

## TO LOOK FOR AN ISLAND.

Schooner Leaves San Francisco on a Long and Romantic Voyage.

Will Try to Locate a Little Coral Reef on Which There Are Said to Be Valuable Guano Deposits.

The schooner Louise D. cleared at the custom house at San Francisco the other day for a cruise to New Baldy island. Her trip promises to be a long and romantic one, and before she comes back her crew expects that the American flag will be floating over a little coral reef close to the equator that no man or nation has claimed. New Baldy is the name given to the island, but so far the most accurate location that can be given for it is that it is in the North Pacific ocean. The island is said to be covered with an enormous and wonderful deposit of guano, and for nearly 50 years numerous vessels have started out in search of it, but they have always returned without being able to give its location.

It was first reported as being in existence by Lord Clipperton, an eccentric English navigator, naturalist and discoverer, and the man who gave his name to Clipperton island. He said in his report of cruises that the island lay approximately in north latitude 16° and west longitude 137, but was described as a low atoll and navigators say a vessel could sail within a dozen miles of it and pass by without seeing it. That part of the ocean is out of the track of a vessel plying between regular open ports, and, should the island exist, it could only be found by much diligent search for it. This is the object of the Louis D. She is being dispatched by the Oceanic Phosphate company. Capt. F. Errat will command her, and he says he will not come back until he finds the island. He was the mate of the schooner Moonlight, that made an unsuccessful search for the island about a year ago. The schooner has on board a plentiful supply of provisions and a quantity of lumber with which to build a house on the island when found.

## UNDERWEAR ON CITY HALL.

Gaudy Red Garments Adorn Flagstaff of New York's Building.

Mary Keese, the New York city hall janitor, who lives in the building with her family, engaged a new servant. She began her services in the morning and just before midday went to the roof to hang out the week's washing. She fixed a pair of radially red drawers and a like hued undershirt to the first rope she could reach and then drew it skyward. Then fastening the end to a nail on the roof the servant descended triumphantly to the janitor's apartment and reported that the washing was being dried rapidly.

Shortly afterward a pedestrian crossing City Hall park looked upward and saw two gaudy red garments tossing fitfully about the flagstaff on the building. Others were attracted by the strange signals and in a short time a crowd was looking and laughing.

When the janitor became aware of the crowds outside the hall he rushed to the roof and found that the servant had by mistake attached the red underwear to one of the flag ropes and drawn them half-way to the top of the staff which bears Mayor Strong's private ensign. It required only half a minute for the janitor to take down the underwear and about half that time to decide that the new servant was not fitted to shine in the service of the public.

## THE REDEMPTORIST FATHERS.

Soon to Dedicate a Famous New York Hotel as a Mission House.

The Redemptorist fathers will dedicate at New York city the once famous Monmouth Park hotel as a mission house within the next month. Active preparations are now being made to have everything in readiness by June 1, at which time a permanent superior will be appointed to take charge of affairs.

Father F. A. Litz, of Baltimore, purchased the hotel property, containing 16 acres of land, bordering upon the South Shrewsbury river. The hotel contains 187 sleeping rooms. The price paid for the property was \$25,000. In the last six months upward of \$50,000 have been expended, says the New York Tribune, the entire building having been overhauled. The large dining-room, with a seating capacity of 700, is now being converted into a chapel.

The house will be the permanent home of the Baltimore province of the Redemptorist Fathers, whose territory extends to the far west, including also a portion of Canada.

## DINED WITH THE QUEEN.

Granddaughter of Mr. Gladstone Entertained at Windsor Castle.

Queen Victoria did a graceful thing the other day and delighted Mr. and Mrs. Gladstone by summoning their granddaughter, Dorothy Drew, to Windsor castle. Her majesty was anxious to see the child who has figured so prominently in Mr. Gladstone's domestic life. Dorothy left Hayarden, accompanied by her mother, and from London to Windsor traveled with Princess Louise. On arriving at Windsor, they were met by Hon. William H. P. Carrington, one of the equerries in ordinary, with a royal carriage, to take them to the castle. After luncheon with the queen, Miss Drew returned to town.

## Japan's Navy.

Japan is going to spend \$40,000 in putting 12 young Japanese students through a three years course of study in America. They will work as gentleman apprentices with the great shipbuilding firms.

Price of Camels in Arabia.

The price of a camel varies in Arabia from \$15 to \$1,000.

## TO AVENGE HER MURDER.

Cuban Officers Coming to This Country on a Mission of Justice.

Private advice from Cuba state that Jose Carbone, a lieutenant colonel in the Cuban army and chief chemist in Gen. Gomez' division, has been granted leave of absence to return to the United States "on account of the ill health of a relative." It is hinted, however, that Carbone has an entirely different mission in connection with the recent death of Miss Maria Louise Gato at Jacksonville, Fla.

Carbone, whose father was a famous chemist of Cienfuegos, Cuba, was educated principally in this city, having been a student at the University of Pennsylvania. Later he entered Lehigh university at South Bethlehem and from there was graduated.

Some time ago he became acquainted with Miss Gato and later they were engaged. Then Carbone's patriotism took him to Cuba. He made an attempt to reach the island first on the steamer Three Friends, and was in the famous fight off the mouth of the San Juan river. Afterward he landed from the Dauntless and was at once promoted to a high rank by Gen. Gomez, on account of his extraordinary abilities as a manufacturer of explosives.

About ten days ago Miss Gato was followed by a man in Jacksonville, who fired five shots at her, all of them taking effect. She died in three days and accused a young man named Pitzer of having been her assailant. Pitzer was arrested and placed in jail. He denied all connection with the crime, although he said to have acknowledged that Miss Gato had refused to marry him.

The sad tidings of Miss Gato's death were conveyed to Carbone in Cuba, and he at once made application for leave of absence. It is said that he will go directly to Jacksonville and search out the murderer of his sweetheart.

## ANCIENT DOCUMENTS.

Interesting Papers Just Found in State House at Albany, N. Y.

State Comptroller Roberts, of New York, in his search for revolutionary papers which have been hidden for a century in the state house, has come across some ancient documents, which are the oldest he has yet found, and which are pertinently interesting at this time, in so much as they relate to excise accounts received by the state, then a colony of Great Britain, between the years 1710 and 1753. The excise returns for a year dating from 1710 for the entire colony amounted to £392 5 shillings, less than \$2,000, which is exceedingly insignificant when compared with \$11,000,000 returns on the trafficking in liquors in 1896.

Another old document dating back to 1715 is a report showing the duty paid into the state treasury on negro slaves.

An interesting paper found at the same time is an account for the services of Philip Livingston as a delegate in congress from 1777 to 1778, a total of 198 working days, at 31 shillings a day, the aggregate being £336 12 shillings.

Still another paper shows that the remains of Gen. Montgomery, who fell in the attack on Quebec in the French and Italian war in 1757, is buried in St. Paul's churchyard in New York city, and accompanying this is a bill from one Jacobus Myers for carting the monument for Gen. Montgomery's body to the churchyard.

## JOSEPH'S HISTORIC COAT.

Mrs. Le Favre Says the Garment of Scripture Was Violet.

Another historical fragment is exploded, another idol shattered. The "coat of many colors" owned by the Scriptural Joseph is now declared to have been of a violet hue, and not by any means a motley, patchwork garment.

It was during the progress of a lecture on "Gems and Colors; Their Symbolology," delivered by her the other afternoon before a select audience of women who, by complicated condition of circumstances, have fallen heir to an estate in that city valued at \$1,000,000 or more. Forty years ago a woman named Joanna Dickerman, of Trenton, N. J., was married to a man named Gottlieb Henninger. The couple moved to Chicago, where Henninger went blind and was turned out of doors by his wife. He returned to Easton and later went to Philadelphia, where he died. The woman took up with three different men at various times and they lived together as man and wife. By the last man, Curtis Robinson, she had two children. Six years ago the woman died, and a year later Robinson died, leaving an estate worth about \$1,000,000. The lawyers have succeeded in finding two brothers of the first husband. They live in New Jersey, a few miles from Easton. They will claim part of the estate.

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Chicago Lawyers Searching at Easton, Pa., for Heirs to a Million.

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## WILL ROUND THEM UP.

Oklahoma Man Offers to Save the Remnant of American Bison.

Buffalo Jones, of Oklahoma, who is at present in Washington, has made the interior department a proposition to corral the remnant of the once mighty herd of American bison. Practically all of these animals left in a wild state are in the Yellowstone national park, and Mr. Jones says they do not exceed 60 in number. He is an authority on buffalo, and he says that if the remaining animals are to be preserved they must be gathered at once, as the game in the park has been mercilessly slaughtered the past two years. Mr. Jones says the superintendent of the park has abandoned all hope of preserving a single specimen. The secretary has not acted upon the proposition.

## CROSSING THE CHANNEL.

The Northern railway of France is to reduce still further the time occupied in crossing the channel. Two large paddle steamers are being constructed in France, which will make the voyage in under an hour. The vessels will be most luxuriously fitted, and will be 325 feet long, with a beam of 36 feet, the indicated horse-power being 8,000.

## College Dallies.

The increasing wealth of American colleges enables no less than ten of them to publish daily newspapers. This luxury is indulged in by Yale, Harvard, Cornell, Princeton, Brown, Stanford, Tulane and the Universities of Pennsylvania, Wisconsin and Michigan.

## Marking Women's Ears.

In some portions of Abyssinia the men mark the ears of their women as if they were so many hogs.

## Salmon.

In the far northwest the people are looking forward to an unusually heavy run of salmon during the coming season, beginning early in July. One canning company expects to put up 150,000 cases of the fish. Preparations to set traps are under way.

## L'ABEILLE DE LA NILE-ORLEANS

est très répandue en Louisiane et dans tous les Etats du Sud. Sa publicité offre donc un commerce des avantages exceptionnels. Prix de l'abonnement, pour l'année: Edition quotidienne, \$12 00; Edition hebdomadaire, \$3 00; Edition de Dimanche, \$2 00.

## MUST CARRY COURTING CARDS.

Calling on Young Ladies at North-western to Be Regulated by Ticket.

Henry Wade Rogers, president of Northwestern university, and Emily Huntington Miller, dean of Women's hall, have decreed that hereafter the young men who wish to make calls upon the fair "coeds" of the college must come prepared with courting tickets.

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