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THE OCEAN.

BY A BANKER.

Who can stand on the sea-shore and contemplate without emotion the mighty, ever-changing ocean; now lashed into ungovernable fury, its giant waves "raging horribly," and dashing with impetuous, irresistible vehemence against the opposing "mountain of rocks" or cliffs of the shore, which repel their fierce attacks, breaking up and scattering them into huge masses of seething foam, with a reverberating roar as of thunder, now sunk into quiet repose, its gentle undulating wavelets sparkling in the setting sun, and reflecting the so "illuminating rays" in as the evening breeze agitates the surface as though it were liquid gold. And not only is the spectacle of the great ocean exhilarating and even inspiring, but it is also health-giving, and many a poor invalid recovering from pain and sickness, who has been taken down to a convalescent home on the coast, has regained the glow of health, and been restored to strength and vigor by the healthful and invigorating sea-breezes. All honor to those who maintain those magnificent institutions.

Many conjectures have been made as to the reason why the sea is salt, the general supposition being that it was to prevent the water becoming putrid. This, however, is not a valid reason, as the great lakes of America and elsewhere are fresh water, and are equally free from putrescence as the sea. Moreover, animal matter decays in sea-water as in flesh. May we not conclude that the saltiness is the prime cause of the restorative power which is exercised by sea air, and that by these means it forms the great health restorer of the world? For we may be quite sure that the saltiness of the sea would not have been ordained by beneficent Creator without some good cause, for in other respects the saltiness is detrimental, as it renders the sea valueless for irrigating purposes, for drinking, &c. It is, therefore a fair assumption that the saltiness of the great ocean, occupying as it does three-fourths of the surface of the globe, impregnates the entire atmosphere with health-giving and invigorating properties.

The sea contains other solids besides salt and magnesia (which latter gives the bitter taste), amongst which may be mentioned gold. This metal exists in solution in the sea in the estimated proportion of one grain per ton; the quantity is therefore not sufficient to render the extraction of it a remunerative process—unless indeed in the tropics a system of evaporation by solar heat in great shallow receptacles could be devised, the residuum being chemically treated would yield gold. But even the small proportion of one grain of gold per ton of sea-water represents an enormous aggregate bulk of gold in the ocean, as for, the estimate of the total value of all the earth's oceans is 323,800,000 cubic miles a ton of water being but cubic yard and a third, the entire bulk of pure gold held in solution in the world's seas represents the stupendous amount 133983906280 tons, the value of which is the substantial sum of £120585540925653636 sterling. Perhaps a consideration of these facts will aid us in solving the mystery as to how gold came to be deposited in the quartz formation, for it appears feasible to suppose that if sea-water in great volume had by some means come in contact with the quartz when in course of formation under intense heat, rapid evaporation would have taken place, and the gold be deposited. Of course, however, this is pure conjecture.

The depth of the sea varies very greatly the bottom being probably more irregular than the surface of the land, some of the depressions or valleys being of great depth. The deepest soundings taken by the Challenger were 4475 fathoms, or a fraction over five miles, but it is believed that portions of the ocean are considerably deeper. The pressure at these depths is tremendous, at five miles the weight of a column of water one foot square being about a hundred tons, yet, notwithstanding, there appears to be an abundance of life in varied form at two miles depth, a haul bringing up about two hundred living organisms of varied genera and species, all of which lived in absolute darkness, for no light can penetrate to these aqueous depths; their calcareous remains building up new strata in the same way as the chalk and other formations were formed ages ago. What vast and colossal treasure must lie hidden at the bottom of the sea, what prodigious wealth rests there covered by the deep! Phœnician and Tyrian galleys conveying the gold of Sheba and Arabia, with precious stones and gems; Spanish galleons, bringing the vast accumulations of the gold of many generations of the almost civilized Indians of the then discovered and conquered New World; men-of-war of all nations sent to the bottom by cannon ball and by storm, with many a

thousand gallant ship sunk beneath the relentless waves (the average annual number of vessels wrecked considerably exceeds 2,000), all lost in the unfathomable sea, sunk in that "glorious mirror dark-heaving, boundless, endless and sublime."

And not treasure only lies there, but human beings in un-numbered thousands have gone down to those recesses of the deep, there to wait the final trumpet call on the Great Day, when "the sea shall give up her dead." Than shall those that have done evil, together with those who have neglected to do good, "go away into everlasting punishment, but the righteous into life eternal." (Matt. xxv. 46.)

TURRET SHIP ABANDONED.

Sir Charles Tappers view has it appears, been borne out. It is stated that a Halifax steamship agency has received private and authentic information from Ottawa that the building of turret steamships for the fast Atlantic service has been abandoned by the Government and contractors. A late number of Fair Play, an English shipping journal, indicates the same conclusion, and adds that the report was believed in Great Britain that the turret type of steamers did not meet with the approval of the British admiralty, and that their use as mail and passenger ships, was entirely condemned. It is understood, therefore, that the whole project of building turret steamers for the Canadian fast Atlantic service has fallen through and a hasty consultation has been arranged between representatives of the Dominion Government and of Peterson, Tate & Co. The conference was to take place in Great Britain, and may be going on at the present time.

The new proposal of the contractors is to build ships like the Cunard Liner Campania, but it is understood that an entire revision of the terms of the contract is first required. Halifax steamship men have generally disapproved of turret steamers on the grounds of speed. They contend that the lines of a turret steamer are not suitable for speed and would have to be greatly modified for a fast mail service. The failure of the scheme to utilize turret steamers in the Canadian service has been all along predicted in steamship circles in this city.

MEXICO'S GREAT GOLD FIELDS.

The immense fields of anthracite coal in Sonora, Mexico, are said to present an excellent opportunity for investment, and the talk of opening them up is being revived. Even in Mexico it is not generally known that Sonora contains a carboniferous area several hundred miles in extent, with veins without number of a thickness varying from five to sixteen feet of hard, clean coal, whose percentage of carbon is as high as the best product mined in Wales. The value of this deposit is appreciated in Mexico, and it was to begin the work of opening the mines that the concession for the building of the railroad from Chihuahua to the Pacific was obtained. It is assured that the branch lines will reach these beds at an early period and that the coal will be marketed at prices which will cause a boom in the industries and business interests of the Mexican Republic. The officials of the Mexican Central road have secured control of large tracts of coal-bearing land in the state of Jalisco, and they are experimenting at present to determine the best manner for its hauling. Other coal beds of immense area are situated in the northern states of Mexico.

TEA AT A SACRIFICE.

Tea importers in New York are confronted by the prospect of a heavy loss on their importation of 15,000,000 to 20,000,000 pounds of tea, which began arriving in that city about the first of July. It was ordered when the general impression was that Congress would put a duty on tea. It is of the first crop, the finest of the year, and the tariff the tariff the importers took all they could get. When the tariff was abandoned it left the second crop and every other inferior grade of tea to come in free and consequently there is a large stock of high grade tea to be sold at a sacrifice.

Charles A. O'Donohue, of the well known tea importing house of that name, said:

"When the rush for tea began Japanese and Chinese merchants advanced their prices and reaped a harvest. Today tea is fully five cents lower than it was before there was any tariff agitation."

A member of the firm of Carter, Macy and Company said that the "first crop, upon which importers plunged so heavily, is arriving here now. The promise that a duty would be placed upon tea has benefited the Chinese and Japanese merchants alone."

BICYCLE TRADE IN HALIFAX.—The Halifax Recorder says: About 1,500 new bicycles have been sold by Halifax dealers. Of these over 1,000 have been purchased in this city, and hence nearly \$100,000 was spent by Halifax people for wheels; out of this only about 25 per cent remains in the city. The remainder, except the duty, is sent to the manufacturers. Thus nearly \$75,000 in ready cash has been sent from here. Several merchants when spoken to on the subject said they thought the bicycle trade was taking too much of the ready cash away, and this helped to make times dull.

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THE QUEEN AT ST. PAUL'S.

June 22, 1897.

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Not unto me, oh Lord, not unto me
The praise be given, that my beloved land

This day in all men's eyes from strand to strand
Shines first in honor and in majesty—

That, borne from every clime, o'er every sea,
Around me, clustering close on every band,

Liege-man, from far I see, a noble band,
Type of a nobler Empire yet to be!

Oh my beloved people, yours the praise,
Yours who have kept the faith; that made your sires

Free, fearless, faithful, through the nights and days
True to the zeal for right, that never tires;

May God's best blessings rest on you always
And keep you blameless in your heart's desires.

—London Times.

VICTORIA AND THE JEWS.

(New York Tribune.)

In these days of the Victoria Jubilee many stories are told about the Queen Empress, and all seem to interest the public. The fact that the present Lord Mayor of London is a Jew reminded a story-teller of the following incidents in the history of the queen. Her father, the Duke of Kent, was a poor man and the intimate friend of Moses Montefiore, one of the leading men in the London Jewish community. They had tastes in common, and the Jew liked the poor nobleman because he never asked for money, and the nobleman admired the Jew for his charity and honesty. Their friendship was never threatened by discussions on political or religious topics.

At the time when an heir was expected in the family of the Duke of Kent, Montefiore urged his friend to take his wife to England, so that there might be no obstacle in the way of the child's advancing to the throne, although there were then three lives between it and the possible little Kent. The duke confessed that his means would not permit him to do so, and Montefiore urged his friend to allow him to attend to the transportation and housing of the invalid duchess. The trip was made and the Duchess of Kent was attended by Montefiore's family physician. His kindness was never forgotten by the duke, and the preference of the Jews in England since then and the removal of obstacles which had hampered their social, commercial and political advancement have been attributed by many to the kindness of Moses Montefiore, who became Lord High Sheriff of London, and lived to see one of his race premier. Jews were chosen to the position of lord mayor, one of the number, the father of the present incumbent, and seventy-six years after the little girl was born, on the day when the daughter of the poor duke was the central figure in the greatest demonstration in the annals of the world, a Jewish lord mayor welcomed her at the gate of her royal capital.

NOT IN HIS CLASS.

The Conductor Discovered Too Late That He Tackled the Wrong Man.

Mike Moran was for many years a passenger conductor on the Pittsburg, Fort Wayne and Chicago and was well known to the old time railroad men who made their headquarters about Fort Wayne. Mike Kelly, now a passenger conductor on the Indianapolis division of the Pennsylvania, was his brakeman. Moran prided himself on being a great boxer and always carried a set of gloves in the baggage car. One of his favorite schemes was to catch a tramp riding "blind baggage," bring him into the car and compel him to box with him, and the poor tramp always got the worst of it.

One night Moran found a tramp on the "blind end," and dragging him into the car produced the gloves and told him he must fight for his ride. The tramp protested he knew nothing about boxing and would have no show with Moran anyhow. But Moran insisted and said if he did not put on the gloves he would give him a beating and throw him off the train.

The tramp began to cry, and Moran tossed him about the car until he exclaimed that he would put on the gloves if Moran would not hurt him. Kelly, who felt sorry for the fellow, assisted him in putting on the gloves and encouraged him by telling him that if Moran got in a square lick at him he would break his jaw.

The men squared off—at least, Moran did. The tramp held his hands as awkwardly as a schoolboy. The conductor made a vicious drive at the tramp's nose, and then something happened. The tramp seemed to have eight hands. He punched Moran in the face, staggering him back, and landed another on his ear that spun him around so that he could plant a third one on the other ear. As Moran reeled the tramp rained in blows and tumbled him in a heap in the corner. Before he could get to his feet he struck him full in the mouth, sending blood and teeth in all directions, and a left handed upper cut laid out the conductor on the floor as limp as a rag. It was some time before he recovered.

"Any more of you duffers want to do a little sparring?" asked the tramp. "Excuse me," said Kelly. "I am not in your class." And the baggage man was of the same opinion concerning himself. Kelly ran the train to Chicago, and it was several days before the conductor made a presentable appearance. It developed that the supposed tramp was Billy Edwards, afterward the champion lightweight pugilist of the world. He had been in a prize-fight near Fort Wayne and was escaping the police disguised as a tramp.—Chicago Inter Ocean.

SCOTT ACT MANIFESTO.

To the People of P. E. Island:

WHAT will you have, Scott Act or Free Rum? We will have one or the other after election day.

The times are laden with golden opportunities for, and woeful dangers to, the cause of temperance; and it behooves men and women everywhere to be in real and active earnest in promoting temperance and denouncing the liquor traffic.

Charlottetown holds the key of sobriety or drunkenness for this Province. The Scott Act election, to be held July 22nd decides which door will be opened—whether from the fountain head of P. E. Island will flow a stream of good or one of damning influence, contaminating more or less every boy and girl, every man and woman in this province. The enemy is strongly entrenched in this city. Its wealth and power is concentrated here and will fight as never before for its very existence. It is tenfold harder to drive liquor out of the city than out of the country.

The success or defeat of the Scott Act will not only strongly affect, for weal or woe, the people of P. E. Island for some years to come but will have a pronounced effect upon the coming Plebiscite. The eyes of this great Dominion are on us, and the result of this election will be strongly felt by the people from the Atlantic to the shores of the Pacific. Mr. S. F. Spence, of Toronto, in writing, says it will be a great calamity to the temperance cause if the Scott Act is defeated in Charlottetown. Now then, in view of these things, we ask for your sympathy and financial aid. May God give us all wisdom and power to fight and maintain His cause.

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