

CALIFORNIA'S CLOSE CALL

Narrowly Escaped Becoming a British Province.

REMINISCENCES OF A VETERAN TARI

The American Flag Balked the Plans of a British Admiral—Thrilling Incident in the San Francisco Harbor.

William Hill of Honolulua, Pa., believes himself to be the last survivor of the United States naval forces that took possession of California in 1846.

"One day a number of our sailors were ashore," says Hill, "and were looking out over the coral reef toward Diamond Head, and sighted a United States man-of-war sailing in around the head."

"We sailed straight for Monterey. We reached the harbor July 6, 1846. The frigate Savannah, in command of Commodore Stout, and the sloop-of-war Levant, were there."

"On the 9th day of July, while the excitement at Monterey was at its height, the British line-of-battle ship appeared in the offing. She was a formidable looking vessel."

"Two or three days after this episode Commodore Stockton and I were ordered to the frigate Congress. It was transferred from the Cayenne to the Congress and remained in service on her until the war was over."

"At the close of the war the Congress was at San Diego and we gave a grand jubilee ball aboard her. She was decorated with the flags of all nations and the old ship looked fine."

"When the war was over the congress was sent to San Francisco, and the Independent, commanded by Commodore Schuyler, was made the flagship of Commodore Stockton, with about seventy-five sailors as a guard."

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"Prof. Hilprecht informed me that it will be years before the Pennsylvania university will be able to publish all the inscriptions which have been discovered."

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ORIGIN OF BRET HARTE'S TALE

Quite a Frenzy in Which Several Persons Were Hurlled Over the Edge.

After crossing the range from Downville to Poker Flat and Sandy Bar by the old road in 1853, you will understand why it cost a dollar a mile to pack a bag of flour to either of these mining camps.

In 1852 Poker Flat became known as a mining camp, and by '54 there were 2,000 people in this barren canyon; but gold was plenty—\$200,000 a month being the estimated value of the placer.

Two months after Jack was shot about a mile from McGreggor's, while riding through a dense thicket. The man who found the body searched the vicinity carefully, but found no trace, except the tracks of a man, no doubt the assassin; one foot was well defined, but the other seemed a stump, as if made a round depression in the ground.

No one doubted that the widow was concerned in the killing, but murders were too frequent in that locality to excite much interest. Although the hotel was a great convenience, no one liked the landlady. She had a fiendish temper and would, and did on several occasions, use weapons with effect, but this was excusable, as her patrons were a very rough lot.

Thanks to a corps of active vigilantes, life in Poker Flat was reasonably safe, but it was soon found that the vigilantes also chose to follow the road to Downville on the usual road to get to the city.

Little girls have started collecting clubs, and some of them wear the entire collection on their clothing, arranging the buttons in the shape of a crown or a tiara.

He Didn't Get Much Pleasure Out of a Meal Set to Music.

Did you ever? queried the man with the red cravat, "dine in one of those New York restaurants where they give you a meal and a concert for a quarter of a dollar?"

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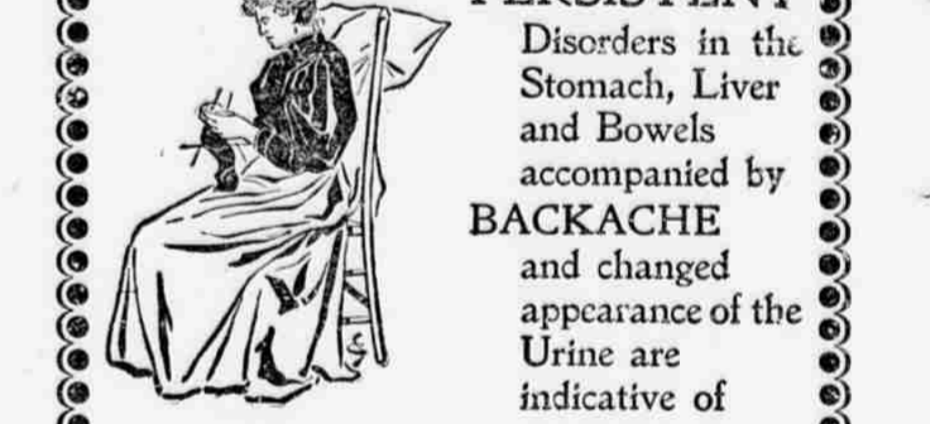
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