

THE CRUISE OF THE FANNY

This is the Great Island Saga. It Tells of the California Gold Rush of '49 and the Voyage of the Island Adventurers. Third of a Series of Island Stories Reprinted From an Old Sketch Book.

Never was the human family more effectually stirred than by the discovery of gold in California in 1848...

One infected with gold-fever had his choice of three routes to reach the base of supply: round Cape Horn, requiring two months; across the isthmus of Panama, requiring six to eight months; across the continent by "prairie schooner," taking an indefinite time.

One day a group of miners in the gold fields began coming toward them a woe-begone haggard creature who had in former times been a man, staggering from weakness and falling over any small obstacle.

Living on a farm in New England, he decided in an evil hour to go west. He sold whatever on the place that would sell, provided the customer was for the journey...

While the season continued mild, the roads good and the country settled, they experienced no real discomfort, but fall and winter told a different tale—rain, sleet, snow, storms, swollen streams, want of roads, want of bridges, mountain canyons, want of food, wild beasts...

Monthly Reports of Women's Institutes Of P. E. Island

Spring Park. Nine members and one visitor met at the home of Mrs. Cairns, on February 22. The meeting opened with the singing of the Ode, followed by roll call, minutes and reports of committees.

Cable Head East. The regular meeting of this institute was held at the home of Mrs. Henry B. McDonald on February 27. There were ten members and five visitors present.

Travellers' Rest. Fifteen members and five visitors attended the meeting of this institute at the home of Mrs. H. P. McNeill on March 15. The program consisted of the following: A story "Leaders Wanted"; a paper "Mother's Part in School Life"; also "Sandy's Criticism of the Ten Commandments" by Sandy Fraser.

Birch Hill. On March 1st eleven members and eight visitors met at the home of Mrs. Herbert McArthur, where the regular meeting of this club was held.

North River. The regular meeting of this institute was held at the home of Mrs. John McKinnon on March 16, with an attendance of nine members and two visitors.

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THE MODERN MOLOCH

By James Maxwell Murphy Life Story of William R. Gossett

"The King" Unkempt, clothed like a beggar, with pallid face and furtive eyes. Can this be a King?

But this is a description of William R. Gossett, 40 year old, named by federal narcotic agents and police—"Dope King of the Twin Ports."

A king who has for his robe—a rag, for his scepter—a piece of soap. He is a window washer. Who are the subjects of this King?

Furtive beings that seek the dark corners of a city and more in the shadows of night. Subjects that live in constant terror, haunted by



WILLIAM R. GOSSETT Arrested as dope peddler in narcotic raid at Superior, Wis. Dec. 16, 1922. Dope addict

a desperate fear. The dope slaves fear of losing sure access to his drug supply. The Nemesis of the "junkie."

The king can do, and has done wrong. Immense wrong. Society has placed against him a fearful charge, for which in due course of time, society's laws will compel a penalty.

The little town of Murphysboro in southern Illinois, where the farmers flock to market on Saturday, where the air is clean, where nature pursues an even course, and nature in her most generous mood blesses the work of men—was his birthplace. A birthplace and condition that contrasts oddly with his environment now—living in haunted fear, responsive only to the drug craving that enslaves him and living with no thought of the future other than to satisfy his desire for Morphine.

It is not a pretty picture. It is life. The son of a well-to-do drug goods merchant, opportunity for an honest useful career in life was his, but—today W. R. Gossett is a delirious child of childhood were entered into a life of crime.

Today he is a social outcast, shunned by society. His life can be summed up in his own words: "I tried but I failed."

Tragedy is written there. Dope is the answer to this wretched life, to this story of a king. It was after an accident to his right ankle that Gossett first started on the downward path—the path that led to his "Kingdom."

To relieve the pain of a tubercular ankle. And for nineteen long years his more or less imaginary pain has been deadened by the body destroying effects of dope. Emmeshed in the folly of his own weakness. Slave of an abject craving that will never be satisfied, except at the grave side. A phantom of the boy of Murphysboro—the path he has followed has been devoid of joy.

A nomad seeking some spot, where the haunting fear could be allayed or thrown aside, where drug supplies could be easily obtained. Even on the move. Working with his father in the dry-goods business, unable even to do of moderate assistance, he was sent out on the road as a traveling salesman to see if he could make good in that line. Try as he would the results were discouraging. Capable only of mediocre effort he achieved but minimum results. At last he was obliged to let go and went away to Kansas City.

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ETIQUETTE

VISITING AND ENTERTAINING

An informal afternoon tea is a delightfully cozy way of entertaining your women friends. Have the table prettily set in dining-room with a few cut flowers or a sprig of ferns and two for decoration.

Making a first call on strangers leave, for a lady and her husband one of your own and two of your husband's cards.

THE MAN'S HAT

A man takes off his hat when riding with a woman in an elevator in a club, hotel, apartment or store; when he stops to speak to a woman on the street; when he waits for a funeral to pass, when the national "colours" are played.

A man merely lifts his hat as a conventional gesture to strangers, whenever he must recognize their presence.

A man lifts his hat when offering a woman a seat in a car, and again when she thanks him—which she should invariably do.

Whenever a man unavoidably intrudes on a woman, as when meeting her in a narrow passage where he must make way, he lifts his hat.

A man lifts his hat and bows when meeting acquaintances or friends, the graciousness of his bow and the cordiality of his smile being the measure of the impression he would create.

IN A NEW NEIGHBORHOOD

If you move into a new town or neighborhood you may expect that a good many people will call upon you by way of paying neighborly first calls.

If you are married remember that you should leave one of your husbands. If she is not married then you should leave one of your own and one of your husband's. If you call again the same season one of your own is enough, but for the first call this formality should be observed.

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Our Weekly Causerie

To the male population of the civilized world Spring holds one unmitigated nuisance which not even the manifold blessings it brings can cause to be received without grumbling.

Now is the winter of our discontent fully upon us, and the voice of the broom-swing; and the carpet beater is heard in the land. Hubby coming home tired and hungry from the office, must be careful not to sit down in the wrong place. His home has that uncheerful appearance as if it had been lately plundered by an auctioneer.

Brush the teeth the first thing each morning and just before retiring at night.

THE TOOTHBRUSH

The toothbrush correctly used works like a number of tooth picks. It should be so placed that the bristles rest against the gum, aid, by a rotating motion it should be carried downward on the upper teeth and upward on the lower teeth, on both inside and outside surfaces.

QUID NUNC

Grading Of Dairy Products

The opinion of all present at the recent meeting of the Dairymen's Association was, I am sure, that we must improve the quality of our products.

The sooner the patrons, directors and makers realize their position and adopt remedial measures, the quicker will they be able to meet the competition of all corners.

MOURNING AND MOTHER'S DAY

Mourning for one's mother is worn one year by some persons and two years by others. White is worn with the black during the latter part of the period.

It is never too early to begin to prevent disease and it is much better to put a child's teeth in good condition than to try to cure the young man or woman a few years later of some crippling and distressing disease.

HEALTH EDUCATION SERIES

Copies of the following leaflets may be obtained free upon application to any Red Cross Provincial Division:

The Public Health Nurse. Care Before Birth. Breast Feeding. Weaning the Baby. Feeding Babies During the Second Year.

WASHABLE GLOVES

After thoroughly washing silk or cotton gloves with a good brand of soap, hold the fingers under the faucet so as to fill with water. Hang them dripping on the line and when they dry you will not have to straighten twisted fingers.

While we have not got the same legislation behind the cheese business I would like to see the same rules applied to milk to cream, and I am sure we would have a distinct improvement in our cheese output.

With eyes glued to the door. The door that would open to bring him soience in the form of a hypodermic, the deposed "monarch," a final pitiable failure, laid bare the tragedy of his life.

Child Welfare

Articles on Child Welfare, Published by the Canadian Red Cross Society, Will Appear Weekly in This Column, Furnished by the Local Branch in This City.

TEETH AND HEALTH

Your teeth are the edges of the cutting and grinding machine which prepares food for the stomach. When the machine is clogged by tooth-decay you suffer from tooth-ache, indigestion and many bodily ailments resulting from dental infection carried to other parts of the body.

DENTAL DECAY

The cause of dental decay is an acid formed as the result of the decomposition of food which remains between and around the teeth and on their surfaces.

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CARE SHOULD START EARLY IN LIFE

The care of a child's teeth should start with correct food for the mother before the infant's birth. The foundations of the teeth are laid in the jaw several months before the child is born.

The first permanent molars are known as the six-year molars because they come at that age. These teeth are permanent teeth and appear behind the last temporary teeth, in the lower jaw and the upper jaw. For this reason they are often mistaken for temporary teeth and neglected or allowed to decay.

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WILL GOOD OLD SUMMERTIME REMAIN AWAY THIS YEAR?

Persistence of Cold Weather and Precedent of 1816 Leads to Speculation in Which Sir Frederick Stupart Gives His Views.

TORONTO, April 6.—The year 1762 was seriously abnormal. Fifty-four years later, the year 1816 was abnormal—no summer at all. Again fifty-four years later, the year 1870 was abnormal. The next fifty-four year interval will be up next year. Is old dame nature a "year out and in 1923 to be abnormal—more abnormal, that is, that it has been already?"

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keep the heat of the earth near the earth. Although admitting very candidly that he does not know what we are to expect next, Sir Frederick does not believe that the system of seasons will ever change. He does not anticipate that Lady Summer will stay "south for a whole year."

Doesn't Expect Change.

"There have always been seasons and it is doubtful if it will ever change. We are having the same seasons as the Jesuits found. Of course, if one goes far enough back, one finds the glacial period, when everything was covered with ice. "But," he added with a smile "I don't think we will have that again—at least not in your time or mine."

"We have not had any eruptions recently that would give us a summer like 1816. We have had earthquakes but no volcanic eruptions. But there might be something else. One never knows." And that's that. This might be a good summer for skating. Funnier things have happened.

Record of 1816

While the records of the meteorological bureau do not go back beyond 1840, the year 1816 is known as "the year without a summer." Not only was it a year of snow, but the year before, 1815, was a year of volcanic dust, arising from an eruption in the Dutch East Indies, which spread over the earth and intercepted the heat of the sun, were given as the cause.

Sir Frederick Stupart, director of the meteorological bureau, believes that the article is an exaggeration of what was, nevertheless, a most unusual season. While he has records to show that the mean temperature of the summer months was far below the mean temperature of previous and subsequent years, he does not believe that it was so serious that India, corn would not ripen.

Latest Inventions And Improvements

A Ninety Foot Aerial Ladder

Very few people would have imagined that the construction of aerial ladders during the war would have any connection with the methods of fighting ordinary fires. It is now being constructed, that in the building of large aircraft it was necessary to construct extremely long ladders on a mobile base.

Is Only Guessing

"This is the most uncertain weather in the world and no man can tell what it is going to do," he replied. "It is not reasonable to imagine that there will be no summer, but at the same time anyone who says that there will be summer is only guessing from what happened last year and the year before."

Volcanic Dust's Effect.

Sir Frederick does not dispute the theory of the volcanic dust cutting off solar radiation, which is the pet theory of Prof. Humphries of the American observatory at Washington, and is supported by some and disputed by others.

Rapid Shearing

This title bears no relation to the pastoral industry. It concerns a range of machines recently produced by a British designer who has displayed a remarkable ingenuity for originality in his methods.

Until recently most people acquainted with the work of cutting steel plates would have been very skeptical about the possibility of a machine weighing only 17 cwt. being capable of cutting half-inch steel plates with ease at a rate so extraordinarily high as 23 feet per minute.

"The reason we have summer is that the amount of heat the sun is radiating toward the earth is greater than the amount of heat which the dust intercepts the heat of the sun. It is possible, on the other hand, in the winter time the effect of the dust was to

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