a demand for these products, or the present exorbitant rates of freight from there are so reduced that they can enter the Eastern markets with a fair chance of competition. It would almost stagger the imagination to give relative statistics between Alaskan fields and others well known, and which are supposed to be enormous sources of supply. The Newfoundland cod banks are surpassed by those of Alaska, both in extent, quality of fish, and abundance within equal areas. It would not be an unfair comparison to say that Alaska's cod population exceeds that of the Atlantic as the population of New York exceeds that of Nevada. One river in Alaska—the Yukon—holds probably one hundred times as many salmon in the present season as the Columbia—the present source of nearly all our supply. The Yukon river natives annually secure about three times the output of the Columbia, without any appreciable effect on the Alaskan stream, while the Oregon River is threatened with extermination of the fish in the future. On the Columbia the fish is worth from 50 cents to \$1 as its nose peeps above water, while the Yukon natives catch, clean, dry and salt down in winter to the nearest trader for dry food at 1 cent a piece in trade, or for 2 or 3 cents each. An old resident of Alaska told me that the Indians of his vicinity desired to contract to furnish him with halibut at 6 cents each, many of which would weigh 100 and 200 pounds and all average 40 to 50, but he would not pay to handle this product except on a large scale, which would mean that the Pacific coast markets, and there are no others available. These instances could be multiplied until they become monotonous.

There may be many benefits of an intangible nature such as metropolitan people love to dwell upon, as the spirit developed in colonization and aggregation of distant countries, etc., etc., but I think the more tangible are given above. Some of them, to be sure, lie in the future, and some, as the mineral possibilities, may never be realized, but all of them, taken together, plainly show that Alaska is, has been, and always will be, a great benefit to the United States from many standpoints which go to make up a desirable national addition.—Frederick Schwatka, in America.

SECRET OF STRENGTH.
Advice Especially Needed by Young Housekeepers & Mothers.

There is much wholesome advice given in these days how to rest. Our age is so intense, there is so much work to be done, for hands that are willing and hearts that are sympathetic, that the majority wear out before their time. "It is better to wear out than to rust out," certainly, but is either well? So much exercise of brain and hand is good; so much more is waste. It is never safe to reach entire exhaustion, and even in the most crowded lives, sufficient rest can almost always be found. Watch the teamster driving his horses up the steep hill. Several times, if it be long, he stops, blocks the wheels and lets the horses rest. He would be ashamed not to, and we should organize Bands of Mercy to look after him. But men and women give themselves long tasks, and drive themselves to their completion, before they stop to rest, and then they are too excited and weary to find the coveted boon.

The first requisite is control of thought. A tactory worker, who had induced insomnia by the habit of thinking too late at night, was quibbled after some persistence to "think of nothing," and finally the habit grew of being fixed, and whatever the work on hand was, bed-time found it laid down. The ability to work steadily month after month, was the result.

But we need the quiet moment often during the day. "In quietness shall be your strength," says the inspired word, and we are told to "Study to be quiet." It does not mean merely ceasing to talk, but withdrawing for rest to the center of strength. Many a mind and heart is like the raging sea of Galilee, lashed by the winds of business perplexity and burdens too grievous to be named. Can we say to ourselves "Peace, be still. All these things will pass away. The sunshines is over above the clouds, and day is sure to follow night. If we would enjoy the sunshine and the day, we must not waste our strength by over-exertion and fretting." Rest and quiet

earnest words more than women workers of to-day. None need to heed them more than the young housekeeper, the mother, and the benevolent soul who never thinks of self at all. Half our ills would vanish if we would stop once in a while and let them go. Care has a smooth and a rough handle. To be quiet sometimes, is to hold on firmly to the smooth handle, and at last come the hill of difficulty. Let us give it a trial.—Women's Magazine.

—It is Venice, the city of canals, that has the largest floating population.

A CURIOUS RECEPTION.

One of the Morning Batches of the Police General of the Petersburg.

The traveler in Russia inevitably has to do with the police. In every town where he stays a night he must report himself to the local police and give up his passport, which is returned to him with the addition of strange inscriptions and polychromic stamps, for which he of course has to pay. It is, however, only on leaving the Empire and for obtaining a permission of coast that the traveler need present himself in person at the police office; the more passport business is done by the hotel porters. Why, then, did we find ourselves one morning hunting for the headquarters of the Petersburg police in a street near the great Isaac Cathedral? I have now but a vague souvenir. In traveling it is well to make an effort to forget all that is disagreeable and all the formalities and red-tape annoyance which may have caused one to lose sunny morning waiting in bare ante-rooms. We had been, I remember, charmingly received by all the authorities at the Foreign Office; we had been given wonderful documents which we were unable to read, but the very sight of which brought ordinary people to their knees; there still was something wanting to make our happiness complete, and to render our liberty of action as absolute as we could desire. For this purpose we needed a document from the Petersburg police, and so between ten and eleven one morning we discovered the entrance of the office, situated in an ordinary house, of which the ground-floor windows only are barred.

We walked in, and found a number of mild-eyed policemen ready to oblige us. Really the Russians are phenomenally obliging and suave, toward foreigners at least. Through many bare and cleanly whitewashed passages filled with pale and sad lights we passed and then mounted a flight of stairs, at the head of which was the lofty room where the Police General presided. To the right was a tall window; in the corner to the left a monumental porcelain stove near the window a desk, and a clerk sitting on a high stool; to the left of the desk a door leading into the Police General's private office; and, as one reads in the notes on some of a play, "two other doors, a bench, two chairs, and on the wall a portrait of the Czar."

There were several people waiting when we arrived. A big and ferocious-looking official, with heavy mustaches, medals on his breast and round his neck, military epaulettes on his shoulders, and a generally martial air, received the visitors, inquired what was their business, and bade them wait or dismissed them. But those who waited might not sit down, for the military Police General, the Grand Master of the Petersburg police, had entered the room, and with him the civil Police General, the latter an amiable and smiling gentleman with diplomatic whiskers and a skowful of decorations on his dress-coat. The Police General, very tall, slender, and grave in mien, with his two subordinates standing behind him, listened to each one in turn, while the others stood round the room silent and respectful, great and small, rich and humble, all more or less equal before this man, whose power over liberty and even over life is terribly unlimited. The scene was interesting on account of the novelty of the place, of the strong character of the types, the chic of the uniforms, bearing and manners of the officials, the variety of the persons present, the mystery of the conversation which we did not understand, but which we felt instinctively to be grave and perhaps tragic. We were particularly struck by one well-dressed woman in mourning, who with a peculiarly winning voice and feline grace of movements and gestures presented a picture of some kind to the Police General while we were waiting. The General seemed embarrassed; the lady pleaded volubly; her handkerchief wiped away from time to time a discreet tear; her black cloak and her black veil throwing back over her head set off the contrasting whiteness of her pale and delicate face.

In the midst of her pleading, the other Police General took charge of us, and led us to another part of the building, where he gave us all we asked, and entreated us most courteously. So we were about to go on our way rejoicing, but the lobby leading to the street was all in confusion.

heart-rending cries and convulsive sobs interposed with words of despair and of supplication reached our ears; a woman in black was leaning against the wall; she was and kindly policemen were vainly trying to persuade her by words and gentle violence to go; from adjoining rooms curious and sympathetic faces peered out to see what was going on. But the poor woman continued to sob and plead, and finally fell to the floor shrieking hysterically. This woman was the lady whom we had left pleading with the Police General. Her petition had been refused. Her life was broken. Siberia had irretrievably claimed all that she loved.—Harpers Weekly.

—An old farmer's daughter died and the family pastor preached the sermon. In the course of his remarks he said: "Our dear sister has gone to a better land." This made the old man, who was trying to sob out, highly indignant. "A cow never flows over better land than mine," he said. "And, besides, just look at it. I am offering it for fifty dollars an acre—fourth down and the balance on deferred payments, with good security."—Fourth Transcript.

Thanks Awwally.

I found on arriving in New York and Chicago to buy goods, that manufacturers and jobbers were more anxious to sell me goods than ever, giving me many bargains, which I shall give my customers the benefit of. Never in my business career have I been able to offer better bargains to my customers than at this time. As money is hard to get, it will please you to be able to buy so much for so little money. Very truly,
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P. BARKLEY.

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