

**SOLD BY THE HANDFUL.**

**Net Clouds of Giant Mosquitoes Keep Treasure Seekers at Bay.**

Gold in plenty may be found in the lands of the Volador River, a stream of moderate volume that comes tumbling from the snow line of the Sierra de St. Martha, in South America, but, though the lowland region and the river bed where the precious metal abounds in fabulous quantities are easily accessible, the mosquitoes are so thick and terrible there that all attempts to ride the sands of the gold have so far failed.

Eliseo Reclus, the celebrated French geographer, was the discoverer of this wonderful stream, whose waters sweep over sands that are literally golden. He told the news to the French Vice Consul at Rio Hacha, and this official obtained the concession of this Eldorado.

He took with him when he set out an ingeniously constructed gauze tent of large dimensions. For two days he tried to live under its shelter and watch the operations of his workmen, who toiled in the stifling heat, clothed in thick garments and protected by heavy boots, gloves and veils. At the end of the second day, however, both employer and employe with one accord gave up the struggle and retreated.

The next to try to wring fortune from these auriferous sands was an Italian who obtained permission from the Vice Consul referred to above. The Italian started out with a party of six, who shared with him his belief, and so they took along no special protection against the insects. They endured for less than half an hour the awful torture and then fled.

Yet there are human beings who can venture with impunity into this hell whose guardian demons are mosquitoes, and these are some of the savage natives of the mountains from whose rocky steep the river comes tumbling down. These savages, who are mosquito-proof, are rendered so by their bodies being covered with the scales of that awful disease, leprosy. The mosquitoes will not touch them.

But neither gold nor the gains of civilization will tempt them to labor, and there is no human power, apparently, which will drag them out from their rude caves on the mountain side and make them labor for the white man.—New York World.

France now claims that in the event of war she can put an army of 4,000,000 soldiers into the field.

In 1882 it took 354 bushels of wheat to pay for a self-binding reaper, while a better one can be bought this year for the price of 187 bushels.

Paul Novicov, a Russian, is writing to demonstrate that poverty is due to human stupidity, as a result of which it is said not more than one person in ten is well fed and well clothed. He thinks the stupidity consists chiefly in producing too little and wasting too much.

Secretary Herbert, acting upon the recommendations of a board of naval experts, has ordered that cellulose from the pith of cornstalks be substituted for that from cocoa fibre for use on United States war ships to prevent leakage through apertures made by the enemy's guns.

Figures received at the Indian Bureau, show that 30,000 Indians are now engaged in farming stock, raising and other civilized pursuits. About 22,000 voted at the last election; 30,000 out of the total population of 247,000 are church members; 183,000 are self-supporting and 35,000 pay taxes.

According to the Medical Record some English ladies, residents in China, have started a society to put a stop to the practice of binding the feet of young girls. Chinamen, who test of the imperfections, ask the members of the new society to join them in the formation of a Natural Waist Society, to put an end to tight-lacing.

San Francisco has the tall building fever, and is to have a fifteen-story affair that will tower 310 feet above the sidewalk. Chas. Spreckels is to build it. It will be so much taller than anything now standing there that it will be plainly visible from all parts of the city and from the bay. It will be but 75x70 feet, and will be really a big square tower, capped by a big dome. On paper it looks to the New York Sun by no means unattractive.

Although the eight-hour working day is still shrouded in France, it appears from the report of the labor commission for 1891 that the ten-hour day for children under sixteen prescribed by the law of November, 1892, has proved impracticable. Although the bill extending the time to eleven hours has not been passed as yet by the chamber, the inspectors have been instructed to act upon it as if it were law, by prosecuting no cases of infringement in which the hours worked do not exceed eleven. There were in 1891, 2,531 reports against factories employing children more than eleven hours, the result being that most of the large mills in which adults had worked twelve hours, or even more, have reduced the hours for all their employment to eleven.

The record of Sunday suicides in Chicago, according to the Tribune of that city, was most extraordinary. Seven persons—five men and two women—made the attempt to end their lives, and five of them succeeded. The youngest of the group of unfortunates was a girl of 18. Ill-health was the cause of one, insanity of one, domestic infidelity of two, melancholy of one and liquor of two. It is noticeable that four out of the seven used poison as the agency of self-destruction, the poisons being carbolic acid, laudanum, Paris green and morphine. This peculiar prominence of poison as the means of committing suicide is not confined to this instance, it prevails all over the United States. In two-thirds of reported cases the pistol and poison are the agencies in use. Last year there were 1,729 cases of poisoning to 1,504 of shooting. This year to date the poisoning cases exceed the shooting, being 1,218 to 1,141. The extraordinary increase which has taken place only during the last two years, apart from the pathetic side of it—for poisoning is the most agonizing of all forms of death—shows the ease with which self-murderers are able to procure poisons, and argues that some more stringent restrictions should be placed upon their sale by druggists.

**A Playful Bear.**  
The clumsy antics of the sun bear in the lion house of the "Zoo" daily attract large crowds, much to the satisfaction of Bruin, says the Philadelphia Record, who delights in a large and appreciative audience. He has recently been furnished with a new toy in the shape of a log of wood almost as large as himself, with which he pounds on the floor of his cage much after the style of a laborer running cobbles. Once in a while he drives the log against his own foot or varies the performance by throwing it up in the air to drop on his skull. Another favorite amusement of the playful brute is practiced in the morning, when the tin floor has been recently washed and is still wet. Standing erect on his hind leg Bruin takes a short run and then slides along like a schoolboy over the slippery surface.

Before he had won renown as a poet Joaquin Miller had failed as a lawyer, and editor.

**FOR FARM AND GARDEN.**

**WASTED FODDER.**

Taking the estimates of the Department of Agriculture as to the area grown to corn, and the per cent of waste of the corn fodder annually in the United States, it appears that this annual waste on the farms of the country amounts to over \$500,000,000. Just think of such an enormous annual waste of one of the products of a staple crop. Suppose that the farmers of the United States were required to put their hands in their pockets and throw away over \$500,000,000 annually! And yet that is the equivalent of what is going on respecting one of the great staple products of the farm. Save properly and feed the corn fodder, and sell the hay for cash, for it brings a good price.—Indiana Farmer.

**HOW TO USE NITRATE OF SODA.**

This fertilizer is very quickly soluble, and thus acts immediately, being taken in by the roots in a few hours after it is applied to the land. Hence it should only be used when the crop to which it is applied is in a quickly growing condition. Thus, it is a waste to use it in the latter part of the season, and the best time is in the spring or summer, soon after the crop is well started in growth. It is advisable to divide the quantity, sowing half of it later and when the plants are in an active condition. For onions, it should be sown in three portions, the first when the seed or the sets are put into the ground, the second two weeks later, and the third two weeks after the second, thus preventing any loss of the nitrate in the soil by washing into the subsoil before the plants can dispose of it.—New York Times.

**SELLING YOUR PIGS.**

The chief obstacle to success in growing pigs is the danger of becoming overstocked. There is always a profit if pigs are sold while young. But many farmers who have a fine lot of growing pigs will not sell them, thinking to make greater profit by feeding until they have attained full growth. In most cases this is a mistake. The older a pig grows the smaller is usually the profit from feeding it. Besides, it is poor policy for any class of men to try to always get all the profit there is in a trade. We have known men so close at a bargain that they could finally find nobody to trade with them. To live and let live should be the aim of all. A good rule is when breeding animals not to refuse a reasonable offer that would leave a fair profit and not stop further breeding. With stock that increase so rapidly as do pigs, a very few breeding sows will quickly replace those that are sold. If this is done repeatedly through the year, the profit each time amounts to more than could be made by feeding animals until they attain full growth.—Boston Cultivator.

**CAMPAIGN AGAINST WEEDS.**

Inquiries are constantly coming to us concerning the best method of getting rid of noxious weeds, especially perennials. Begin by sowing the infested fields to oats in the spring, or wheat or rye in the fall. Soon after these small grains have been harvested, plow under the stubble, thus checking the development of the first crop of weeds. When the second crop has started on the plowed ground, go over it with a disk harrow, corn cultivator, or any other farm implement that will kill the young weeds. Repeat this operation as often as necessary this fall to prevent the maturing of any seed or the development of root-stocks. Seed the field to winter grain again this fall and repeat the operation again next year. If the weeds are very persistent, as the Canada thistle, quack grass, etc., cultivate the fallow often enough to prevent any green leaf surface appearing. Otherwise the underground stems will live for a long time. This is the best method of treating an infested field, and it persisted in will be successful. Now is the time to begin the work. Do not neglect it.—American Agriculturist.

**CROSS BREEDS.**

The improved breeds of poultry have undoubtedly done much to make poultry breeding successful and profitable. It is acknowledged that the dunghill fowl cannot compete with the improved breeds, either in the production of eggs or flesh. Nevertheless, we do not believe in the average farmer going in for pure breeds. He should leave them for the fancier, who understands the problem of breeding, and is steadily trying to cultivate and improve on them.

The general poultry breeder is in the business for eggs and poultry, and he will find that high grades will give him better results than pure bloods. Poultry breeds up very rapidly, and it is much easier to grade up as in stock breeding, always using pure-bred males, than it is to hold one's own with pure blooded stock. In the latter case the tendency is apt to be downward, while in the former it is always steadily upward.

But the most serious objection is that pure-bred fowls are apt to be of a delicate nature. The breeding up and in to which they have been subjected has weakened their constitutions, precisely as it has done that of all other animals of the "improved breeds." Certain advantages have undoubtedly been gained, but these are always accompanied by a sacrifice of vigor. This is where the great merit of the cross breeds is so clearly shown, for in them are to be found the desired characteristics of the pure breeds united to the hardiness of the common stock. It is this combination which is needed by poultry breeders, and which they must have if they are to find profit in their work.—New York World.

**QUAINT AND CURIOUS.**

**Oliver Goldsmith wrote "The Vicar of Wakefield" in six weeks.**

Between the Nile and the Red Sea abundant forests once blessed a soil now dry and desolate.

Wild dogs begin to be a nuisance in some parts of Kansas. They grow up with the country too rapidly.

Gerónimo the captive Indian chief, acts as a police magistrate for his tribe. He has been a prisoner for ten years.

Hoodley, J. Ringer of Benwood, W. Va., is exhibiting to curious neighbors a white groundhog which he caught in a trap.

One leg of a pair of trousers was found in the stomach of a big shark caught near Annapolis, Md., some time ago.

A two-year-old boy of Warsaw, Ind., committed suicide because he could not stand the taunts of his playmates about his mother.

Francisco Bazaine, son of the late Marshal Bazaine of France, is reported dead of yellow fever in Cuba. He was a sergeant in the Spanish army.

A cherry tree in Guilford, Me., has acquired considerable notoriety by bearing ripe fruit on one side and blossoming on the other at the same time.

James Settle, a Point Mills (W. Va.) boy, went to sleep on a railroad track. When the train came along his faithful dog tried to pull him off, but both were killed together.

In Fayetteville, N. Y., there was a great celebration when Peter Johnson became of age, the age of 100. He can remember "hear tell" of Washington's death when he was six.

Bicycles are now authorized by the French postoffice department for the distribution of telegrams, and an allowance of \$3 a month is made to messengers for the use of their machines.

What is asserted to be the oldest lifeboat in existence is preserved at South Shields, England, as a valued relic. It was built in 1830, and during more than fifty years of active service was instrumental in saving 1,028 persons.

John Fassnacht of Detroit, Mich., was walking with a lady the other night when a tough followed them and accosted the lady. Fassnacht struck him, knocking him down, and went on with the lady. Shortly afterward the tough was found dead. Fassnacht was not detained by the police.

**Uncle Sam's Pensioners.**

The United States have two pensioners in Algeria, three in the Argentine Republic, in South America; twenty-five in Australia, twenty-one in Austria-Hungary, one in the Azores Islands, thirteen in Belgium, four in Brazil, seventeen have found refuge in British Columbia, two are at present located in Bulgaria, four live in Central America, six in Chili, eight have found homes in China, three are living in Costa Rica, five are in Cuba, Denmark has more than her share, there being twenty-four of our old soldiers now resident there; one has straggled to Egypt and one to the Fiji Islands. France is well provided, having fifty-six of our Civil War veterans; Guatemala has one, sixteen are at present engaged in upholding the Republic at Hawaii, three are braving the yellow fever in Honduras, one is on Greenland's icy mountains, three are peering India's coral strand. Italy has twenty-five, none are living in the dominion of the Mikado, Corea has one, Liberia has two, two are living in Malta, two in Mauritius, fifty-eight in Mexico, ten in the Netherlands, four in New Zealand, three in Nicaragua, thirty-six are in the land of the Czar, two in Siam, one in the island where Napoleon breathed his last, and one in the island where he was born; one in the Society Islands, one in the South African Republic, seven in Spain, thirty-four in Sweden, seventy-seven in the Republic of Switzerland, four in the land of the Turk, one in Uruguay and nine in the West Indies, this record forming a most remarkable testimony to the ability of the Americans to scatter themselves all over the face of the earth.—New York Telegram.

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**"Praying for Papa."**

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"Yes."

"Well, then," added the guard, "you saw my three little children. They were kneeling at a trunk in front of the window of that house we passed. Over them stood their mother. She was about sending them to bed, but before they go she teaches 'em to pray for me. Yes, and she brings 'em there so as I can see 'em."

"And," he added, with a manly attempt to stifle a sob that welled up in his throat, "she has told me what she tells 'em to say."

"What is it?" inquired the auditor.

"I do hope you won't think me foolish, sir, but, as I guess you are a married man and a father, you may care to hear it. You see, it is this way. The kids—they go to bed at 9. That's about the time my train goes by the house. It's right on the line. So, just about that moment she brings the little 'uns up to the trunk in their nightgowns and makes 'em kneel down with their hands clasped on their faces. And then they pray and I pray."

"For you?" was the interruption.

"Yes, you're right. They pray that papa will be good and kind, and keep sober, and bring home all his money, and—"

"I'm rough, tough and all that, but I love my wife and I love my children. They are the only ones on earth that keep me straight."

**Clothes Made of Peat.**

Underwear is now made in Paris of peat. This sounds like a joke, but there is nothing of the Munchausen order about it. It has been known for some time that peat has certain antiseptic qualities. A dead body which was buried in peat for over a century was found in a state of perfect preservation. Peat is used in the northern countries of Europe for surgical bandages, and the favorable results obtained by the Russian surgeons with peat bandages have induced the French army department to use it in the French hospitals. It has also been found that peat fibers in combination with other material possess wonderful absorbing properties. This has led Dr. Baurud to use peat fibers for the making of underwear in the place of flannel. The new material has proven very effective, absorbing perspiration and rapidly drying. Dr. Baurud calls his fabric a "cool hydrant pump," and pronounces it an excellent preventive of colds. The new textile is already largely used in France.

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