

THE ASTORS.

POINTS OF INTEREST ABOUT A VERY WEALTHY FAMILY.

An Estate Valued at \$120,000,000.—Astor Interests—The Son Who Becomes an Idiot—Family Peculiarities.

Writing about the Astor family, a New York correspondent says: The Astor House was built by John Jacob Astor, at a time when William's boys were mere lads. As they grew up they developed into old-fashioned business men, and married in a very quiet manner.

John Jacob and William, the first of the Astors, were married in 1765. They then built each a spacious brick house on adjoining lots in Fifth avenue, and each has a corner and 100 feet front, this being more than is held by any other family in the avenue except the Vanderbilts.

It is very remarkable that old John Jacob Astor never had a family burial plot. He had, however, only two deaths in his family. His wife, Maria Henley, and no one but her family, were buried there.

Mr. Reed's Divining Rod.—Another singular chapter is added to the story of William Reed, the Pittsburg oil prospector and geologist, who was drowned in the Atlantic Ocean.

An Aeroplanable Airship.—The so-called "overboard airship" of Dr. Wolfert is driven forward or backward by means of a fan-like propeller at the forward end of the car, while a second propeller, directly under the car, serves to raise or lower the balloon.

Extraordinary Water-Power.—On the coast of the Grecian island of Cephalonia are a large number of fissures or pits, in which the contained fresh or salt water rises and falls like the sea outside, though the water-level inside is four feet lower than outside.

WORDS OF WISDOM.
Put no faith in tale-bearers.
Reckless youth makes rueful age.
Plain words make the most ornamental sentences.

The brave man is an inspiration to the weak, and compels a following.
Curses are like processions; they return to the place from whence they came.

What we believe is right is more often so because it grinds our axe than otherwise.

It is not the quantity of meat, but the cheerfulness of the guests, which makes the feast.

Never did any soul do good but it came ready to do the same again with more enjoyment.

Pleasure must first leave the warrant that it is without sin; then, the measure, that it is without excess.

Improve the wit you have bought at a dear rate, and the wisdom you have gained by sad experience.

Oh, how small a portion of earth will hold us when we are dead! What ambition seeks after the whole earth while we are living.

The more weakness, the more falsehood; strength goes straight. Every cannon ball that has in it hollows or holes goes crooked.

Pride's chickens have bonny feathers, but they are an expensive brood to rear; they eat up everything, and are always lean when brought to the market.

Life on a Gloucester Fishing Schooner.—The life of our fishermen in early times was a very primitive one, and consisted of little more than a daily struggle with the elements.

A Lake Disaster Recalled.—The Lady Elgin, a lake steamer, collided with a sailing vessel named Augustus, and sank in Lake Michigan, September 12, 1860. There were 29 persons lost, many of whom were from Milwaukee.

THE LADY ELGIN.
Up from the poor man's cottage,
A sweet old woman came,
Sweeping as she came.

What Edible Birds' Nests are Made Of.—Naturalists have not been able to decide of what material the edible birds' nests are composed. Some have regarded them as made of pure animal secretions.

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HARE SHOOTING.

A RUNNER THAT CAN OUSTRIP A GREYHOUND.

Shooting the Little Animal With a Bow and Arrow—Recollections of a Hunter in Kentucky.

In America, says Maurice Thompson in the *Ohio Democrat*, the hare is called rabbit by nearly everybody; but the fact is we have no genuine wild rabbits in our country.

The common hare, or gray rabbit, as it is commonly known, is the swiftest runner for a short race of all the wild animals, so far as I have had the opportunity to observe.

Gold Watches.—Only a few years ago the owner of a gold watch was regarded a wealthy individual. It is not so now.

Spectacles for Horses.—A correspondent of the Manchester *England Chronicle* tells the story of a man who owned a horse which he called "Baldy."

A LADY'S DREAM.—Up from the poor man's cottage, a sweet old woman came, sweeping as she came.

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MEXICAN DISHES.

How Shot Are Made.
Every person who has walked about the lower part of New York must have noticed a high, round tower, which is the rocky part of the Empire State.

WHAT THE WEALTHY PEOPLE OF THE WORLD EAT.
Eating Roasts Preserved, Entire and Other Dainties—Some Natural Dishes—A Mexican Housewife Making Diner.

Fannie B. Ward writes from Mexico that not only the aristocrats, but all Mexicans with any pretensions to social standing, require salt every day.

During my first year in this country I greatly missed the accustomed edibles, and found it extremely difficult to subsist upon diet so entirely new.

A Skipper With a Charmed Life.—There is a sailor on Lake Michigan who seems to be a charmed life. When the waves are swaying in a way that threatens to engulf every craft upon them, he is in his element.

The Treasure Ship Hussar.—In the earlier days of the Revolutionary war, the British war ship Hussar was sunk in the East River, New York.

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THE CURSE OF GOLD.

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CURIOS FACTS.

Peaches were introduced into England from Persia in 1662.

A Russian miser learned to bark in order to avoid the expense of keeping a watch-dog.

N. Varole, a surgeon and physician of Bologna, is said to have discovered the optic nerves about 1638.

Pope Leo has received among his jubilee gifts a woollen petticoat, woven by a poor woman and her crippled daughter.

The apricot was first introduced into England, for cultivation, from Asia Minor, about 1640, by the gardener of Henry VIII.

The biggest tree in California—and it is a monster, indeed—is the "Keystone State," in the Calaveras Grove. It is 321 feet high and forty-five feet in circumference.

The oldest piece of dated cabinet-making work in the world is the chair and chair of Queen Hatshep of the Egyptian Dynasty, B. C. 1680. It has been presented to the British Museum.

A San Francisco man who refused to pay a bill of \$336.50 for twenty-two hours' work put on his teeth, was sued by the dentist for the amount.

The first silver coin struck in England was the silver penny. Until the reign of Edward I. it was marked with a cross so deeply indented that it could be easily separated into two for half-pence and into four for farthings, hence the name.

Pumpkins grown on the Hudson have a name in raised letters grown on each. The name is cut through the skin when they are growing, and as it heats up leaves a raised scar in the shape of "Baby Mine," "Dewdrop," "Junio," and other inscriptions.

Great improvement has been made in late years in the tools used for boring tunnels. In one month, recently, a few feet were bored in the Cascade Tunnel in Washington Territory, which is the greatest distance ever accomplished in a single month in tunneling.

Division of labor has been carried to such perfection in this country that it is now possible, so it is said, to make a complete sewing machine in a minute, or sixty in an hour, a reaper every fifteen minutes, a locomotive in a day, and three hundred watches in the same time.

There is a printer with only one arm on one of the Los Angeles (Cal.) dailies. His left arm is gone from the very shoulder, yet with his right hand he bravely follows sets type at a remarkably rapid rate.

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