

OLD RIDDLE OF SEA SOLVED

Survivor of Arctic Tragedy of 1902 Returns to Tell the Story of Wreck.

Tacoma, Wash.—Nine years ago next October the steamship Discovery, bound from Nome, Alaska, for Puget Sound, was lost off the Southern Alaska coast. About seventy persons, including a dozen residents of Port Townsend, Wash., perished.

FIND CENTURY-OLD SKULL

Coke Works Excavators Dig Up Mrs. Curry's Cranium at Shimersville, Pa.

South Bethlehem, Pa.—The finding of a skull and a few bones of a human being by workmen excavating for the new \$6,000,000 coke oven near the Florence Zinc works, at Shimersville, reveals interesting local history.

TRAPPED BY CASH ON ROPE

"Black Hand" Writer's Scheme Falls to Fool Sleuths in New Jersey.

Trenton, N. J.—After being arrested as a "Black Hand" man, John Lengman of Hackensack declared to the government inspectors that he got his idea of crime from the moving pictures.

INITIALS IN BABY'S EYE

First Letters of Names Chosen Before Birth Appear on Retina.

Philadelphia.—Physicians here are attempting to explain the phenomena of certain lettering observed on the retina of the eyes of two-year-old John Dugan of this city.

RANCHMAN BECOMES A BARON

C. T. Clifton of Montana Gets Title Created in 1324—Succeeds His Brother.

London.—A Montana rancher becomes a British peer by the death of Baron Grey De Ruthyn in his fifty-fourth year.

PATHETIC PLEA FOR CHILDREN

Words of Charles Kingsley Worth Heeding by Every Man and Woman of Any Worth.

Do not deceive yourselves about the little dirty, offensive children in the street. If they be offensive to you, they are not to him that made them.

GAVE HIM SOME NEW IDEAS

Pessimistic Man of Forty Wonderfully Cheered by a Few Remarks Made by His Wife.

"Damnation, I'm forty today," he groaned. "Look at my wrinkles. Look at my bald spot. Look at the gray hair above my ears. Youth is gone—the grave approaches—and I'm so wretched that I think I'll go and drink 50 beers."

PRECAUTION RARELY TAKEN

A German medical journal draws attention to a possible factor in the spread of infectious conditions of the mouth, nose, and pharynx that is not sufficiently recognized in many households.

What is the oldest order in existence? The claim is made for that of the Holy Sepulchre, the grand officership of which has just been conferred by the pope on a member of the Irish Nationalist party.

GUANACO UNIQUE

I have seen the Indian guanaco-skin capras (cloaks) sold by the fur dealers of Punta Arenas, but this was my first glimpse of the animal itself.

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SHERIDAN'S "DEBT OF HONOR"

A "debt of honor" story that may be worth recalling concerns the prince of debtors, Richard Brinsley Sheridan.

"It's no use looking at that, my good fellow," said Sheridan, "that is all spoken for debts of honor."

LIKE SO MANY GREAT MEN

Napoleon's Handwriting So Bad That He Himself Was Unable to Decipher It.

"As showing Bonaparte's carelessness as to correctness in writing and spelling, Las Cases says: 'One day he said to me: 'You do not write orthographically, do you? At least, I suppose you do not; for a man occupied with public or other important business—a minister, for instance—cannot and need not attend to orthography. His ideas must flow faster than his hand can trace them; he has only time to place his points; he must put his words in letters, and phrases in words; and let the scribes make it out afterward.'

TRAINING FOR LIFE'S WORK

Adoption of Ruskin's Views Would Mean the Making of This Into a Different World.

As to the distribution of the hard work, none of us, or very few of us, do either hard or soft work because we think we ought, but because we have chosen to fall into the way of it and cannot help ourselves.

LOOKS IN ANCIENT EGYPT

The Egyptian lock, states the Ironmonger, was an assemblage of wooden pins or bolts.

It has been a matter of students with scarcely a smattering of French grammar to wade through the classics, they doubtless had small sales, as sales are reckoned now, but we are assured that they were the best sellers of their day.

TENNYSON'S PENSION

Our note published in this column on Peel's contempt for literature recalls the fact that it was Peel who obtained Tennyson his pension of £200.

STRANGE GUESTS AT ST. BERNARD

An enormous flock of swallows was overtaken by a heavy snowstorm near the famous Hospice of St. Bernard in the Alps last winter.

DEEP BREATHING BEFORE BED

English Physician Gives Some Simple Rules That Will Aid Seekers After Health.

A correspondent of the Medical Times sends an interesting note on deep breathing. The best time (he says) seems to be immediately before retiring to bed, as doing nothing more before lying down, the habit continues and becomes fixed; the window, of course, should be open more or less.

FRANCES LADY SHELLY DESCRIBES THE FAMOUS ENGLISH POET AS SHE SAW HIM

Frances Lady Shelley, who knew most of the celebrated people between the dates 1787 and 1817, gives a description of Lord Byron as she first saw him in 1813.

CORNELLE NOT IN WANT

It has long been a literary tradition that Cornelle, the great French poet, died in want.

TELLING THE BEES

The custom of "telling the bees" is often referred to by those interested in curious happenings. In some parts of England it has always been the habit to inform the bees whenever there is a death in the family.

AMERICA'S OLDEST UNIVERSITY

The comparatively small connection the people of the United States have with Peru makes it difficult for many to realize that in the city of Lima is the oldest university in the new world.

WATER SURFACE OF GLOBE

The portion of the earth's surface that is covered by water, when the lakes and inland seas are included, is three times as great as the dry land area.

BOOKS BOUND IN RAT SKIN

It appears that a new use has been found for the skin of the common brown rat. In England, it is said, the bookbinders have taken to using these skins for covers of fine editions.

MAKING SOMETHING OF LIFE

Real Joy Comes From Creating. Though the Object May Not Be of Great Significance.

While every man who makes a living is not a genius, yet the real joy of creating can belong to each of us in just as real and true a way.

BOUND TO LOVE EACH OTHER

Probably Third Woman Was Right but the Other Two Must Have Felt Somewhat Uncomfortable.

There was a great crowd at the picture exhibition, and empty seats were at a premium, when two pretty women spied and made for a place at the selfsame moment.

VEGETATION IN THE SNOW

Delicate and Beautiful Flowers in Abundance, Though Absence of Fragrance is Marked.

Snowstorms during the summer months are of frequent occurrence in the Rocky Mountain region at an elevation of 10,000 feet and upward.

MAN CREATOR OF CHARACTER

Portion of the Immortal Life That in Law of Nature Must Endure For Ever.

Nature works upon the lower forms of life. A higher power than the stone has formed it; the trees, the flowers, even the insects and beasts are plastic materials in the hands of the Great Potter.

AUSTRALIAN "TEA FIDDLE"

The "tea fiddle" is still in vogue in New South Wales and Queensland, writes a correspondent. The term has nothing in common with "fiddling" in the sense in which that word is used in England.

FIRST "MAN OF STRAW"

The phrase, "a man of straw," had its origin in England at a time when men might easily be procured to furnish evidence upon oath in almost any emergency.

BRAZILIAN STATUES

In the South American republics it is not alone warriors and statesmen who are remembered by public statues.