WONDERS OF ALASKA.

DESCRIPTION OF THE SCENERY OF THE INLAND PASSAGE.

Magnificent Appearance of the Coast Line-Visiting the Indian Cabins-A. Place for Pioneers-The Wonderful Muir Glacier-Fall of Icchergs.

How shall any one describe the glories of the inland passage, with snow capped mountains on the main and blands on the opposite aide, rising often to the snow line, staying the mighty Pacific from rocking one's Hudson at the Highlands; and many another like the Algean sea skirting the coast of Asia Minor; and still others like Switzerland's most beautiful mountain, bound laken; while the general combination, making a succession of beauties and sublimities, is purely Alaskan. Those who contentedly tuck themselves in their little beds along the Atlantic can have no idea of the republican magnificence of our beloved country as she stretches across the continent and reaches her lingers to Asia.

So many are the windings in the archipelago and mainland that in Alaska alone our country has 15,060 miles of and count. A large percentage of the coast line is precipitate from the water's edge, and is clothed with primeval forests of spruce, fir, pine, white odorous calar, and adorned with arbutnium or other gaudy hardy flowers. Of the inexhaustible fur seal, salmon and cod fisheries I need not speak, for they have a

world wide fame,

The rage of the passengers to visit the "ranches" or street of Indian cabins in each village where we land, and to purchase the wildest carving or picture from the most squalid surroundings, would prognosticate the grief of other travelers who should come here only after the Alaskans had entirely abandoned heathenism, which degrades them, and been exalted into American citizenship, for which so many of them are earnestly hoping. Totem poles, Chileat blankets of Rocky mountain sheep's wool, black slate carvings, horn and bone spoons, painted dancing bats and masks, broidered moccasias, Esquireau senihida snow boots, pipes, war clubs, canoes, puddies, wood tureens, water tight reed baskets, sharks' teeth enerings and necklaces, gold and silver carved bracelets, finger rings, armlets, anklets, labrets or lip pins, withe mattings, gambling tools and the like, were nbsorbed by the passengers as readily as sun-light harmlessly drinks the miasma of awamps.

A PLACE FOR PRONEERS.

Were 50,000 of our ambitious toflers in the Empire city to start for Alaska with their wives, by coller the Northern or Union Paeifle railroad, and keep their eyes and ears open on the way, about 10,000 of them would Herald. reach here and make fortunes, and the rest would find openings on route for their talents and energies and evente wealth for themselves all along or anywhere along the lines. But the cornerstone of this presperity would be their taking their homes with them, a thing which can invariably be done by every man if he will. In time past the neglect of this excellence has turn -i too many of the pioneer settlers of our country into drunkerds, brigands, idlers and brutes. Men must carry they must carry their dignity, purity and hope with them if they would be successful

At Port Chester, on Annette Island, Alaska is in process of receiving a thousand Christian industrious Indians from Metiakuthla, in British Columbia, a settlement organized and instructed by William Duncan during an administration of twenty-six years, who now find themselves moving away from the unequal land laws of the Dominion and the ritunlistic tyranny of the Anglican church, to seek religious liberty and equal rights in our dear country. We saw a lattle navy of six sail, constructed by an Indian beat builder, leave Metlakatida as the advance division of this movement, full of espeit and sober virtues. When settled they will raise the popu-

lation of Alaska to 41,000. The greatest natural wonder of this trip is Muir glacier, in Glacier bay. This glacier is about sixty miles long, and five miles from the bay it is about twenty five miles wide, In its course it is fed by nine principal and eleven lesser glaciers. This necomulated mass of ice moves by an incomble law through a gate of mountains only two miles wide, piling and jamming itself up into turrets and pinnacles from three hundred to a thousand feet high, grinding the mountains till they have yielded it a sand beach of beauty and smoothness. The near mountains are from 2,500 to 4,000 feet high; Mount Grillon, ten miles away, is 16,000 feet, and Mount Fairweather, distant twenty-five miles,

FALL OF THE ICEBERGS.

At its projection into the sea the glacier travels at the rate of forty feet a day, avalanching icebers into the bay with the sounds of thunder and earthquake. These retain the splendid blue tints of the parent glacier, when floating around us in great masses, some of them 400 feet square and standing from fifty to 100 feet out of the water. The fall of these icebergs rocks our boat like a one time. But the steamer fearlessly lies to within 600 feet of the place of soundings with her longest line showing no bottom at 105 fathoms. When the feeberg is first weaned from the breast of the glacier it plunges almost out of sight in the sen, then rises to its full height, as if seeking to regain This operation is stupendous and strikes awe foundation. Own Foote in American Magainto the soul, and yet casts such a weird mag- | zinc. nificence of magnetism over the spirit that one leaves the Minic with regret.

What an improved American way of doing n glacler is this! Here there is no guide, no donkey, no energing your own rations, no breathless clime, no diminutive Mer de Glace, no loss of altitude, for everything is seen from sea level; no sleeping over might in a hospice or refuge at the half way point; but to be carried in case and elegance to shake hands with the neighty glacier, to watch its operations from the cushioned saloon of a floating palace; this is the American way. furnished to every comer by the Pacific Coast Steamship company. To land on the randy beach and travers the glacier is an inviting and easy every no complished in a couple of hours; and men, women and children did more or less of it according to fancy. The Muir is the largest of five important glaciers, repaying the attention of the curious and scientific, every one of which surpasses in interest anything that Europe has to offer .-Elliott F. Shepard in New York Tribune.

A lesson against the slaughter of birds comes from Japan. In that country insect pests have become so numerous that it is a custom to pinck the fruit for the market before it is ripe to prevent its destruction by insects. -- Boston Budget.

New Orleans has a brass band of fourteen members that are all newsboys.

A LITTLE BOY JOCKEY.

Too Late at the Starting Pole-Pluck, Why It Grews More Marked-A Badge

Energy and Skill Win at Last. One of the most interesting features of the like Osber. He had a memot in the second that the little bellow knew all about riding, More tian a loven false starts were made, Finally, with his boyse at the pole, the starter little (baber. He was evidently confused, The starter rapped the pole with his flag taff paddock entrance, where he dismounted and futness and unliness which it only serves to burst into a sterm of solse.

Not a spectator buighed. Those who had

was too genuine to excite anything but pity. He had another mount in the fourth race, and many were the expressions of sympathy as be centered by the grand stand in a warming up heat before the call to the post. The time for the sart came, and the little fellow's. the rival jockeys. There were four starters. when they came to the first turn, which was | so-ion almost immediately, the four horses were wedged against each other, their sides and of childishness and of the barbarous

ruck by main strong b. made his horse distance all the others, an ex- York Commercial Advertiser. cusable error under the circumstances. The crowd cheered heartily, and the losers in this event could not restrain a smile of sympat ... at the boy's proud strut as he carried bridle at the lie of the full grown table boy

brilliancy. Her complexion has either an which is a only interested but startled me. hair black as the caven's wing. Her face has public restaurant. There is not a hotel or gambling in America.

not much color save in her lips. Her limbs, however elemier, are rounded, I was compelled to carry to you in the old with peculiarly supple joints. Her gait is an days when you ordered soup from me you undulating glole, due, say the anatomists, to would never with to look upon my face the modifications climate has produced in the again." This was said quietly and mournassemble formation of the creoks. No we- fully, I have enough confidence in the man man of nor race can ever be seen walking, as | who said it to believe it was said honestly. so many American women walk, as if they | The place to which he served was a restaurant were continually ascending stairs. As a rule, of considerable pretension, where stiff prices she will have magnificent hair. One wonders, and -od service were the rule, and I now in marking the luxuriance of these tresses, look ack to the dainty soups they served how the little heads contrive to carry such a there with anything but a pleasant feeling. weight. Very rarely indeed is a blonde seen | Hereafter soup to me shall rank with the among them, but they themselves fairly adore "weal pie," which the younger Mr. Weller the Saxon type. With all her heart and soul | immortalized when he said, "It is werry good the debutante enjoys the gayety into which | wen you know the lady as makes it."she has plunged. Of dancing she never tire, "Rambler" in Brooklyn Eagle. and when Lent arrives it finds the arder of her enthusiasm for balls, parties and musi-cales not one whit abated.—Harper's Bazar.

The Top of Washington Monument. it was thought that the chemical action of satisfaction his part in several exciting neur-the weather on the metal would discolor the ders, for which it does not seem to occur to upward, the ribs nearest the angle of the solutely forbade the marriage. while those in the center of each face are con- moved her objections." nected still higher up by vousselr stones, forming two arches intersecting each other at | "Very simply. She was taking a siesta one horizontal stones between their upper ex- gt all. metamorphosis from glacier to iceberg, her tremities. The buttresses support the roof "I should say not. She was too late to obcovering of marble stabs, about seven inches | ject, I suppose.

The capstone is tipped with an aluminunt | the funeral on the same day." pyramid, which is connected by a copper red with four lightning rods passing to the upper story was confirmed by other people, too .its place, and again sinks to rise again and extremities of the iron columns of the ele- San Francisco Caronicle "Undertones." again till it finally finds its equilibrium and | vator shaft, and the hottoms of these columns is carried away by the wind or tide or both. | are grounded in the well in the center of the

Long Summer Days in England.

The extreme browity of the English summer nights always interests the stranger. It is not fully cark until nearly 11 o'clock, and reading is possible on a clear night up to mer at about 2 in the morning, and by 3 it is quite light again. This doesn't event to give the creatures that go to bed and get up with the san time chough for rest. The roosters and such feeds have a worn and sleepless look, and evidently suffer from insemula. These brief nights, of course, are accompanied by a corresponding extraordinary length of days. We are accustomed to expert this sort of thing by henrsey in Norway, Sweden and Opssia, but it seems at first novel and unfair to find an English speaking country blessed with such an extra quantity of daylight,-London Letter.

Frank D. Sherman's August Cherries. Frank D. Sherman has a poem on "August" in St. Nicholas, in which appear the lines:

August, north when sleepy cows Seek the shade of opending boughs, Where the robin quirks his head, Contemplating cherries red.

An August cherry must be a canned cherry or the robbin must be fooling Mr. Sherman.

-San Francisco Alta. But wild cherries ripen in August, as any country schoolboy knows. The poet stands at a sale in Learnington was £500. The show acquitted.

DECADENCE OF THE DIAMOND.

of Vulgarity-No Longer Unique. The decadence of the diamond daily grows day was the conduct of a protty little boy | more marked. It has long been a badge of who appeared as a jockey. He was gaudily vulgarity when wern by men, and its indiscremed and his suft was evidently new. His constants use by their own sex has brought name, as scrawled on the judy o's clate, looked | it late disrepute with women who are really fastidious. With anything else except an obrace, and did little figuring in trying to secure a start. Nevertheless he locked "up to the greater its popularity, the greater its smill," and many bet on his horse, believing trimmph, but the diamond-once the most princely of gems, and the possession of which was almost the unique privilege of royaltyhas lost its ascendency through its very popdropped the rollfling and away went all but ubrity as an article of adornment. In our day it is in no sense unique, nor are its associates such as to give it distinction. It course of 2,200 miles from and return to and yelled "Gol" frantically in the jockey's three is its glitter on the eye in the street, in Tacoma, W. T.: Many a scene is like the ears, but the horse moved not. It was too the railroad ear, in every public and unsuithate and the little feilow rode slowly to the able place, and usually with a background of

bring into unpleasant prominence, When a luman being makes one thing an bet on him swore a little, but the child's grisf | ministion and turns every effort to the realization of that ambition it is pretty certain of accomplishment. With many women the poer ten of a pair of solitaire diamonds is the one thing in life desired and to be secured The realization of the ambition may come late, but young or old, the woman who has lips were shut close together as he held his compared her object is so proud in that fact horse with a still rein and furtively watched that she does not propose to hide the light of landiamonds under a bushel with the result After several trials they got away all in a that she brings discredit on herself and on bunch. So chooly were they bunched that what she considers her most valuable pos-

flanks steaming with the sudden and hot testes which still survive in civilized humanfriction. The outside jockey was nearly ity, is one thing; the love of displaying the thrown in the confusion. Other had his diamond in public, another. There are wohorse next but one to the pole, and was badly | men, and men, too, who have a mania for squeezed by his rivals. With energy and diamonds almost like that of the miser for skill that were really selmirable, he pressed gold. They love the glitter and sparkle and the spurs into his horse, and, learning away delight to feast their sight and touch on the forward, seemed to be helping her out of the precious bambles. But these are not the people who flaunt their treasures in the gaze Stride by stride the animal pashed her nose of the public. It is the better half of the to the fore, and when they were all past the lucky speculator, the matrimonially pro-turn. Ossber was ahead at the much desired moted shop girl, the gambler's "lady" and the pole. But he was lest pressed, and as he obese wife of the retired pawnbroker, who went flying past the grand stand on the first | never feel entirely clothed nuless somewhere round his teeth were still shut closely to- on their person scintillates the ever present gether, and his face had an anxious look. diamond. The wearer may be somewhat The next time around he had opened the distance between him and the second horse, and thorough acquaintance with soap and water was sure of victory. His lips opeard wide as he spurred his borse to further endeavor, and ence, but the diamond at mes for all. In our undermeath his long vizor the spectator could time the barden of vulgarity is too great for see the happens t expression that ever lit up a the queen of gems, and in cultured estima boy's eyes. Not satisfied with winning, he tion she sinks beneath the weight,-New

Soup in a Public Restaurant.

waiter, I failed. He declined to accept the fare bank with stacked cards, and about H "a with an air so constrous and so dignified | o'clock at right the actor and the countrywho bers the heavier burden of the scalable to 1 feared I had non-tentionally succeeded man came in together. They had agreed to 1 CORNER MAIN AND SIXTH in Chango in wounding the fee ingress a foreign noble- pool their issues, and the actor put up \$1,005 man in disguise. He may not have borne a against a similar amount by the countrymon, title, but I was not at all surprised when he They then took their \$3,010 and the actor Create Staiden in Society.

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Three or fear years sport in the convent. and mademed the Let Creoleds from Perhaps before making her debut she studies under last week I again met my old friend. Of his way. Then the gambier went up to the masters of angle, in amges, literature, and course I remembered him. No one could for actor to get his half of the money, but he get drawing for a year or more. Then she is per-mitted a formal entrance into society; she to take a tip. He had the dress and bearing dealer \$259 for his trouble, and left town the has crossed to flowery borders of girlhood, of a well bred man of the world. He had following day \$750 ahead. The busted sport and has det loped into a lovely young wo- been in Europe, he said, and was now in this | who engineered the whole thing has got his man. There is inscirmation slumbering in her country on a visit. Beyond that he vouch- revenge by telling everybody about it." dark liquid eyes, as her fringed lids drooping safed no information concerning himself, but If I were to give the name of the actor who

restaurant in all Brooklyn where I could be She is usually small, but rarely angular. Induced to cut soup. If you but knew what

Didn't Object at All.

genially deplores the decadence of the age in | militia), and we went together to the hotel. matters generally considered reprehensible. The construction of a suitable apex called He is 100 years old, he says. This is probably forth much discussion and a number of plans. In lie, but he is old enough to be excused for it was first suggested to roof over the strues lying about his age. He speaks of the good ture with a framework of Iron and glass; but | sld times of his youth, and relates with lively face of the wails. The design for a marble , him he ought to have been bung. But the pyramidion fifty-five feet in height, sub- adventure he is fondest of relating is how he nitted by Mr. Hernard R. Green, civil engi- obtained his wife. He may, perhaps, be neer, was finally adopted. Twelve stone ribs | telleved when he states that the mother of a foot thick, three on each side of the well, the senorita he loved objected to him as a sonagen to grow out from the face of the walls in-law. It was natural if his methods of 470 feet from the base. As these are carried annusing himself were truly stated. She absimft meet in the hips of the pyramidion. "But," said the old man genially, "we re-

storm, and we count twenty-six of them at right angles. The thrust of each corner rib day and I stole up behind her and dropped a is transmitted to its opposite by the use of hig rock on her head, and she never objected

> "Ah, it was fun. We had the wedding and And the wieled old nun chuckled. The

> > The Blost Favored Mortal.

Of all classes of musicians the singer is the with a fine voice is a brekier individual than | sider the most extraordinary trick that can be the one who possesses the higher faculties of intelligence. The composer who has labored for months, perhaps years, to complete an as the prima donna who sings the principal menriy 10. The gray dawn begins to glim- role during a single representation. Rossini, for example, received only \$1,260 for the opera of the "Barber of Seville," while the prima domas receive often fabulous smas for singing it once,-Music and Drana.

Our College Presidents.

lent thing is a college education, cites the fact that there have been seven een presidents of the United States, and eleven of the sevencon were college men, sixty-five per cent. Well, that's so. But let's weigh these predfients on the their scales as long as we're going into stati ties. Who were the presidents who never went to college at all, and precious little to any school! Washington, Jackson, Lincoln -oh, well; the college may have the other fourteen; it's hardly worth while counting any further.- New York Star.

An Oil City, Pa., man chains the prize for tunflowers, having one in his garden that measures fifty-four inches in circumference,

business is poor.

CANNOT BE BEATEN.

EXPERIENCE WITH A NOTED AND SUCCESSFUL GAMBLER.

A Talk About "Straight" Games and Wonderful Manipulation of Cards-A Faro Box for "Skin" Gambling.

I had an extraordinary experience a few days ago with one of the most noted and successful gamblers in America. We occupied adjoining chairs coming from Philadeiphia, and we talked about gambling in New York

on the way.
"I have heard a good many stories," I said, "of high playing up town within the past two weeks. Is it really so?"

"I have been in New York twenty-five years," said the gambler quietly, "and I have never known them to roll as high as they are rolling now. There is a combination of four Jews who are playing fure in a fashion that would make the old Missi-sippi grouplers hold their breath. Every bet is four figures, and they have crippled D--'s bank to the time of \$30,000 in three nights. It is a curious tining, by the way, that nearly all Hebrews will bet recklessly on eards, though they are so cautious in business matters. They are in some respects the best gamblers I ever played against. If a Jew sees a chance of getting back a dollar by taking a risk, he will take the risk every time." "Are most games straight now in New

York P'I don't know a crooked game in the whole cite. The fact is that gamblers have learned. at inst that it is just as easy to run straight as crooked. The percentage in favor of the house is enough to make any man rich if he sticks to the game. It is exactly like any other business. A merchant who is straight will succeed, and a merchant who is crooked will fail in the long run. There are a lot of flash mushroom establishments along Broadway which show up in great shape for a year or two and then go under. They can't last if they are crooked. The straight houses come out ahead."

I mentioned the name a few moments later of a well known actor, who has a predilection for high play, and the gambler said, with a

"That particular actor made \$1,005 in the course of an hour a few nights ago,"

"A friend of his, a gambler in very hard Inch, went to the actor and said he had a friend from out of town who was anxious to play against the bank, and he suggested that fleece him at faro. They went to a skin gam-One day some years ago I tried to tip a bler on S xth evenue and got him to open a

immense amount of astonishment, as his ivorine pallor, or is of creamy whiteness above "My dear sir," he said, "take the advice of newspaper interviews are invariably full of lately dazzling, and of seting texture, with a man who knows, and never cut soup in a bitter and heartfelt wee at the prevalence of

It occurred to me a little later that it was a good opportunity to introduce a man who had a system for beating games of chance to the gambler. I told him about my friend, and he said that no system was ever invented that could play successfully against luck.

"Well," said I, "the man whom I have in view has been sending me letters and telegrams about his particular discovery, and I would like to have you look at it."

"I will examine it with great pleasure," said the gambler, heartily, "if you will both come around to my hotel this afternoon, but I tell you beforehand that you will go away convinced that no system can play against a game in which chance figures as an important factor. I have been in this business a great many years, and I have made and lost many fortunes, so that I speak by the card."

At 5 o'clock that afternoon I telegraphed a But there's an old man in Mexico who very | man that had a new system (he is a colonel of We were met by the sallow faced man of hance, and he wandered up to his room ahead of us. He opened a little leather sachel, took out a fare box, put it on the table, and then brought out a number of cards with the seals still unbroken. I ought to state that the colonel's system had been tested with extraordinary success by all the devices that we could call to mind, and that he had continually and persistently come out ahead. The gambler ran his slim fingers over the fare box and said:

Do you think Herrman, Goldberg or Keller knew anything about cards? Because if you do I will prove to you that they are shoe-

He then asked me to select a package of cards and shuffle them. I did so. "Now," he said, "name any eard you please and you will find it between my leg and the chair. "Any one of the fifty-two cards?"

"Any one." "The eight of spaces."

He shufiled the pack twice and then asked me to look on the chair. I did so and took the eight of spacies from beneath his leg. He had found it and abstracted it from the pack while shuffling them and placed it there without our being able to detect him. He then amused and astonished us by fereing four kings or four nees to come to the top of the pack whenever he wanted them, although we most favored, and the mortal who is gifted | shuffled the cards, and later he did what I conperformed in this world. He would take a fresh pack of eards and deal them rapidl in the regular way, except that he would opera is not paid as much for his whole work | deal us three hands precisely as we called for them. To do this he was obliged to read the backs of the cards and extract then from different places in the pack with such marvelous quickness that the eye could not follow him. After he had thus proved that no man could play with a professional gambler who had any desire to be crooked, he took his fare lay out and began to knock the An eminent writer, showing what an excel- colonel's system to splinters. Before he had operated five minutes the colonel slammed his fist on the table and said emphatically: "I have seen enough to make me decide right here that I will never play another

game of fare as long as I live." The gambler could at will by touching certain springs in his box force all low cards or high eards to come up in turn, and, in fact, had as much command over the bex as though that little silver device was human. Every card he called for came at his will, and men betting against him were entirely and utterly at his mercy. And yet the whole thing was so thoroughly innocent looking that it deflest discretion. I could not help wondering after-ward whether there was more than one mean any in the emphasis he laid on the statement All that was bid for a lion and four liones es that all the gambling nowadays in New York is strictly honest and straight.-Pittbsurg Dispatch.

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