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**THE OCEAN HOBOES.**  
SAILORS' SUPERSTITIONS REGARDING STOWAWAYS.

Not Shared in by Ship's Officers and This Class of "Deadbeats" Consequently Suffer Great Hardships—Some Die in Attempts to Cross the Deep.

There is a belief among sailors that stowaways bring good luck to ships and that no vessel can go down with one of them on board. But there is a different opinion among the officers and owners of vessels, and in accordance with this the stowaway's lot is a hard one. The American immigration authorities view a stowaway in much the same light that a pauper immigrant is considered. It is mandatory on the master of a ship bringing a stowaway to the United States that he, as the first agent of the owners, be personally responsible, under a heavy fine, for the stowaway's deportation. This law is not calculated to put the master in a happy frame of mind, and he treats the unbidden passenger as he thinks he should be treated. Not long ago a Cuban named Charles Clement was picked from the water off Hell Gate. He told the authorities he was a stowaway on the British tramp steamer High Fields and had smuggled himself aboard at the Barbadoes. The vessel discharged in Brooklyn, and, as he was not accounted for on the ship's official papers, the authorities gave her captain the option of taking the man along or paying his way back to the West Indies. Clement says he was afterward set upon by two officers of the ship, who beat him into insensibility, that he was then put in irons and confined below decks. While incarcerated there one of the officers told him that as soon as the vessel was out at sea he was to be done away with and his body thrown overboard. While the vessel was going through Hell Gate en route to Halifax he seized the opportunity to make his escape. With an iron bar he pried open the door of the room in which he was confined, and, with handcuffs and all, rushed to the deck and sprang over the side. He was rapidly sinking when picked up by a rowboat. Another instance of a stowaway's jumping into the sea occurred off Cape Henry two years ago. The schooner Cactus was brought to New York from Baltimore, where she found a man clinging to a life preserver. He said he had been stowed away at Liverpool on the steamer Templemore. The officers did not treat him with much consideration, he added. He was told that the immigration officers of Baltimore were half savages, and that it was the custom of the country to hang stowaways to the nearest lamp-post. When the Templemore reached Cape Henry light the man grabbed a life preserver and before anybody could stop him jumped into the sea. He was in the water fourteen hours, when the Cactus saved him. The saddest feature of the whole thing is that the immigration authorities sent him back to Liverpool when he landed here.

Countless numbers of stowaways have died in attempts to cross the ocean. The average steamer has many dark holes in her big interior, and notwithstanding the fact that a ship seldom leaves port without a search being made to see that no unauthorized person is on board, many succeed in eluding detection. It is only a few years since one of the regular lines arrived with the dead body of a stowaway in her hold. He had rapped and hammered on the ship's hatch without avail when the ship was outside sight of land, and had starved to death. In another instance a man hid himself in a chain locker, and when the anchor was hoisted he was crushed to death, the noise of the steam winch and the rattling of the chain drowning his cries. A man was found dead under the main hatch of one of the National line steamers on her arrival here. It was shown that he had died of starvation and suffocation. In one of his pockets was found a novel entitled "Doomed in the Deep." Still another case is that of a man who hid himself in the forepeak of a steamer bound to London. While she was proceeding up the Thames river she was run into by another steamer and was cut out to her collision bulkhead. The stowaway was crushed to death.

Many women have stolen passage across the ocean. In 1895 a steamer was wrecked in the strait of Belle Isle. Another steamer went to the rescue and in making a list of those aboard it was found that two of them—women—were stowaways. Recently a little girl stowed herself away on a ship bound for Sydney, Australia, from San Francisco.

**Canals in Canada.**  
The St. Lawrence canal system, the opening of which is expected to do so much for Canada, enables vessels not only to descend in safety the great fall of 207 feet from Lake Ontario to the level of the river at Montreal, but to avoid a long series of dangerous rapids. These canals have cost considerably more than \$50,000,000. The seven canals forming the link of the chain from the lakes to the seaboard have a total length of more than 70 miles and over half a hundred locks. Any vessel not exceeding 270 feet in length and 14 feet draught can make the trip from the strait of Belle Isle to Duluth at the head of Lake Superior, a distance of almost 2,400 miles.—Harper's Weekly.

**Keeping on the Safe Side.**  
Miss Passe (archly)—"How long do you think a man ought to know a girl before proposing?" Mr. Clubleigh—"All his life!"—Somerville Journal.

**Wages in New South Wales.**  
In New South Wales the government has fixed the minimum wages of railway laborers at seven shillings, or about \$17.5 a day.

**Cooper Union.**  
Cooper union, in New York city, had a revenue last year of \$58,489.78. Its expenditures were \$59,057.09.

**STRANGE LAKES IN PERU.**  
Instead of Surface Outlets They Have Maelstroms That Swallow Boats.

From Crucero Alto, the highest town in the world, the Southern railroad of Peru drops into the Lagunillas, or lake region of the Cordilleras, where, 14,250 feet above the sea, is a group of large lakes of very cold, pure water, without inlet or outlet. They receive the drainage of the surrounding hills and conceal it somewhere, but there is no visible means of its escape. A fringe of ice forms around the edges of the lake every night the year round; yet they contain an excellent variety of fish, called the pejeray, which is caught near the shore and sold at Puna and in other neighboring towns. The two largest lakes, Saracocha and Cachipasana, with several smaller ones in the same neighborhood are owned by the family of Mr. Romana of Arequipa, who has just been elected president of Peru. He owns immense tracts of land in this locality, with thousands of sheep, cattle, llamas, alpacas and vicuñas, which are herded upon it. A curious phenomenon about the lakes is that they keep at the same level all the time, regardless of the dry and rainy seasons. No amount of rain will make any difference with their depth, which, however, in the center is unknown. And this adds to the awe and mystery with which they are regarded by the Indians. There are no boats upon the lakes, except a few small balsas, or rafts, made of bundles of straw, which keep very close to the shore, for fear of being drawn into whirlpools that are said to exist in the center. There is some foundation for this fear, for only two or three years ago a balsa containing five men disappeared in the darkness and was never heard of again. Of course it may have tipped over and its occupants have been paralyzed by the cold water in an ordinary way; but their bodies never were discovered nor did the balsa ever float to shore. Therefore the people think the whole party was lured into a maelstrom and swallowed up by the mysterious waters. The whirlpool near the center of Lake Popo which receives the waters of Lake Titicaca is well known, and hundreds of men have lost their lives by venturing too near it. Boats that are drawn into the current are whirled swiftly around a few times and then disappear. For the protection of navigators the government of Bolivia has anchored a lot of buoys in Lake Popo, and boatmen who observe them are in no danger. There is supposed to be an underground outflow from all of these lakes. It is claimed that articles which have been thrown into their waters have afterward been picked up on the seacoast near Africa, and careful observers say that on the beach in that locality are other debris which do not grow on the coast, but are found in great abundance among the interior lakes.—Chicago Record.

**HOW TO GARGLE.**  
Two Methods and the Way to Test Them.

If one is to really do good by gargling—that is, if one is to insure that the fluid shall reach the posterior wall of the pharynx—the nose must be held and the head must be well thrown back while performing the gargling process, says the Charlotte Medical Journal. By gargling in the usual way only the anterior surface of the uvula and soft palate and the base of the tongue are reached. But by holding the nose and throwing the head well back when gargling, the medicament reaches every surface of the pharynx very effectively. The comparative value of the two methods can be tested by painting the posterior surface of the pharynx carefully with a strong solution of methylene blue, and then letting the patient gargle with water in the usual way, when it will be found that the water ejected will be clear and unstained; then let him gargle again, holding the nose and throwing his head well back, and an inspection of the pharynx will show that the blue has been washed away. This is a thing worth remembering, for many observers have maintained that gargling is not only useless as a method of medication, but it is quite ineffectual even as a means of cleaning the pharynx.

**One of the Requirements.**  
A. C. Holmes, of Walton, N. Y., whose wife died a few months ago, advertised for another spouse, specifying that No. 2 must be content to wear "a lot of nice clothes" left by No. 1.

**The Prince Still Grand Master.**  
The Prince of Wales will be reinstated as grand master of the English Free Masons on April 25, the anniversary of his twenty-sixth year of grand mastership.

He who is never guilty of follies is not as wise as he imagines.

**How Some Savages Build Their Fires.**  
Various savages have different methods of kindling fires. In New Holland a pointed stick is twirled between the palms of the hand until the wood on which it stands begins to smoke, and at last breaks into flame. Other savages obtain a spark by sticking one bit of wood upright in the earth, cutting a slit in it lengthwise, in which they rub another bit of wood with a protruding piece until it flames. The most ingenious method is, however, that followed by the inhabitants of western Madagascar. These use a string of animal hide, by which they twirl the upright stick rapidly and hasten the fire lighting. To us who have merely to strike a match under the mantelpiece, the value of fire is little appreciated, but suppose that we were caught in the wilderness without a match, how would we go about lighting the fire to warm ourselves or cook our food?

**Reynard's Narrow Escape.**  
A fox having been pursued by a Bernard (Vt.) hunter and two hounds, escaped in a novel manner. The animal was being closely pressed by the dogs, when it dashed across the railroad track in front of a fast moving train. The fox barely succeeded in reaching the other side of the track ahead of the approaching locomotive, but the dogs were not so fortunate. The hounds were so eager for their prey that they did not heed the train, and both were killed.

**And Wouldn't Shake the Stove.**  
Wife—"I had to discharge the cook today." Husband—"What for?" Wife—"Oh, she got too tender hearted to do her work properly." Husband—"Is it possible?" Wife—"Yes; only this morning she refused to beat the eggs or whip the cream."

**The Bishop Got an Early Start.**  
Bishop Potter says that, coming of an ecclesiastical family, he owes his love of preaching to "those grandfathers and great-grandfathers." He adds: "I began preaching before kilts gave place to trousers. My pulpit was an empty stall in the barn, my audience the chickens and the hired man."

It is difficult to conceive how a magazine could be more happily or more helpfully adjusted to the more important interests of the present moment than is the April number of the North American Review. Not only does this number afford American readers the most effective opportunity available to them for mastering topics of living concern, but it contains several contributions whose literary excellence will entitle them to attention for many years to come.

**Topnotch in Book Sales.**  
The highest price ever paid in this country for a book was secured at the sale of Augustin Daly's library in New York last Tuesday, where two volumes of sketches and autograph letters of Thackeray, the main part of which constituted the Brookfield correspondence, were sold for \$16,200.

**Cartier's Ink.**  
Good ink is a necessity for good writing. Cartier's is the best. Costs no more than poor ink.

**Higher Abroad Than Here.**  
At the mines in England coal is today quoted at \$1.46 per ton, as compared with \$1.18 at the mines in the United States. Coal mining in the old world is getting to be more expensive all the time by reason of scarcity, the English mines alone being the deepest in the world.

The American Monthly Review of Reviews for April has two important articles on the present situation in the far east. Mr. R. Van Bergen describes the disadvantages of foreigners in Japan under the revised treaties, and Mr. William M. Brewster, an American resident in China, outlines "The Warlike Policy of the Empress Dowager," warning the United States that only the utmost vigilance can secure for this government the benefits of "the open door." Mr. Louis Windmuller describes some of the wasteful methods by which the business of fire insurance is at present conducted in this country.

**The Sirdar's Former Brother.**  
Lord Kitchener has a younger brother living in New Zealand, who, instead of following his three brothers into the army, chose a lonely pastoral life. Arthur Black Kitchener is a bachelor, 48 years of age, and the owner of a fine estate at Walhams Grange, near Dunblair, on the Shag river.

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A congestion, inflammation or ulceration of the mucous membrane, whether of the head, stomach, kidneys, or other organ, is known to the medical profession as catarrh. It is known by different names, such as dyspepsia, Bright's disease, female complaint, diarrhoea, bronchitis, consumption, and a host of other names. Wherever there is a congested mucous membrane there is catarrh, acute or chronic.

**MISS CLARA STOECKER.**  
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Mrs. Margaretta Dauben writes: "I extend my sincere thanks for the good advice you have given me. I do not believe I would be living now if it were not for you. I had suffered for four months, and the doctors could help me but little. They operated on me three times. It was very painful and I only obtained little relief. I was so weak I could not turn in bed. Then I applied to Dr. Hartman. I did not know whether he could help me or not, but I followed his advice, and used only three bottles of Pe-ru-na and Manalim. Now I am well and as strong as I ever was, thanks to your remedies." Pelvic catarrh has become so frequent that most women are more or less afflicted with it. It is usually called female disease.



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