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NATURAL PHILOSOPHY.

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ATLANTIC ICEBERGS.

The Great Risk Run by North Atlantic Vessels.

Hope Masses of Ice Borne Along the Broad Bottom of the Labrador Current—Ships Discovered on the Edge of Immense Bergs—Late Collisions.

In the daily papers, at intervals, more or less widely separated, we may see notices of icebergs passed by ships on their passages to and from the ports of North America. Not unfrequently a thrilling account reaches us of shipwrecks, suffering and sad loss of life, caused by some ill-fated vessel colliding with an iceberg and sinking in mid-ocean.

Occasionally, some noble ship, replete with all modern appliances under the command of a skillful navigator, carrying a precious freight of eager hearts and willing hands to their Eldorado of the Far West, sails from our shores. Nothing more is heard of her. In a little while she is reported as missing, and a total loss. Her insurance is paid, and except to a few hearts at home bewailing their loss, her fate fades away into oblivion.

MARK TWAIN.

A New Story About the Well-Known Humorist.

Rev. J. Hyatt Smith knows more stories about more people than ten average citizens. Among them he relates this: When I was living with my brother in Buffalo Mark Twain occupied a cottage across the street. We didn't see very much of him, but one morning, as we were enjoying our breakfast, we saw Mark come to his door, and he was dressed in a very peculiar manner.

Mummies' Eyeballs.

The most curious things are mummies' eyes—petrified eyes—which are usually to be found in the graves if one is careful in digging. The Incas have a way of preserving the eyes of the dead from decay—some process which modern science can not comprehend.

The Kind He Meant.

Will's kite became entangled in the branches of the maple in front of the door the other day, and before he could extricate it it was torn from end to end.

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"Oh, darn the thing!" said he, with a good deal of temper. "What?" exclaimed his mother from the porch. "Come here, sir, instantly. Why do you swear?"

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LONG-LIVED PEOPLE.

Portrait of a Classified Record of Ten Thousand Centenarians.

Joseph E. Perkins, a newspaper dealer of this city, is about to publish a book entitled "The Encyclopedia of Human Longevity," which is the result of thirty-eight years of investigation on that part. The book will contain an authentic record of a large number of people, men and women, who have attained the age of one hundred years or more.

THE LATEST WRINKLE.

An Old Fashioned by the Leader of the Upper West.

A prominent stationer is author for the statement that a lady very true to the manufacture of seals has recently been discovered at the East, and is gradually working its way westward. It has just appeared from a business trip to Philadelphia, and there collected some facts bearing on the latest craze. In conversation on seals and wax he said: "A complete outfit, such as has been made and offered for sale two or three months past, consists of a liver tray, oxidized or polished, of unique design, hammered or plain, with a match-box inside, the body made of admirably polished box or two at the gentleman's behest. If you fellows are apt to read a lot of 'em' such stuff at a quick-stop and get a sermon in the bargain for the fig is up.—Burlington Herald.

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