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**MUCH GAME IN NEWFOUNDLAND.**

Country is Full of Caribou, Moose, and Wild Duck.

Warham Whitney, of Rochester, N. Y., was at the Holland house for a day recently, at the end of a hunting trip of several weeks in Newfoundland and New Brunswick, says the New York Tribune. He was in the Adirondacks through August, and when September opened he was off for Newfoundland.

"Plenty of game and fish—splendid sport," was his comment on his experience in Newfoundland. "Much of the country," said he, "is a marshy plain, but there is plenty of caribou. I saw more than three hundred of them—twenty-eight in one herd—and I brought some trophies of my marksmanship and good fortune home with me. Proof of the plenty of game was the variety on one occasion in our camp larder. We had black duck, teal duck, caribou meat, and trout. The big game in New Brunswick is moose. They come to the water night and morning, and the quiet coves, where they can stand in the water and nip the lily pads, is the place to get at them unawares. I have the head of one I shot. Of course, one must endure some hardships on such a trip, but when it is all over the mounted heads upon the wall at home bring back the whole experience as a pleasing reminiscence. Up in Newfoundland quiet water surfaces, lakes and the like, are always 'steadies,' and the running streams are 'rapids,' while in New Brunswick the lakes are 'dead water,' the streams are 'quick water,' and a cove is a 'bo-gan.'"

**Prescott Was a "Mother's Boy."**

Prescott was not only well born but happily born. His heredity was nicely fitted to his problem of life. From his mother Governor Wolcott thought he derived his "unfailing spirits." In Pierce's Life of Sumner there is a record of a conversation at dinner, where Webster, Ticknor, Sumner and Prescott were present, among others. The talk turned on the question, what most vitally shaped men's character and activities. Some said one thing, some another. "Mr. Prescott declared that a mother's influence was the most potent." He was a living witness. All the accounts which Ticknor piously gathered from Salem contemporaries agree that the boy William had his bright vivacity from his mother.—Rollo Ogden, in the March Atlantic.

**Actor's Independent Valet.**

Arthur Bouchier, the English actor, once hired as a "dresser," a frequenter of the gallery at the theater. Mr. Bouchier says: "One night a new play was produced by me, and when I came back to my dressing-room from the stage I found the door locked. As time was pressing, I sent another man to search for my missing servant. He was caught red-handed in the gallery among his old associates loudly 'hoing' his master. Arraigned before me, he maintained the firmest attitude possible and asserted boldly, 'No, sir, I am your servant behind the scenes, but as an independent man and honest gallery boy I am bound to express my unbiased opinion either for or against any play which I may happen to see at a first night.'"

**The Initiated.**

All that I lov'd before you came, Delight and laughter, song and flame; The tender beauty of the flower, The seasons ripening hour by hour; Exquisite night and rose-bush'd morn. The shimmering gold of waving corn; Shadow and show'r, or summer's blue, Are dearer now because of you.

As one who scans a wondrous screen, Painted in scarlet, gold and green, And lauds the loveliness of line And color blend in its design; I look'd on all the show'r things, Before the spirit's secret springs Were touch'd by that which makes us one With Nature's heart—with stars and sun.

Ah! now sweet springtime's messengers Shall find my lips as warm as hers! I, too, am thrill'd with that same strife Whereby the woodland flowers have life, And you shall garner in the words I softly speak, those songs of birds, And winds, and waters, never dumb, That spake of you ere you were come.—The Pall Mall Gazette.

**French Statesman Averse to Pomp.**

Camille Pelletan, the French minister of marine, is noted as a typical bohemian. He has spent a good part of his life in the Latin quarter, and even now, though compelled to live in the magnificent place of marine, he frequently entertains his bohemian friends. Another noted bohemian in the French government is Tissier, president of the cabinet. Pelletan and Tissier were chums at college and are close friends now.

**To-day's Labor Saving Appliances.**

Twenty or thirty years ago grain was nearly all sown by hand, and it was one of the honors bestowed on an old laborer to give him this task. To-day this is done automatically by a machine, and there are machines for laying on the manure and doing the work preparatory to sowing. So with grubbing, hoeing and cleaning the lands—it is all done by improved appliances.

**Pearls Matched With Diamonds.**

Fresh-water pearls take on curious and irregular forms, but are lustrous and beautiful enough to associate with diamonds. Some pendants show fresh-water pearls in combination with rose diamonds, uncut emeralds, and matrix turquoise—that beautiful mineral the coloring of which is half sky blue and half apple green.

**Not Circulated Fast Enough.**

"She's not to be trusted," said the gossip.  
"Why not?"  
"I told her all about the scandal, and she promised not to mention it, and she didn't."

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The readers of this paper will be pleased to learn that there is at least one dreaded disease that science has been able to cure in all its stages, and that is Catarrh. Hall's Catarrh Cure is the only positive cure now known to the medical fraternity. Catarrh being a constitutional disease, requires a constitutional treatment. Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally, acting directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system, thereby destroying the foundation of the disease, and giving the patient strength by building up the constitution and assisting nature in doing its work. The proprietors have so much faith in its curative powers that they offer One Hundred Dollars for any case that it fails to cure. Send for list of testimonials. Address F. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, O. Sold by all Druggists, 75c.

**Joke On General Miles.**

General Miles was standing in the lobby of the Arlington the other night, and happened to overhear a remark made by a small, thin young man who was standing near. "During the Spanish war," the young man had said, "I took five Spanish officers without any assistance from the army or navy." "What's that?" asked General Miles, turning upon him abruptly. "You say you took five Spanish officers without the assistance of the army or navy?" "That's exactly what I said, sir," replied the young man; "by myself and without any loss of blood. It happened at Boston. Here is my card. I am Smallsmith, the photographer. Now, if you will allow me to pose you, General—" but the general had fled.

**Causing Iron to Swim.**

Elisha required a stick to make the ax of iron swim. We have never learned the properties of that stick. But there is a pretty trick of causing a piece of iron to swim of its own accord. Let it be a half inch thick, say, and two inches square, or have it round, and perfectly smooth on one side at least. Place the smooth side against the perfectly smooth, square end of an open glass tube, say an inch and a half in diameter, and hold it there until it and the tube are lowered into a vessel of water to a depth greater than about eight times the thickness of the iron. Remove the hand and the iron will remain in its place, the upward pressure of the water preventing its sinking. This is the principle of the iron ship.

**He Learned Something.**

"I like your preachin'," said a tall, gaunt native who had heard Bishop Potter one night in a small Adirondack town near which he had his summer camp. "I alluz 'arn somethin' new from ye. I rid ten mile to-night to hear ye, an' as usual, I heerd somethin' that I never knowed afore." "Well, I'm glad of that," said the bishop, shaking the outstretched hand, "and what was it you learned to-night?" "Why, bishop, I found out for the first time in my life that Sodom and Gomorrah wasn't twins."

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**A "J. P." that Fined Himself.**

Robert Malzahn, justice of the peace at Good Thunder, Minn., dispenses liquor at retail when not occupied with his judicial cares. A food inspector secured from Mr. Malzahn's place of business a sample of black-berry. A complaint was sworn out and Judge Malzahn in his judicial capacity, heard the case of Malzahn, the defendant, guilty. Judge Malzahn imposed a fine of \$25, and then as Malzahn, the saloonkeeper, he paid the fine. The money has been remitted to the state treasurer.

**ALL UP-TO-DATE HOUSEKEEPERS**

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**Royalties Coming Here.**

If all promises are fulfilled the United States will have royal visitors galore next summer. So far these have announced their intention to visit the land of the free: King Leopold of Belgium, King Menelik of Abyssinia, the Crown Prince of Germany, the Crown Prince of Sweden and the Crown Prince of China.

**To be truthful and polite at the same time sometimes puts a rubber attachment on your conscience.**

It's the black sheep that generally lives to a ripe old age, while the spring lamb dies young.

**Any man who is continually making a fool of himself must be a natural born tautologist.**

A man can make his wife believe almost anything—during their honeymoon.

**Of course, the real test of a pudding is your inability to sleep after eating it.**

The cynic is a man who sees his own heart and calls it the world.

**The sad coquette is saddest when she has no one to coquette with.**

The atheist can estimate God when the deaf can criticize music.

**Clocks are not sentimental—at least they never hold hands.**

A rain of errors is one the weather man hasn't predicted.

**Our troubles are often the result of a vivid imagination.**

It certainly takes some men down to be shown up.

**Affectation is the language of conscious inferiority.**

Never makes good—the counter-felter.

**Shad and Their Bones.**

A genius who invented a machine for removing the bones from shad is promoting a company with a capital of \$1,000,000 to rush the apparatus on the market before the end of the shad season. He says: "I have counted in a singled shad five pounds 3,060 bones and 147,000 eggs. I have eaten 500,000 eggs at a meal. I have eaten 2,500 bones at a meal, for bones do not hurt me, but they are a menace to the world at large. My machine is simply a powerful magnet which is passed slowly over the fish from end to end. The small bones leap right out of the flesh in handfuls. You can use the invention either before or after cooking. I prefer it after, because the fish is sweeter if cooked with the bones in."

**An "Angry Tree."**

There has just been discovered in the far east a species of the acacia tree, which closes its leaves together in coils each day at sunset and curls its twigs to the shape of pigtails. After the tree has settled itself thus for a night's sleep, if touched the whole thing will flutter as if agitated or impatient at being disturbed. The oftener the foliage is molested the more violent becomes the shaking of the branches, and at length the tree emits a nauseating odor, which, if inhaled for a few moments, causes a violent dizzy headache. It has been named the "angry tree."

**A Sure Protection.**

Barton, N. Dak., May 9th.—Many cases are being published of how diseases have been cured and lives saved by Dodd's Kidney Pills, but there is a family in this place who use this remedy as a protection against the coming on of diseases and with excellent results.

Mr. W. A. Moffet says: "We have no very serious illness or complaint for we always use Dodd's Kidney Pills the very moment we feel the least symptom of sickness and they soon put us right. If we have a touch of lame back or think the kidneys are not right, we take a few Dodd's Kidney Pills and the symptoms are soon all gone.

"My brother had diabetes and the doctor told him he could not live until spring. I got some Dodd's Kidney Pills for him, and although that was several years ago, he has lived through all the winters and springs since and is still living. Dodd's Kidney Pills are a wonderful medicine."

**The Czar and the Kaiser.**

The last time the czar and the kaiser met was in the Baltic, where each had a fleet. As their boats drew away from each other the kaiser, from the Hohenzollern, semaphoned to the czar, "The admiral of the Atlantic salutes the admiral of the Pacific." The reply required tact. The czar did not want to offend the British by expressing his belief that the kaiser was right, neither did he wish to show discourtesy to the latter by making no reply. So he quietly rebuffed him by signaling "farewell," and steaming away.

**Port Arthur's Name.**

Since the war in the east began a good many newspaper readers have wondered how Port Arthur came to get its name. The first foreign vessel to enter that bay was a British war vessel in charge of Lieutenant Commander Arthur, who modestly gave his own name to the place. That was about fifty years ago, and as Port Arthur it has been known ever since.

**Rich Man Turned Hermit.**

Henry J. Ackerman has been living in a dugout near Pueblo, Colo., for six years. Formerly he was a well-to-do resident of Brooklyn. In 1898, while cruising in his yacht, he met and fell in love with a young woman. She married another man, whereupon Ackerman left his home and took up his abode in his present quarters, where he has lived a hermit's life ever since.

**Only a woman is capable of arriving at a conclusion without using either reason or judgment.**

A man does not have to be congealed to be a clam.

**IN AN OLD TRUNK.**

**Baby Finds a Bottle of Carbolic Acid and Drinks It.**

While the mother was unpacking an old trunk a little 18 months' old baby got hold of a bottle of carbolic acid while playing on the floor and his stomach was so badly burned it was feared he would not live for he could not eat ordinary foods. The mother says in telling of the case: "It was all two doctors could do to save him as it burnt his throat and stomach so bad that for two months after he took the poison nothing would lay on his stomach. Finally I took him into the country and tried new milk and that was no better for him. His Grandma finally suggested Grape-Nuts and I am thankful I adopted the food for he commenced to get better right away and would not eat anything else. He commenced to get fleshy and his cheeks like red roses and now he is entirely well.

"I took him to Matamoros on a visit and every place we went to stay to eat he called for Grape-Nuts and I would have to explain how he came to call for it as it was his main food.

"The names of the physicians who attended the baby are Dr. Eddy of this town and Dr. Geo. Gale of Newport, O., and any one can write to me or to them and learn what Grape-Nuts food will do for children and grown-ups too." Name given by Postum Co., Battle Creek, Mich.

Look in each pkg. for the famous little book, "The Road to Wellville."

**AN ILLINOIS FARMER IN WESTERN CANADA.**

A recent issue of the Shelbyville, Illinois, Democrat contains a long and interesting letter from Mr. Elias Kost, formerly a prosperous farmer of that state, who recently emigrated to Western Canada, taking up a claim for himself and for each of his three sons.

From Mr. Kost's letter, which was written Feb. 3, 1904, we publish the following, believing it will prove of great interest to those who have contemplated settling in the Canadian Northwest:

"I had in August, 1902, secured a claim for myself, and filed on three quarter sections for my sons. My claim is one-half mile south of the Edmonton and Lake St. Anne trail.

"Coming so late in the season we had little opportunity to break and to prepare ground for a first year's crop, still we raised over 100 bushels of very fine potatoes, and sowed a few acres of barley, but the season was too far advanced for the barley. However, we secured good feed from it, and on rented ground 18 miles east of us, raised a fine crop of oats, so that we will have plenty of feed for horses. We cut about 60 tons of hay and thus will have an abundance. We have, all told, about 240 acres of hay meadow, which would yield the past year over three tons to the acre, and in an ordinary season the meadow would furnish 600 tons of hay. The grass is very nutritious, and cattle on the ranges become very fat without being fed a pound of grain.

"On the upland the grass grows from eight to ten inches tall. This is called range grass, and is suitable for stock at any time, even in the winter when the ground is not covered too deep with snow. Horses subsist on it alone, at all times, provided they are native stock. The grass in the hay meadows here is called red-top, and grows from five to six feet in length, and when cut at the proper time yields an abundant crop of nutritious hay.

"Our cattle have not cost us a cent since we came on our homestead, only the small outlay for salt and labor in putting up hay and shelter. All cattle have been doing well this winter, and feeding up to the first of January was unnecessary, as there was good range up to that time.

"All the snows up to that date were followed by winds from the northwest that melts it very rapidly; these winds are called Chinook winds, and are always warm. In one night a Chinook wind may take away three or four inches of snow.

"We have built on our claim a comfortable house of hewn logs, 20x26 feet, one and one-half stories in height, with a good cellar. During the latter part of June we rafted logs down the Sturgeon to a sawmill, about eight miles away, and thus secured 5,000 feet of good lumber which was needed for the house. Later in the season a shingle mill located six miles away. To this we hauled logs and had shingles cut for the roof.

"We had an abundance of wild fruit the past season, consisting of gooseberries, strawberries, raspberries, elderberries, blueberries, cherries and saskatoons. The latter are a fine looking berry, red, and quite pleasant to the taste, but not much to be desired in cookery. The strawberries are the same as those that grow wild in Illinois. Raspberries are red in color, large and equal to any of the same varieties, and so are the gooseberries. The cranberries consist of the high and trailing varieties. The latter are most sought and contiguous to the swamps. The ground is literally covered with them as with a red carpet, but the best and most sought is the blueberry, so called by the Indians. This is the famous 'huckleberry' (whortleberry) of the Blue Ridge Mountains in Pennsylvania, and cannot be excelled for excellence by any fruit cultivated. It is found here both on the prairie and in the timber in immense quantities.

"Game is very plentiful so far as prairie chickens, pheasants, ducks of all kinds, and geese are concerned. We have taken nearly 500 chickens and pheasants, also a great many ducks.

"An occasional deer is seen, but are not plentiful, only one having been taken during the season in this settlement.

"Fish are very plentiful at all seasons of the year. Fish wagons and sleds are passing almost daily along the trail with heavy loads of fish, destined for St. Albert and Edmonton. From the latter point they are shipped south on the Calgary and Edmonton railroad to points along the line, and also to Assiniboia, on the Canadian Pacific railroad."

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