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BOTH GOLD AND POISON.

A Miner's Experience—Has \$20,000 But His Health is Ruined.

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 6.—A man has just arrived in this town from Alaska with some bags of gold dust which he would like to swap for a remedy for the mysterious poison which he took into his system while he was putting the gold into his pockets. It all came of his knowing too much about botany and being too curious about green weeds which he had never seen before and which had a plea-a-taste. He was unconscious for three weeks and he has been almost paralyzed ever since.

His name is L. Goth, and he was up in the Yukon country for four years. Previous to his going thither he was a landscape gardener at Seattle. He brought back with him \$15,000 or \$20,000 in gold dust, the title to valuable claims on Birch and Deadwood Creek, ruined health, a mysterious ailment and information of a new kind of vegetable poison. He was prospecting early this year on Birch Creek with a few companions. They were about thirty miles from Circle City, where a mountain rises abruptly from a shelf of land along the shore of the creek. As they neared a knoll at the base of the mountain the temperature grew very much warmer, and on the knoll they found three springs of boiling hot water. The only vegetation near the springs was a vivid green weed which grew on the very brink of the steaming, bubbling basin. It has a long stem, bare of leaves, and on the end a single bulb-like flower. It Goth had known nothing of botany and cared as little about genera and species as most prospectors he would not have been a physician's wreck. But that green plant was like nothing he had ever seen in his experience as a landscape gardener, and his curiosity was aroused. He plucked one of the green stems and examined it carefully. It had a pleasant odor, and as he smelled it he thoughtlessly bit on one of the petals of the bulb. The taste was agreeable and he chewed and swallowed it.

"Half an hour afterwards," said Mr. Goth, "I suddenly became very dizzy and fell down unconscious. For three weeks I knew nothing, except that occasionally I would come to a sort of half consciousness for a few minutes. But such periods were like dreams disturbing a deep sleep. I can barely remember them. When I finally came to my senses I was too weak to lift hand or foot and for four months was confined to my bed. My left arm was almost paralyzed, and is yet, and in every muscle of my body I could feel the effect of the poison I had taken into my system by chewing the one small piece of that strange plant. I can now drag myself about, but all the strength of my body seems sapped. No one to whom I have described the plant knows anything about it, and I suppose my experience with it will result in bidding a new and powerful poison to the pharmacopoeia."

PRICES PAID TO MODERN AUTHORS.

Rudyard Kipling commands the highest price of any living author according to the Pall Mall Gazette, which says that it paid \$750 for each of his "Barrack Room Ballads," and that "The Seven Seas" brought him \$11,000. He has received 500 a week for a 10,000 word story. Anthony Hope charges \$450 for a magazine story reserving the copyright. Mr Gladstone's price for a review is \$1,000. Conan Doyle received \$35,000 for "Rodney Stone," Mrs. Humphrey Ward, \$40,000 for "Robert Elsmere," \$80,000 each for "David Grieve" and "Marcella," \$75,000 for "Sir George Tressady," and \$15,000 for "Bessie Costrell." Ian Maclaren has made \$35,000 out of "The Bonnie Briar Bush" and "Auld Lang Syne." Rider Haggard still asks from \$75 to \$100 a column of 1,500 words and will not write for less than \$10,000. The highest price ever paid for a novel is \$200,000, which, the Pall Mall Gazette says, was handed over to Alphonse Daudet for his "Salpho." Zola's first 14 books netted him \$220,000 and in 20 years he has made at least \$375,000. Ruskin's 64

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books bring him in \$20,000 a year. Swinburne, who writes very little, makes \$5,000 a year by his poems. Browning, in his later years, drew \$10,000 a year from the sale of his works, and Tennyson is said to have received \$60,000 a year from the Macmillans during the last years of his life. Mr. Moody is believed to have beaten all others, as more than \$1,250,000 have been paid in royalties for his hymns.—Scientific American.

AS TO CHEESE.

Pinholes, Round Holes, Ragged Holes, Gassy Curd and Other Things.
A cheesemaker must know when his cheese is good. He must have a trier. He should not have to wait for some one else to try his cheese. It is not well, however, to try your cheeses too much and let the flies into them. I would find out every week how my cheeses were going.

A good cheese has certain qualities: (1) A firm body. No one wants a hard, dry, indigestible cheese, but you want a solid, firm cheese, and the plug should show no holes or weak spots. (2) It should be rich and meaty. (3) It should have a flinty break. (4) A nutty flavor, nice and clean.

In judging cheese, flavor is given 40 per cent, body and texture 35 per cent, color 10 per cent and finish 3 per cent.

In pulling a plug, draw it so that the bare plug will not rub on the rind of the cheese.

The plug should look larger than the hole it came from. The judge will get the flavor by the odor.

There are three defects in cheese, which will be indicated by as many different kinds of holes.

First there is the ragged hole, penetrating the cheese irregularly and of irregular size and shape. One cause of these ragged holes is failing to keep the curd while in the sink of an even heat and moisture, as heat aids the formation of acid and the curdling of the curd. By letting certain portions of the curd get cold there is an uneven development of the acid, and we will see this defect indicated by ragged holes in the cheese while curdling.

Then there are round holes. These indicate and are found in what is called sweet cheese. To cause this condition, either the milk has not been matured to a proper point or the salt has been added too soon.

Very small round holes, known as pinholes, also indicate defective cheese. They are due to gassy curd. This gas is caused by some taint in the milk. To avoid this defect, refuse all tainted milk, and if you have any of these pinholes in the curd (ascertain it by cutting the curd with a knife) be sure you get them flattened out before you salt the curd.

If curd is put to press at too high a temperature, above 90 degrees, it will be likely to generate steam, and this will make the cheese puff and contain holes.

There is also what is called an acid cheese, indicated in two ways—first, by leaking whey on the shelves; second, by being dry, mealy and husky, the fat seeming to have disappeared.

The causes of this condition are either that some sour milk was put in the vat, or that the vat was allowed to get over-ripe, or that the curd was not dipped soon enough, or, again, that it was not stirred enough in the sink.

In short, the acid was allowed to develop too far before salting.

In close, muggy weather the cheesemaker must have everything ready to run the milk through all the processes without any delay.

Another defective cheese is the pesty cheese. It is weak in the body. One characteristic is that when you pull out the plug you can't replace it again. It is generally found in the fall and is the result of cold making and curing rooms.

There is no time of year when more care is needed in cheesemaking than in the autumn. The milk is richer, and to get a firm body you should cut the curd finer (to get out more of the whey) and salt a little heavier.

Press and keep your curd warm all its stages. The pesty cheese is due to letting the curd get cold in the vat or the sink, consequently the acid does not work fast and the whey does not come away freely.

If the cheese does not rind on the outside, it is due to cold hoops. If your room is cold, warm your hoops in a tub of warm water before filling them.

In filling your hoop have the center the fullest; you can get the whey out better. If you don't get the whey out before the curd gets cold, you will never get it out. Press your cheese well at night, especially in cold weather.

If you neglect to keep a fire in your curing room in cold weather, in addition to having a pesty cheese you will get a spotted cheese that will grow strong and bitter.

Be sure to have a stove in your curing room when September comes in. After a cheese is properly cured it does not require much heat. Put the newest cheeses where they will get the most heat.

Attend to turning your cheeses and so allow the dampness to escape from them. Red spots on cheese are often due to rough handling. Don't let your cheeses stand too close together on the shelves. They must not touch each other or anything else. Have them in straight rows on the shelves.

Fix your press so it will work straight. Take care of your utensils. Don't get your hoops all bruised up. Have your cheese neatly bandaged, even sized and pressed straight.—Address of J. E. Hopkins.

CURTAIN RAISERS.

Bronson Howard has completed a new play, which will probably be produced this season.

Wright Huntington has been secured as leading man of the stock company at the Alcazar theater in San Francisco.

George Backus has won fresh honors by his clever and original interpretation of the title role in "Christopher, Jr."

It will cost Fanny Davenport \$60,000 before the curtain goes up on the first performance of her new historical play.

C. Goodwin will first play Shylock during his coming engagement at the Knickerbocker theater, New York city.

James Young is meeting with success in a Shakespearean repertory. He is the youngest and one of the best of American tragedians.

Charles B. Hanford has received a letter from Paris which announces the fact that Bulwer Lytton's "Richelieu," translated into French by Charles Samson, is being rehearsed at the Theatre de l'Odéon.

Frank Daniels has produced his new opera, "The Idol's Eye," with conspicuous success. Mr. Daniels plays the role of an adventurous aeronaut, who drops among the British soldiers and nautch girls.

Jessie Bartlett is branching out as a composer. She has set two of her poems to music, and they are meeting with much success. "Retrospection" and "Surcease of Sorrow" are the titles of her songs.

Pinero is a great admirer of Annie Irish. It was through him that she joined Edward Terry's company in London and played the role of Minnie (Millian) in "Sweet Lavender" for over nine months.

CROWN JEWELS.

The Princess of Wales's favorite flower is the lily of the valley, and the largest grower of these flowers in Great Britain has his garden near Sandringham.

Out of compliment to the Emerald Isle the Duchess of York appeared in scarcely any other color than green—in some one or another of its various shades—during her recent visit to Ireland.

The German emperor has been put on an almost entirely fruit diet. He is not allowed to drink tea or coffee, and his physicians consider it imperative that he should always have eight hours' sleep.

King Oscar of Sweden is said to bear his age so well that no one would suspect him of being 68 years old, nor would any one fancy him to be a king judging by his affability and utter absence of hauteur.

The Princess Bernadotte, crown princess of Sweden, who as an intriguing maid of honor captivated the heir to the throne, is almost intemperately addicted to the delights of a full fledged cigar, a penchant which is said to be shared by the queen of Saxony and the Grand Duchess of Baden.

It is said that more than half the reigning monarchs of Europe are troubled with defective eyesight. Among those who wear glasses in private are Queen Victoria, the king of Denmark, the czar, the queen regents of Spain and Holland, nearly every member of the house of Hapsburg and the Prince of Wales.

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CURIOUS CULLINGS.

In China to salute a person by taking off the hat is considered an insult.

In some European countries there is a firm belief among the peasantry that a dream of walnuts will be followed by misfortune.

During the war of the Spanish succession the English army in Spain was commanded by a Frenchman and the French army by an Englishman.

In certain parts of China the young women wear their hair in a long, single plait, with which is intertwined a strand of bright scarlet thread, which denotes them to be marriageable.

Among the obscure tribes of the Malay archipelago when a young girl dies her eyes are cut out and those of cats substituted, the idea being that in the next world she will be better able to see.

PORTLAND, Oregon, November 5.—President Mason, of the Portland chamber of commerce, has sent the following telegram to Secretary of War Alger, at Washington: "Starvation and death confronts the unfortunate miners on the Yukon, through failure of the trading companies to get supplies into the interior before the close of navigation on the Yukon. The chamber of commerce of Portland has undertaken to relieve the distress, which must appear before the ice fetters of the Yukon release the supply steamers, and for this purpose it will donate provisions and supplies. The chamber of commerce asks the co-operation of the war department in transporting this relief from the city of Portland to the most accessible point on the Alaska coast, whence the relief expedition may carry it to the imprisoned gold miners. Our duty to suffering humanity demands that the sacrifice may be necessary to accomplish this end. Will you co-operate with us in this undertaking?"

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THE PRINCESS BERNADOTTE, CROWN PRINCESS OF SWEDEN, WHO AS AN INTRIGUING MAID OF HONOR CAPTIVATED THE HEIR TO THE THRONE, IS ALMOST IMPETEROUSLY ADDICTED TO THE DELIGHTS OF A FULL FLEDGED CIGAR, A PENCHANT WHICH IS SAID TO BE SHARED BY THE QUEEN OF SAXONY AND THE GRAND DUCHESS OF BADEN.

IT IS SAID THAT MORE THAN HALF THE REIGNING MONARCHS OF EUROPE ARE TROUBLED WITH DEFECTIVE EYESIGHT. AMONG THOSE WHO WEAR GLASSES IN PRIVATE ARE QUEEN VICTORIA, THE KING OF DENMARK, THE CZAR, THE QUEEN REGENTS OF SPAIN AND HOLLAND, NEARLY EVERY MEMBER OF THE HOUSE OF HAPSBURG AND THE PRINCE OF WALES.

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