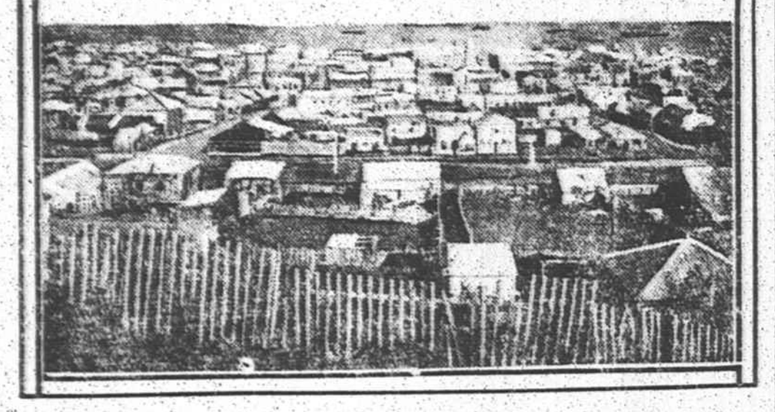
IN PATAGONIA



View of Punta Arenas.

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LIKE Kamchatka and Timbuktu, Patagonia, at the southern end of South America, has long stood as a symbol for the ends of the earth and along with this conception has gone the idea that it is a frigid waste land. Magellan must have had such an opinion of the region when he sailed through it along the tortuous passage that bears his name, and the whalers and traders who rounded South America after him came away with similar views. Darwin, studying the sandy wastes of Argentinian Patagonia on the Atlantic side, thought the whole country a worthless desert.

The bad name which it got may have held Patagonia back for a time. But man will go anywhere that fortune beckons. It is now known that behind its unlovely exterior Patagonia has excellent pasture lands. Experiments proved that sheep ... there. Since 1914 when ... showed a sharp advance ... been a great boom in Pat... it is now one of the world's ... sheep regions.

Chile bounds ... extremity and includes ... part of the sheep lands on ... Fuego, the large southern ... on the mainland just ... Strait of Magellan. On ... side of the strait is Sit... Arenas, the metropolis ... grazing sheep country and ... ernmost city of any ... the world.

Today as formerly day ... ter entering the strait ... plane receives a port inspe... and. At its entrance ... about twenty miles wide ... narrows to seven or eight ... of one place is only two ... wide. The shores are ... of low, featureless hills ... scarcely a tree or bush ... out and again of great ... A close view shows, ... much of the ground sup... sparse growth of grass.

Coming upon Punta Are... surprise because of the ... ween the apparently w... and this bustling moder... its population, which is ... Punta Arenas is the ... ially successful of all C... It owes its recent prospe... to the growth of the sh... Exports in the United St... ent year totaled $12,... was also a considerable ... frozen mutton to Great B...

Growth of Punta Arenas

The earliest navigators ... ploit and Sarmiento's ... here in the sixteenth cen... starvation. On the site ... Famine the Chilean ... in 1843. Yankee sailors ... dubbed the colony, ... Sandy Point" (Punta ... the name survived.

In the sixties the ... line between Valparaiso ... pool was inaugurated on ... nas, the most isolated ... American cable into impo... 1,000 miles from Bahia ... nearest big port on the ... 800 miles from Talcah... west coast.

Twenty years ago Punt... an unprepossessing little ... vanized iron roofs dotting ... ping and the news of t... only ships could bring ... bell at the end of the lo... there w... great excite... aided the coming of a ... rushed the cosmopolita... of this "tail-end" city ... from home.

Telegraph and wi... brought this region, sol... sea and impassable tra... vated country, in touch ... of Chile. Now it has ... daily newspapers.

The Panama canal ... a ... Arenas a hard blow, ... verted. But, in spite ... importance as a port o... y continued to thrive.

Turning its eyes fro... n, it grew to value its s... z... ing lands. Sheep ran... d. Motor roads stretched ... he Argentine pampas, a ... ing fleet of small vessels sailed into the Fuegian channels. The metropolis of Magellanes has taken on a pleasing, prosperous air.

The city has half a dozen reasonably good hotels which ... the manner of the country, ... exceedingly hearty meals. There is practically no difference in heaviness of ... between luncheon and dinner, and ... utton, of course, is the standby as a piece de resistance. The great crabs caught in the near-by frigid waters furnish a characteristic Punta Arenas delicacy. These creatures are two feet overall. Only the legs are eaten, and their meat is like that of the best lobster.

The Punta Arenas of today boasts paved streets, good shops and buildings of brick and stucco. Much corrugated iron is still used on the outskirts of the town, however. There has not been an entire break with the past. Motor trucks find oxcarts still competing with them in hauling the never-ending stream of wool bales that pours out of this far-away port.

Sea influences moderate the climate of Punta Arenas, which may be said to be on the climatic border between temperate and Antarctic conditions. Overcoats are necessary even during the southern summer (our winter). The average summer temperature is about 51 degrees Fahrenheit. The winters, however, are not so harsh as those of Canada.

Sheep Bring Prosperity.

The islands to the south of the strait have the mildest climate of the entire region, and the sheep lands of Tierra del Fuego are higher priced than those of the mainland. There are nearly 3,000,000 sheep in the Chilean portion of the Patagonian region, and the vast expanse of Argentine Patagonia to the north supports other millions. One of the Patagonian "sheep magnates" is said to have an income of over $1,000,000 a year and a single company owns more than 2,000,000 sheep.

Wool is the great money crop, but the flocks must be kept within bounds, so there is a great by-product industry in mutton hides and grease. These products are taken care of in great freezer plants, numbers of which, many owned by sheep-raising corporations, are scattered about Chilean Patagonia. A trip through one of these establishments dramatizes the Patagonian sheep industry for the visitor as nothing else can.

A typical plant is situated at Puerto Bories, about 150 miles northwest of Punta Arenas on one of the great arms of the sea that penetrate far into the land. Last Hope inlet. At this freezer 36 butchers work on the stream of carcasses at the rate of 12 per minute. The carcasses then pass through many hands while being washed and dressed, and wind up in the cooling chamber, where they remain a day. Leaving the cooling chamber on a conveyor, the carcasses are weighed and then passed on to a tagging machine. On some days the dressed sheep pass over the scale at the rate of 1,200 per hour. In the Puerto Bories plant 15,000 sheep can hang at one time in the freezing chambers. Four thousand per day is the average kill during the butchering season. In the cold storage compartments something like 100,000 carcasses can be stored. The cold storage department upholds the docks, where ocean-going freezer steamers tie up and cargoes for England are loaded directly into holds.

Ranches Are Very Large.

The ranches of the Patagonian region are huge affairs like those of Australia, and are rarely under wire fence. Scotchmen from the Falkland islands introduced sheep ranching into Patagonia, and the shepherds today are largely Scotch. The grass of this far southern land is most nourishing. The sheep grow so fat that if they roll on their backs they cannot right themselves, and fall an easy prey to foxes and wild dogs.

Rabbits, the pest of Australian sheep ranchmen, are not present in Patagonia, but the country is infested by rats which cause heavy losses. They eat the grass and also destroy it by burrowing among its roots. The large numbers of wild geese that alight in the region also prove troublesome. They browse like the sheep and, in direct competition. Three or four of them will make away with as much grass as a sheep.

Argentine Patagonia is not so well supplied with slaughtering establishments and freezing plants as Chilean Patagonia, a fact which is causing considerable economic difficulty just now. Sheep are raised on the huge Argentinian ranches of the south primarily for their wool. Last season the flocks reached huge proportions and during the present season the pasturage has not been as good as it was hoped it would be. The ranchers are therefore faced by a dilemma, and serious consideration is being given to a plan to kill off and bury thousands of sheep. The situation may result in the extension of freezer facilities to a large area of lower Argentina.

Daddy's Evening Fairy Tale

MARY GRAHAM BONNER

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SNEEZEWEED

"Moo, moo, dear me, dear me," said Miss Cow. "I have had such an experience."

"What has been the trouble?" asked Mrs. Cow.

"Moo, moo," she repeated, "what has been the trouble?"

"My dear," said Miss Cow, "I had a whiff of that horrible weed called Sneezeweed.

"And I also had a chew of those bitter leaves. It got into my food somehow. I was chewing it before I noticed.

"Anyway I 'took on' as they say most dreadfully. I was miserable.

"Oh, such hateful bitter leaves. Such horrid sneezing stuff. Some of it must have been quite dry.

"It was down along the stream that it happened. It upset me, I can tell you. Some one said another name for the wretched flowers was that of Swamp Sunflower—I suppose because the flower heads are of yellow.

"But I wasn't noticing what I was eating. I was just day-dreaming and all.

"Oh dear, oh dear, moo, moo, dear me, it was a dreadful experience."

"Yes, I can imagine it was," said Mrs. Cow. "I don't mean to fail to give you my sympathy, but really, Miss Cow, I am quite surprised at you.

"No matter how much day-dreaming a cow does she should be careful not to eat those bitter leaves.

"She shouldn't let such a thing happen. I can't think how you could have been so stupid."

"Now, Mrs. Cow," said Miss Cow, "you are my elder, and no doubt, in many ways, my superior. But it is not kind of you to come and tell me I'm stupid when I'm suffering from the effects of the wretched stuff.

"Would you go to some one who had stubbed his toe and say:

"'How stupid of you to stub your toe. Why not lift your toe so you do

"I Was Chewing It Before I Noticed."

not hit it—and lift all of your toes the same way so not one of them ever hits?'

"Would you go to someone who had bumped their ankle against the edge of a rocking chair and say:

"'Dear me, ha, ha, that's being very clumsy not to see the end of the rocker sticking out'?

"Would you go to a boy who had cut his finger on a new knife and say:

"'Don't you know enough to be careful with a new knife? Anyone knows a new knife is sharp'

"Would you go to a person who had a terrible cold and say

"'My dear, you should have worn that extra sweater yesterday as I told you'?

"Would you do such things?

"Well, maybe you would.

"But I don't think it is kind to scold me for my foolishness when I'm already being punished enough—I have suffered enough for such a mistake.

"Moo, moo, you're not being kind. You're only being superior.

"I'm sorry, moo, moo," said Mrs. Cow. "I didn't mean to be unkind.

"But," she added to herself as she got up slowly and walked across the fields.

"It was a very stupid thing for a sensible cow to do. A very stupid thing."

And, as Miss Cow settled herself for a little rest, she said to herself:

"When I do a foolish thing again I won't tell Mrs. Cow about it right away. That I know full well."

And the cows in the pasture said:

"Moo, moo, there has been a little hard feeling today between Miss and Mrs. Cow, but it will pass off. It will pass off. They're sensible cows and they won't let any hard feeling stay between them, moo, moo."

Puzzlers

Why did the cage-stand?

Because it saw the apple bough (bow).

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What fruit grows on telegraph wires?

Electric currents.

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What motive led to the invention of railroads?

The locomotive.

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What spur do we use to make time go faster?

The spur of the moment.

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Which tongue hurts without speaking a word?

The tongue of your shoe?

American Eagle Well Named Monarch of Air

The American bald eagle is really misnamed. His head is well clothed with feathers, being pure white in the adult, which gives rise to the name "bald." The tail also is white, the remainder of the body is dark brown.

The young bird is dark throughout, three years being required for the assumption of the full white markings. In this immature stage the bird was once considered distinct and was variously known as the Bird of Washington and as the black or gray eagle. Young bald eagles are very like golden eagles and the two are often confused, but on close inspection the bald may be known by the fact that its legs are bare of feathers for some distance above the toes. There is little difference in extent of wing and total length between the golden and bald eagles, but the latter is stouter and heavier in body. It is a strange fact that immature bald eagles, due to greater length of feather, average larger than adults.

In aspect the bald eagle unquestionably is a noble and inspiring bird. The beak is heavy and strangely hooked, while the corners of the mouth have a downward curve, which gives the bird an appearance of severity. A bony place extends over the eyes and has a curious resemblance to the beetling brows often observed in men of strong character. The body is heavy and muscular, with a suggestion of latent strength, while the powerful legs and feet, with their tigerlike talons, confirm the impression of a creature able and willing to hold its own under any conditions.

In flight the bald eagle is magnificent. With pinions wide spread and floating with hardly perceptible effort, it glides through the air with an ease and grace which no man-made machine has ever equaled. Aided by favorable air currents and swinging in great circles, it rises to tremendous heights, often beyond the range of vision of the naked eye.—Lee S. Crandall, in Mentor.

Too Much Water for Fish

Even the finny inhabitants of old Father Thames suffered inconvenience on account of the floods of the past season. The first rush of water drives the fish from their customary swims, and in order not to be driven into unfamiliar waters, they take refuge in eddies and quiet corners where they can hold their own against the current, and into which food is borne and collects. As the river rises so the water colors and darkens, until light fails to penetrate to the bottom, so that food becomes invisible and the fish are driven to shallow water. When the stream overflows its banks and spreads over the adjacent meadows the fish quickly follow it in search of quiet water and the feast of drowned insects and earthworms to be found there. There is, however, always the risk that they may be stranded by a rapid subsidence of the flood.

Competition a Stimulant

A runner seldom breaks a record unless he is closely pressed. A baseball team plays its best game against a close adversary. A horse scores its best mark when pitted against fast horses.

The retail dealer plays his best game when pressed by competition. The one sure way to make a merchant slough into mediocrity and slipshod methods is to take away his competition. Honest, ethical competition develops good merchants, and makes fine, alert citizens. A lack of competition breeds laziness and insolence. The greater your competition, the greater your opportunity for growth.—Good Hardware.

Miners Travel by Plane

Recently to eliminate travel over vast desolate tracts in Alaska on the hard journey to the gold fields the airplane has been called into use, with the result that the miners have flown into the faraway regions in a few hours at the most. The danger from starvation and of freezing to death have thus been eliminated. The experiment has been pronounced highly successful and more planes will be brought in for that work alone in the Cassiar county district of northern British Columbia.

Costly Suit of Clothes

A native found the first piece of gold in Australia.

Seeing his master counting gold coins, he said he found a rock which looked like the yellowish coins. He offered to give it to him for a new suit of clothes.

The master later sold the nugget for more than $20,000.

Too Absent-Minded

They were discussing the absent-mindedness of an acquaintance who had just passed.

"That habit nearly cost him his life when he was on his holiday," remarked one.

"How was that?"

"He fell overboard and forgot that he knew how to swim."

Athletic Prowess

For two decades records in practically every field of athletics have been broken, and the limit of physical endurance when no more records can be broken is not in sight.

Righto!

"Six months' experience at working cross-word puzzles ought to come in handy when it comes to filling out the income tax blanks," says the Southern Lumberman.

Indians Gay in Buckskin Clothes

The annual tanning party held by Flathead Indians on the western boundary of Glacier National park has become a holiday event. The braves having "brought down" the animals with unerring "gun barrel sight" only have to "look" after the papooses and children, while the squaws transform the hairy pelts into material for shelter and raiment—mostly holiday raiment in these modern days, for most of them live in houses and wear woolen clothing in their everyday agricultural life.

The United States Indian department indulges the red man in this custom, for without the finery of beaded buckskin clothes the gala events on reservations would be robbed of the very background which gives them their majesty.

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Tesla Turns to Mars

Nikola Tesla, the inventor whose work has been very important in the electrical world, has turned his speculations to Mars. He says life on the planet Mars may be from one to ten million years older than on the earth. He also thinks the hope of communicating with the planets is not an idle one, but merely awaits the invention of proper apparatus, based on the earth's frequency of vibration, which he places at 11.77 per second.

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