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ARCTIC BIRDS. No writer can visit the Pacific Arctic without being struck by the amazing number of sea birds he meets with. Gulls, ducks and geese are found in almost incredible numbers, not to mention the land birds, such as ptarmigan, plover, snipe and so on; but the one that catches them all in number is the auk, whose pygopodous family is noted for its distribution in the Polar seas.

QUITE TOO ZOO; UTTERLY UTERS. "I was Anglo-Saxon, And you were Japanese. We'd study storks together, Pink out the peacock's feather, And lean our languid back on The stiffest of sofas— If I were Anglo-Saxon, And you were Japanese.

is sitting sad and lonely, and would be delighted to, perhaps, though even she, poor old lady, may have her preferences," snickered Lily, just then whirled away, smile all over her lovely face, by a youth as handsome as herself.

cross, preoccupied enough as you this morning," observed a fellow clerk. "What do you think of domestic life?" was Linn's astonishing rejoinder. "The happiest kind is the nearest type of heaven we can have on this mundane sphere. Ah, I thought you'd come to it some day. Who's the lady of your choice?"

proved, and into it the widow had beguiled him, to talk about an investment in stocks which a drummer had lately urged upon her consideration. At last, Carl Kendall grew impatient and declared he must see this charming and most-prudent "incognita" unveiled.

SHAVING THE FACH. Thirty years ago a few persons of foreign birth appeared in the streets with hair on the upper lip, and were objects of curiosity and sometimes of public ridicule. In 1850 some of the young swells of the metropolis began to wear mustaches, but for some time no clerk would venture to imitate them.

PLEASANTIES. COMMON SENSE—Lawyer's advice. SWITZER TENDERS—Hair pink. A BAD POLICY—One that has run out. FOOD for the Celestial—A little leave.

FROM AN ARKANSAS PAPER we copy the following dramatic account of a deadly duel in Indian Territory: J. T. Carpenter, a Choctaw chief, and Col. Price, a prominent citizen, became involved in a quarrel at Pine Creek Indian Agency.

TEASING A BACHELOR. Sitting upon the edge of his bed, one cold and frosty morning, Linn Thompson absently surveyed the prospect, as furnished by his ten-by-twelve room, and the more he surveyed the more perplexed did he become.

But we have left Linn quite too long sitting by the side of his bed the morning succeeding Mrs. Bangs' musicale. He had not slept a moment since his return. "I am growing old fast," he soliloquized, giving another look at his reflection in the glass.

HOW RUSSIA IS GOVERNED. The governing forces of Russia are very imperfectly understood in this country. Among these governing bodies is, in the first place, the Council of State. Composed of the highest dignitaries of the empire, all appointed by the Czar, this body plays the role of a Legislature.

LONG SWIMS BY MEN AND ANIMALS. Referring to the wonderful feats of swimming performed by Webb, the opinion is expressed in Nature that men and animals would sustain themselves for long distances in water much oftener were they not incapacitated by terror or completely ignorant of their real powers.

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THE GREAT GUNMAKERS, Messrs. Krupp, of Germany, have succeeded in perfecting a process which will lead to a material reduction in the expenditure on ordnance for the German navy and army. All the heavier Krupp guns consist of a steel body strengthened by hoops, the thirty and one-half centimetre guns having three tiers of hoops, the twenty-six centimetre and twenty-four centimetre two, and the remainder one tier.

THE CONCEITED OLD GOOSE! Lily Green, whose mother had also thought of him with tears. "Such a homely creature!" said another, surveying her youthful charms in the mirror. "I can't bear to have him approach me. He is so old to live. Why don't he die?"

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