

DIVING FOR LOST GOLD.

SEA DIVERS RECOVER NEARLY HALF A MILLION OF MONEY

How the Treasure of the Alphonso XII, Sunk Off the Canary Islands, Was Secured by Captain Stevens' Clever Work—Nine Months of Toil Below Water.

Some time ago we gave an interesting account of the diving exhibit at the naval exhibition, and referred briefly to the recovery of a vast quantity of treasure from the Alphonso XII. Mr. A. D. Stevens, a son of Captain Stevens, who had charge of the expedition, now writes as follows:

In February, 1884, the Spanish mail steamer Alphonso XII, belonging to the Lopez line, bound from Cadiz to Havana, sank off Point Gando, Grand Canary, in twenty-five and a half fathoms of water and about a mile from the shore. She had on board £100,000 worth of Spanish dollars, these being the only five dollar pieces bearing the year 1844, which were specially coined for the trip. The insurance was effected on the specie at Lloyds and was paid over to the insurers after the vessel foundered.

More than a year had elapsed before the underwriters organized a salvage expedition, and in May, 1885, Captain L. T. Stevens, a Lloyds surveyor of great experience in salvage operations, was intrusted with the expedition, taking with him three well known divers—namely, Messrs. Lambert, Tester and Davis. Special diving apparatus had to be constructed for the work by Messrs. Siebe & Gorman, the submarine engineers, and in the above month Captain Stevens and his men left Liverpool in the steamship Niger for Las Palmas, and arrived at their destination on the 25th of May.

LOCATING THE WRECK.

On the morning of the 29th Captain Stevens proceeded in the steam launch Alianza in search of the wreck, a strong trade wind from the northeast, with a choppy sea, blowing at the time. On arriving at her supposed position he steamed about, sounding at intervals, endeavoring to strike the wreck, but failed to do so. Captain Stevens then employed a boat's crew of fishermen to assist him in finding her, and after some little time the fishermen gave a signal, and on steaming up he found that they had swept the foretopgallantmast, and on looking down through the water he distinctly saw the shadow of the mast and the foretopgallantmast loose and floating in the water at a depth of six fathoms.

He then had the topgallantmast buoyed, and as soon as the weather moderated he intended laying down moorings, so as to place the vessel in such a position that the diving was to be done from directly over the wreck.

The money was in the mail room, almost at the bottom of the vessel, and to obtain access to that part of the ship it was found necessary to blow up the decks. The dangers and difficulties which were experienced in these operations were of the most extraordinary nature. Not only bravery, but great patience and perseverance, had to be exercised, as testified by the fact that Captain Stevens and his plucky divers were about nine months on the island before they had completed their task.

The wreck lay on a ridge of rocks, and one of the fears entertained before the explosion was effected was that the force might precipitate the vessel to almost fathomless depths. But fortunately, through Captain Stevens' great experience in the use of explosives, the fear was not realized.

ALL BUT \$50,000 RECOVERED.

When the explosion took place one of the masts shot right out of the water, and thousands of dead fish came to the surface. Another difficulty, and probably the greatest the divers had to encounter, was the extreme pressure of the water at so great a depth, but the gallant fellows were most enthusiastic in their work, and, although Captain Stevens had been advised to abandon all hope of recovery of the treasure, he was sanguine of success directly fine weather would set in. And his hopes were soon realized, for on Nov. 17, after waiting anxiously and patiently, he had the pleasure of writing to London as follows: "Lambert has got both scuttles open, and succeeded in sending up first box of gold." This was glorious news to all concerned, and especially to Captain Stevens, who had charge of such a tedious undertaking.

The saving of the remaining boxes of gold was now merely a question of opportunity. Dip after dip was made by Messrs. Lambert and Tester with various success, and by Dec. 12 they had recovered between them six boxes, the lion's share being obtained by Mr. Lambert, thus leaving a balance of four boxes to be raised. In a very short time, considering the unfavorable weather, they succeeded in sending up three more boxes, making in all nine boxes, or £90,000 out of £100,000.

Unfortunately, the last box could not be found, so Captain Stevens and his plucky divers had to come away without it. No praise is too great for the manner in which Messrs. Lambert and Tester worked under such an able commander. I have noted these few facts down from my dead father's log book. As the treasure chest and the gold dollars at the naval exhibition attract so much attention I send you these additional facts.—Pall Mall Budget.

Impatient.

A doctor who was noted for his preferences rather than for his cures was called in to prescribe one day for a man who was ill, and gave him some medicine. The next day but one he called to see the patient.

"How is he today?" he asked a servant at the door.

"He's dead, sir—that's how he is," said the servant.

"He is, eh?" said the doctor indignantly. "Well, that's always the way. People expect our medicine to work wonders, and then they get in a hurry and don't give it time to prove what it can do."—Exchange

Nat Goodwin's First Stage Experience.

Before I ever went on the stage I used to take part in amateur affairs in my mother's parlors in Boston, and I bothered Charlie Thorne to death to get me a place in some company.

My friends also said they were convinced I had talents. So finally Thorne secured me a position in a company then playing a piece called "A Bottle." Providence was to be the place where I made my debut, and the part assigned me was the old time gentlemanly villain, who comes to the village and captures the heart of the rustic beauty.

I had rehearsed several times and was sure I knew it all.

The heroine was to rush on with a scream and I was to run after her; but she hadn't rehearsed the scream with me, so when she dashed on and gave an unearthly yell it nearly frightened me to death.

I stubbed my toe, fell sprawling and lost one of my side-whiskers. I couldn't utter a word, and didn't do so during the whole performance. They thought I would gain courage as the piece progressed, but during the third act the orchestra came in with a few thrilling bars of music and I completely lost my head, and I dashed out of the theater to find the depot and take the next train for Boston.

As I entered the cars with make-up on a black streak on my cheek from a blackened eyebrow and my wig at one side passengers thought I was starting mad. On reaching home I rushed in to my mother, who thought I was going to be a second Booth, begging her not to send me on the stage again, but to get me a position in some store.—Nat C. Goodwin, Jr., in New York World.

Esculapius and His Profession.

"Esculapius, whom Homer calls 'the blameless physician,' was the famous pupil of Chiron. The glory of Esculapius' name is not dimmed as it has come down to us through the ages. While his treatment of the sick was heroic, as was natural in an heroic age, he did not ignore the virtue of metaphysical treatment. To those who suffered from violent passions he recommended the perusal of works of poetry, the study of hymns and songs and an attendance on light comedy.

It has often been said of physicians that they have two kinds of medicine—one with which to cure the patient, the other to be used when it is desirable that the cure shall not be effected too quickly. Esculapius had two kinds, which he received from Pallas Athene, the goddess of wisdom. Both were taken from her left side operated to the destruction of men. That from the right side brought them health and strength.

Esculapius' medicine even had the power of bringing the dead to life—a fact which so incensed the gods that Esculapius was immediately put to death by a thunderbolt. The sceptic Montaigne, referring to this injustice, sarcastically expresses his surprise that the patron of the doctors should be sent to Tartary for restoring men to life, when so many of his disciples are pardoned for performing the opposite feat.—Chicago Herald.

A "Queer" Preacher.

Rev. Mr. Hagamore, to whose memory a slab has been placed in the church at Catshage, Leicestershire, England, was "a little queer." It seems that the reverend gentleman died in January, 1886, leaving all of his property, valued at \$3,500, to a railroad porter.

This queer old preacher kept one servant of each sex, whom he locked up every night. His last employment of an evening was to go the rounds of his premises, let loose the dogs and fire off his gun. He lost his life in a curious manner. Starting out to let out his servants the dogs fawned upon him and threw him into a pond of water. The servants heard his cries, but being locked up could not render assistance, so the old man was drowned.

When the inventory of his property was taken he was found to be the owner of 80 gowns, 100 pairs of trousers, 100 pairs of boots, 400 pairs of shoes, 80 wigs (although he had plenty of natural hair), 50 dogs, 96 wagons and carts, 30 wheelbarrows, 249 razors, 80 pails, 50 saddles and 223 pickaxes and shovels. He surely was "a little queer."—St. Louis Republic.

Treatment of Face Moles.

A hairy mole which is still growing should be removed at once, even at the risk of some injury to the skin. It is now probably no more than a plexus of capillary vessels, with only a small supply of connective tissue. There is also a likelihood that it has not yet involved the skin. If this be its condition, the skin over the tumor may be reflected in flaps, and the tumor itself strangulated with ligature in one of the usual ways. The flaps should then be replaced, and the result will be a minimum of cicatrix and deformity.

But if the navus be allowed to grow, it will become a large, highly vascular, erectile tumor, probably invading and involving the skin, liable to profuse hemorrhage if injured; yet still quite amenable to treatment, though of a less simple kind. The modes of treating navus are numerous, and are continually increasing.—Herald of Health.

The Romans Invented Horsepower. The Romans, among whom agriculture was a highly favored occupation, were an inventive race, especially in the matter of labor saving machines. Recognizing the drudgery of handmills, they invented those whose motive power was imparted by asses, mules and oxen, and introduced them into all the countries conquered by their victorious armies.

There is no positive record of the name of the originator of this improvement in milling.—Detroit Free Press.

Both Out.

Depositor (breathlessly)—Is the cashier in?

Bank Examiner—No, he's out. Are you a depositor?

"Yes."

"Well, you're out, too."—New York Weekly.

The B. & M's will cross bats with the Nonpareils at Omaha Sunday.

The largest line of patent medicines will be found at Brown & Barrett's.

Miss Mabel, eldest daughter of J. I. Unruh, came up from her Kansas home this morning for a brief visit.

The B. & M. club talk of making a tour of the state. They are the champions and THE HERALD would like to see them make the rounds.

Needles, oils and parts for all kinds of machines can be found at the Singer office, corner of Main and Sixth streets, with H. Boeck, if

The Lincoln giants are still smarting over the two defeats they suffered at the hands of the Plattsmouth club after they had cleared out Fremont, Blair and Hastings. They will appear here again later in the season.

Tidball & Fuller, of Weeping Water, sued the Noble Sewing Machine company to-day in the district court for \$128.00. They also impleaded the stockholders as defendants.

The fair management has succeeded in raising the required amount, and in addition to other attractions will have two ballroom ascensions by the successful acrobat who was here a few days ago.

The county clerk was notified to-day that the state levy in Cass county for the ensuing year was 63 mills instead of 51.7 mills on last year. This will make the total levy for all purposes in this county 25.1-16 mills.

Grandma Volk, John Hennings, Jr. and Marten Frederick and family leave on the flyer this afternoon for Pekin, Ills., where Mrs. Frederick, who has been in very poor health for the past year, expects to take treatment. THE HERALD hopes Mrs. Frederick's efforts to regain her health may prove entirely successful.

Henry McMaken is Grandpa again and he says the boy which was born at his house yesterday is already named Benjamin Harrison Reece. As the father, Harry Reece, is a devout follower of Grover Cleveland we fear there will be a slight tumult in the family circle when Harry, who is now at North Platte, learn the name of his young hopeful.

A. P. Horn, the old gentleman who died at the poorhouse the other day, had quite a history. He was a sailor during his younger days and was employed on the Niagara, the boat that laid the first Atlantic cable. After the cable broke the Great Eastern completed the work and the Niagara was used as a coaling vessel. Mr. Horn was present with Cyrus Field when the first message was sent across water.

After a long term of service on the water Mr. Horn drifted west and for several years made his home with Clarence Mayfield. His eyesight finally failed entirely and he was taken care of by the county and died in the poorhouse, having no relatives that he knew of. It was rather an uneventful ending of an eventful life.

Married.

HERENDEEN-COCHRAN.—At the office of the county judge, at Plattsmouth, Nebraska, July 31st 1891, at 11 o'clock a. m. Mr. Albert L. Herenden and Miss Mary C. Cochran were united in the holy bonds of matrimony Judge Ramsey officiating.

ONLY ONE.

There has been only one new Summer drink brought out this season. It is Cherry Phosphate and is dispensed from Brown & Barretts fountain.

The Secret of His Power.

In a recent book of memoirs we find this entertaining glimpse of Lord Normanby and his theory of the influence of the splendors of masculine dress upon the female sex: "Meeting him one day at dinner at Fulham the subject of women's appreciation of aristocratic simplicity came up. The ladies of course declared that there was nothing they admired so much. After listening for some time, Lord Normanby said: 'I totally disagree with you, I believe that women have no appreciation of simplicity in dress, nor in anything else. I believe that the more a man bedizens himself with velvet, satin, gold chains, rings on his fingers and varnished boots, the more they admire him.' "For example, for seven years I carried a cane which I felt was a degradation to me. It was a brown cane; the poire (upper part) was made entirely of turquoises; it was a most disreputable cane. It was given to me. So long as I carried that cane I was all powerful. Every woman succumbed the moment she saw that cane; they felt there was wealth, splendor, etc. I lost it. From that hour my power ceased, and I have never regained it."

Commend the Good Points.

There was a girl a few months ago who seemed to be made a new person by just changing her school, although the school she left was, upon the whole, a very good one, but her old teacher, a strict and conscientious lady, could not be at all indulgent toward the faults and defects of this particular girl.

The new teacher bore with them easily, and thus soon discovered the good qualities which she had concealed. From being constantly reproved, the girl found herself valued, liked, commended, and it made a new girl of her. Like the man of Frederick Douglass, whose boots were blacked, she felt that she must avoid her disagreeable ways.

Almost any observant and experienced teacher can call to mind similar instances, where the acquisition of a reasonable self-love seemed to lift an unpleasant character out of the mire of low propensities and offensive habits.—Youth's Companion.

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