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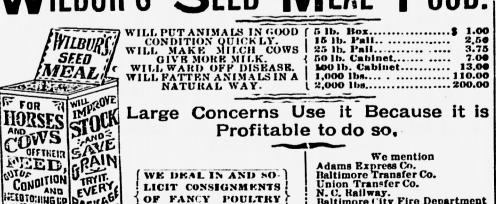
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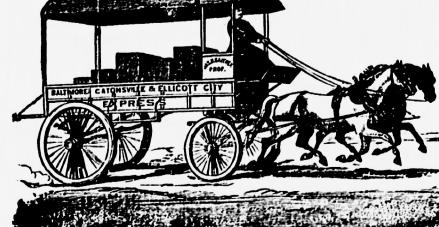
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QUEER MIST FREAKS.

A Fog Which Moved, With Perpendicular Walls, Like an Iceberg. Senfaring men have often described meeting with a fog bank at sea the limits of which were so clearly defined that the forward part of their vessel would be in bright sunlight, with the after portion enveloped in dense fog. That the phenome-non is not misstated any of the many people passing the brink of the decline leading down Pacific avenue from the city hall at 10 o'clock Saturday morning could readily attest. This had cleared so that the ships at the elevators were plainly visible. Suddenly there came from the straits a bank of fog which instead of unfolding and drifting over the surface of the bay, came solidly on. This formation was kept up until the fog struck the rise on Pacific avenue leading to the wharf. Then it broke, the mist drifting up in trailing clouds. The spectacle of this marching wall of fog, as clearly perpendicular as the side of a building, with the sun's rays striking against it, was indeed grand. Several shipping men noticed it and fog was made the subject of conversation in a number of offices on the water front. bringing forth the narration of similar in-

One of these came from Captain Mc-Cabe, who said: The strangest combination for fog to take on that has come under my observation occurred here on the sound some months ago. I was traveling by steamer from Port Townshend to Scattle. As we rounded Admiralty head there loomed up before us what appeared to be a waterlogged steamer. From her bulwark rails up everything was perfectly visible. The lookout on the forecastle head, the officer on the bridge, the deckhouse, masts and smokestack were all as plain to our sight as is the Northern Pacific warehouse across the railroad track from where we now sit. "But below the bulwark line nothing could be seen of the vessel. It might have been some Puget sound Flying Dutchman for all we knew, or possibly a craft seeking a beaching point before sinking.

"It was weird and for several minutes deceiving. The morning had opened so thick that the fog had driven down so close to the surface of the channel as to form a blanket for all but the lower part of the vessel. Yes, so it was. "We came near enough to hail and were informed that the steamer was doing finely, all well on board, and, beyond it being a trifle damp on the lower decks

through the fog failing to rise, everything was lovely. "It was a strange sight, however, to see that steamer plowing on toward us with every part invisible but its upper works and with passengers and crew walking unconcernedly about the decks." "How do you account for such freaks of

"It is simply some odd combination of front fought against the approach of the fog Saturday morning last, and only yielded when the fog bank found its advantage in the Pacific avenue incline."-Tacoma

MADE HIMSELF A PAUPER. His Rendy Wit Four Hundred

It is a beautiful story told by Lafeadio Hearn of an old man whose great deed belongs to Japanese history. He was Hamaguchi, and his farmhouse stood on the verge of a small plateau overlooking the bay. The plateau, mostly devoted to rice culture, was hemmed in on three sides by thickly wooded summits, and from the

outer verge the land sloped down to the sea. Below were 90 thatched dwellings and a temple. These composed the village. One autumn evening Hamaguchi Gohei was looking down from his balcony on the preparations for some merrymaking hamlet below. All the villagers were out, and he would have gone with them had he not been feeling less strong Suddenly there came an earthquake

shock, not a very strong one, but Hamaguchi, who had felt many before this, thought there was something odd in its long, spongy motion. As the quaking ceased, he chanced to look toward the sea, and there he saw the strangest possible sight. It seemed to be running away from

Apparently the whole village had noticed it, for the people stood still in won-derment. Only Hamaguchi drew any conclusions from the phenomenon and guessed what the sea would do next. He called his little grandson, a lad of 10, the only one of the family left with him. "Tada! Quick! Light me a torch!"

The child kindled a pine torch, and the old man hurried with it to the fields, where hundreds of rice stacks stood ready for transportation. One by one he lighted them in haste, and they caught like tinder, sending skyward masses of smoke, navigation and in the other duties incihis grandfather, weeping and calling: Why? Why? Why?"

Hamaguchi did not answer. He thought only of 400 lives in peril. He watched for curriculum of study and understand the the people, and in a moment only they came swarming up from the village like And still the sea was fleeing toward the

horizon. The first party of succor arrived, a score of agile young peasants, who wanted to attack the fire at once, but Hamaguchi, stretching out both his arms, stop-

"Let it burn, lads!" he commanded. "Let it be. I want the whole village here." The whole village came, mothers and children last of all, drawn by concern and curiosity.

"Grandfather is mad. I am afraid of him," sobbed little Tada. "He set fire to the rice on purpose. I saw him do it." "As for the rice," said Hamaguchi, "the child tells the truth. I set fire to it. Are all the people here?" "All are here," was the answer. "But we cannot understand this thing." "See!" cried the old man at the top of

It was the returning sea, towering like a cliff and coursing swifter than the kite. There was a shock, heavier than thunder, as the colossal swell smote the shore, with a foam burst like a blaze of sheet light-

his voice, pointing to the open. "Say if I

Then a white horror of sea raved over the village itself. It drew back, roaring and tearing out the land as it went. Twice, thrice, five times, it struck and obbed, each time with lesser surges, and then it returned to its ancient bed and staid there, although still raging. Of all the homes about the bay nothing remained but two straw roofs tossing madly in the offing. All lips were dumb until Hamaguchi observed gently:

"That was why I set fire to the rice." He was now poor as the poorest in all the village, but he had saved 400 lives. Washington's Centennial.

A committee of well known citizens of for a celebration of the centennial anniversary of Washington in 1900. The committee will call upon the president of the United States in a body, invite his atten tion to the coming anniversary and suggest that in his annual message to con gress he call the attention of that body to this matter, with the view of securing the co-operation of the general government with the local government to make the observance of the centennial worthy of the historic importance of the syent celebra

JIM WOOD'S FAMOUS BELL. Its Tones Known All Along the Main

Line of the New York Central. "Hear that bell ringing? That's Jim Wood's engine coming. Hundreds of railroad men and hundreds of other people living along the main line of the New York Central and the various branches over which Jim Wood ran his engine have made the above remark, for

Jim and his engine became celebrities

on account of the bell.

Twenty years or more ago the bell was made. At the same time a new engine was built especially for Engineer Wood. In those days the new engine ranked as one of the highest class on the road. A feature of the engine was the bell. When it was displaced on a new engine it was discovered that there was a flaw in it and it was sent to the foundry and trimmed down. rendering it thinner than the usual run of locomotive bells. The result was that the new bell gave out a peculiarly sweet tone. Indeed, its clangings as it went by crossings and pulled into stations were full of the sweetest music and it was not long before Jim's engine became known by the sweet music its bell pealed forth, and people could distinguish it among all the other engines on the line and would say: 'Jim Wood's engine is coming. Hear

Wonderful improvements have wrought wondrous changes in the equipment of modern railroads, but none of them ever replaced this famous bell, which is known by its sweet sound to every railroad man connected with the New York Central. When a few years ago Jim's engino was taken off the passenger service and replaced by the first class engines of the present time, it was used around the yards at the Central station doing shifting and pushing work, and not long ago was sent to Buffalo to do the same kind of work there. There was an effort made by some of the engineers to perpetuate the bell by securing it for one of the high class engines, and this was accomplished a few weeks ago. The bell now rings out its merry chimes from engine 928, which runs the "limited" east and the "fast mail" west between Buffalo and Syracuse.

After serving many years as engineer on the New York Central, Engineer Wood was superannuated and is now living in retirement in this city. But like all old railroad men there is a fascination about the yards of a great railroad system that is irresistible, and Mr. Wood can be frequently seen down at the Central station exchanging greetings and recalling old times with the railroad men there. Over a month ago a little incident occurred illustrative of the innate love the engineer has for the great iron machines that become things of life under his skillful manipulations.

Mr. Wood was standing in the station talking to some old friends when the merry, silvery tones of the dear old bell rang out. The men instantly stopped talking air and elements taken by the weather. and listened. Then they simultaneously made a rush for the siding where the sound appeared to proceed from. There, standing on the track, was old 110, the engine Jim had piloted for so many years, and chiming with the old time wonted sweetness was the same old bell. In some way or other the old engine had been sent along from Buffalo with a load of cars. The sight of the old engine and the sound of the bell brought tears to Jim's eyes. -Rochester Herald.

Aguinaldo Arrives. Aguinaldo jumped quickly out of his carriage as it stopped at the convent door -slight of stature, lithe and agile, a very military figure in his new khaki uniform and white helmet. He skipped nimbly up stairs and presently, with some of his councilors, appeared at the window. The crowd that had cheered a little when he came in gave another shout at this sight of him, and then one of the councilors

The speech was in Tagalog, and it was full of nice things about the people, their loyalty to and suffering for the cause, the achievements they had won, the glory that would be theirs, the greatness of their leader and his devotion to their common cause. It wound up with a call for vivas for Aguinaldo and liberty, and then I heard how Filipinos can yell. They would make a notable impression on a football

The crowd, which had listened with ab solute silence, turned itself loose at the word and filled the air with its shouts. There was a response from one of the local dignitaries standing in the crowd. Then Aguinaldo disappeared from the window the bands played the Filipino national air, and the great home coming of the king was over .- Oscar King Davis in Harper's

The Naval Officer.

The proposed personnel bill recognizes the necessity which is obvious today, and which will grow more so in the future, that the naval officer should be an engineer as well as be proficient in ordnance and in dental to command. When one realizes Tada, astonished and terrifled, ran after that from a fourth to a half of the crew of our ships is in the engineering department, one appreciates how important it is that the commanding officer should widen his tools and the machines and the power which run them and run the ship, so as to make himself indeed an officer worthy to command.

One of our prominent captains in the navy said substantially, not long ago, that if he had any timidity and fear when in command of a great battleship it arose from his ignorance as to what might occur in the engine room when he had given his signal from above.—Hon. George Edmund Foss, Chairman of the Subcommittee on Personnel of the House Naval Committee, in North American Review.

Jews In the Senate. Senator Simon of Oregon will not be the first Jow to hold a seat in the United States senate, three others having preceded him. The first was David L. Yuleo of Florida, whose father's name was Levy. He was elected a representative in 1845 as David Lovy, but when his term expired he had his name changed to David Levy Yulee. The second Jewish senator was the famous Judah P. Benjamin of Louisiana and the third was Benjamin Franklin Jonas of Louisiana

Does It Strike Homef Wife-William, you owe me 21 cents. Husband-Yes, but I paid the gas bill, and you owe me \$1.35. 'Well, but before that I paid the paper boy, and that made you owe me 60 cents." Yes, but there was 30 cents I paid or that other bill for grass cutting.' "I know it, but you borrowed 50 cents of me the next day, and"-"Great Scott! Take this \$5, and let's be gin all over again!"-Chicago Tribune.

A sermon defeats itself when it is no: shall we say—hearable. So Anthony Tr lope says about books, "Of all the needs book has the chief need is that it be reaable." Wilkie Collins has the sam Washington has been appointed to arrange thought. "Let me add that I never gos any good out of a book that did not interest me in the first instance."-Homiletic Review. Mistakes.

"Don't you think?" said the pensive

Must linve Interest.

girl, "that people make mistakes by acting on generous impulses?"
"Yes," answered the smooth shaven
man. "I acted on generous impulses for nearly two months once. Now, if I don's get paid on salary day I don's act."—
Detroit Free Press.

Contempt For Public Documents. Representative Hepburn was noticed resterday putting a special delivery stamp on an envelope containing a public document and bearing his frank. This procedure struck observers as queer in the face of the fact that his congressman's frank should carry such mail without a stamp of

any kind. When asked for an explanation, the Iowan said he had discovered that many documents sent under his frank never reached their destination. On inquiry ho became satisfied they were stolen or thrown away, and in sending documents of special value he had adopted the plan of putting on special delivery stamps to insure their safe carriage. At the government docu-ment room it is asserted that the loss of government publications is so common after being intrusted to the mails that it is accepted as a fixed fact to be reckoned

The statement is made by an official that half the valuable publications sent out would be stolen if precautions were not taken to prevent it. Many government books are rare and valuable, and when sending these the bureau of publication always registers them. "Pub. docs." has become a term of reproach indicative of worthlessness, and the national conscience has acquired such a peculiar twist that it is considered no sin to throw such publications into wastebaskets or steal them out right before they reach the party address cd. - Washington Cor. Chicago Times-Herald.

A Famous Bell Silenced. The famous bell of Schaffhausen is now forever silent. It is exactly four centuries since it was cast by Prior of Basel and hung in the belfry of the minster, with its compendious inscription, "Vivos voco, mortuous plango, fulgura frango." Schiller took the words as the motto for the "Lied von der Glocke," and so made it immortal in literature.

Now, like other things, it has succumbed to old age, a defect in the metal render ing it unsafe to ring it. So the minster has a new peal, and Schiller's bell now rests in the town museum. The case with which it can henceforth be seen will add something to the attractions of the little town, which has hitherto been distinguish ed chiefly for those falls of Schaffhauser which are as much at Schaffhausen as the village of Waterloo is on the battlefield. Poets, in prose and verse, have always had a partiality for bells, and there is no more vivid passage in literature than that in which Motley describes how, right through the days and nights of the slaughter and rapine of the Spanish fury the bells of Antwerp continued every half quarter of an hour their tender and melo dious chimes. While the Place de Meier ran with blood the sweet toned bells tinkled in midair as though beneath was nothing but peace and content.—St. James Ga

The Lovers' Curlew. fix the hour at which a lover's evening call should end. Judge Fiedler, in answer to the query of an anxious father, handed down from the bench his opinion that 11 o'clock is the proper time for evening sparking to cease. If we take it for grant-ed that this is standard time the latitude of the judge cannot help but meet with commendation, even from the most liberal thinkers on the subject. From 8 o'clock, say, until 11, standard, or 11:30, sun, is certainly ample time for a single sitting of the character referred to by the judge, and in well regulated households this time table should be prominently displayed, or at least understood. It would do away with the venerable references to taking in the morning milk, or getting the morning paper, or starting a fire in the kitchen stove. No doubt in many instances it would be pleasing to the young woman herself, for if she is a sensible girl she knows that late hours play the mischief with feminine good looks.-Cleve land Plain Dealer.

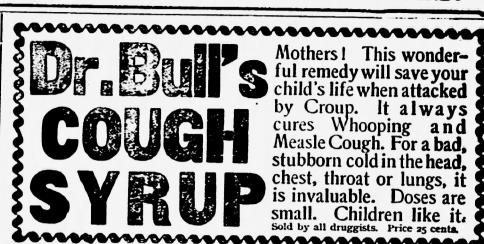
Dr. John Hall's Modesty. Several years ago, when the famous Scotch-Irish congress met in Springfield. O., the late lamented Dr. John Hall was one of the delegates. Though many distinguished men were in attendance, he was the star of greatest magnitude, and all were anxious to see and hear him. At a reception tendered by the citizens to the delegates in the parlors of the hotel at which he was stopping he won the admiration of every one by his hearty cordiality, and was fast monopolizing the honors of the evening. By and by, when he realized this, he began skillfully to divert the attention away from himself guiding it into the proper channel.

"I am forgetting myself," he would say to those who lingered round him, fascinated by his brilliant conversation: "vou will not wish to give me all your time. Have you met the officers of the association? No? Then let me present you to them," and immediately he led the way to the receiving line in so gracious a manner that none could be offended.—Christian Endeavor World.

Breakfast Skippers. An antibreakfast society is to be organized in Elgin, Ills., its membership comprising some of the most intelligent and cultured people of the city—editors, clergymen, physicians and teachers. It is the outcome of experiments in abstaining from the morning meal. Following the advice laid down by a Pennsylvania doctor, who for 20 years has used no drugs in his practice, the Elginites are subsisting on two meals a day and enjoying better health and a greater degree of exhibaration than they had known for years. The ranks of the converts are not confined to adults, for children have adopted the "new gospel of health," and it is said to be a fact, capable of demonstration, that they are making auch more rapid progress in their studies than they did when they believed three meals a day necessary to their existence. The claim is that the stomach needs a rest, and does not get it when three meals a day are the rule.—St. Louis Republic. The Promised End.

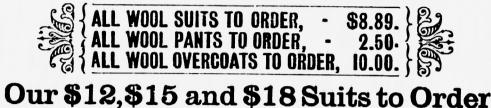
Down at the bottom of the sordid little treet where I stood a Salvationist funeral was passing. It had been raining heavily and was toward night. The costers' barrows stood thick along the gutters, which gleamed a pale green with cabbage refuse and vegetable decay. A potman threw a can of water from a window at a cat below; a haggard woman stood fingering the dreadful pieces of ment marked "One penny" on a butcher's stall. The air was close and dense, packed with ugly noise, and at the bottom of the street the procession passed-first two flags, drenched and shivering round their poles, then a strident band playing "Shall We Gather at the Rivery" with drum that came in loudly at the end of every line. A ragged following shuffled after. The procession passed, ungainly and grotesque, beating its pathetic way through the splashing mud. When it was gone, I found that my eyes had tears in them.—Academy. How Salisbury Lives, Lord Salisbury would live as modestly

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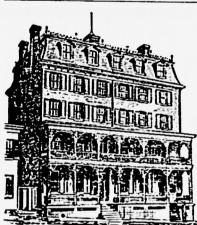


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