

UNITED STATES TERRITORY.

The Array of Foreign Possessions Which Are Ours by Right of Discovery.

Thousands upon thousands of the square miles of territory dominated by the Lion and Bear are entirely uninhabitable, including as they do most of the north polar regions of both hemispheres and arid deserts and steppes in other climes. The United States is nearly the equal of either empire in the extent of habitable area over which the spangled banner floats. And she, too, has great, almost limitless, areas of ice-covered continents and islands which are never counted as part of her landed possessions, and yet which she may quite as justly be credited with as Russia or England, with certain of their uninhabitable possessions in frozen zones. Few geographies show on their maps these foreign possessions of the United States, and a brief reference to them is likely to surprise the citizen who has been unaccustomed to contemplate the possessions of the American Union as hedged in by the bounds of her States and Territories.

But she can really make quite an array of foreign possessions, which are hers by the divine right of discovery, which has given to most of the powers of the earth their foreign dependencies. The voyages of Kane and subsequent American explorers thus gave the United States the whole northwestern portion of Greenland as far as discovered, and Grinnell Land on the opposite shore of Smith Sound. The famous statisticians, Behm and Wagner, give the area of the Greenland stretch of ice and glacier, known as Lincoln and Grant Land (from 78 degrees to 83 degrees) as 192,700 kilometers, and of Grinnell Land at 5,650. Wrangel Land has 66,100 kilometers. There are no estimates even of the area of the various islands north of Siberia discovered by the Jeannette, and it is doubtful if they do not belong to the New Siberian group, classed for many years as belonging to Russia.

The great American exploring expedition of 1840 discovered most of the vast ice-hedged coast of the Antarctic Continent, which has been roughly estimated to extend over 2,000,000 square miles. Some of the lands discovered by Commodore Wilkes have thus been estimated, the figures being in kilometers: Graham's Land, 100,000; Alexander, 20,000; Wilkes, 165,000; Enderby, 28,000.

The following islands and groups in Polynesia belong to the United States: Barber, Palmyra, Prospect, Fanning, Christmas, Starbuck, Penrhyn, Swan-Pitt, McKean, Hull, and Enderby. The United States also owns the Bay of Pago Pago in the Samoan islands.

There are no obtainable statistics of any of these "foreign possessions," and the ordinary American citizen is quite content to think of the Union as embracing only the sweep of land from ocean to ocean and lakes to gulf, not even counting in frozen Alaska, and the girdle of Aleutian islands that span the Pacific Ocean. If other countries were but granted by geographers their equally "important" possessions, popular knowledge of respective areas would be greatly increased.

A Much-Used but Little-Known Wood.

"Did you ever wonder what knife-handles are made of?" asked a dealer in fancy woods of a New York reporter, as he hauled out a shapeless block from his store of spoils from many tropical forests. "Outside of bone and tortoise-shell and pearl, so-called, which every one recognizes, the majority of knife-handles are made out of a close, fine-grained wood, about the name and pedigree of which 9,999 out of every 10,000 persons are ignorant. It is known to the trade as cocobola wood, and it comes in large quantities, millions of pounds a year, from Panama. It is of special value for knife-handles because of its close texture, freedom from knots and flaws, and consequent disinclination to split. Many well-known kinds of wood require varnishing and polishing and filling up of crevices before they attain the beauty for which they are famous. Of course that sort of thing can't be done in the case of knife-handles, and something must be used which doesn't require fixing up. Cocobola is rarely used for cabinet-making, because being a gummy wood, it doesn't glue well. The same qualities that make it of use in the manufacture of knife-handles render it valuable for the making of wind instruments like the flute. It comes to us in chunks, not in strips and planks like other woods. Sometimes these pieces will weigh 500 and 600 pounds, but generally much less than that. It costs 2½ cents a pound now, but before freights went down and the Isthmus was opened up so thoroughly it used to cost double that price."

It Balanced.

"What are you doing down town at this time of night?" asked one pedestrian of another, in front of the City Hall, at 10 o'clock at night.

"Been working at my books down at the office."

"What ailed 'em?"

"My cash account wouldn't balance. Old Smith was looking over the books this afternoon, and he said he'd give me till to-morrow noon to see that cash balanced cash-on-hand account."

"Can you find the error?"

"Oh, I've found it, and made everything balance. I brought \$39.65 down from the house, you know!"—*Detroit Free Press.*

New single leather, belting weighs nearly sixty pounds to the cubic foot, while a strip one foot long and one inch wide weighs 0.068 pound.

Why Jews Live So Long.

The New England Medical Monthly comments very favorably on the proverbially long and healthful lives of the Jews. Dr. Pickard holds that this superiority is due to their stringent health laws. The Mosaic, like the older Egyptian code, is very stringent regarding the eating of flesh and other articles of food. Of the animals examined, a large proportion are always condemned as unfit for food. People who eat meat indiscriminately are very prone to disorders of the blood and of the kidneys, for meat is composed of nitrogen, which the kidneys have to remove from the blood, and of course they cannot do this successfully except by the aid of Warner's safe cure, the best kidney strengthener, unless it is temperately partaken of and only the very best meat is used. Jews also use alcoholic liquors very sparingly, and thus keep up good digestion, and then again they are a holiday-loving and Sabbath-observing class.—*Houskeeper.*

Tears.

Crocodile tears are things of ancient history, and tears produced with the aid of onions are equally well known, but it has remained for modern science to find a way to produce onion tears without betraying the presence of the aggressive onion itself. In fact, the aggressive onion need not be present at all. An essential oil is extracted from it which has all the tear-compelling qualities of the solid vegetable itself. One drop of this oil on a handkerchief is good for one flood of tears, two drops produce a persistent fit of sobbing, and three drops an appearance of utter abandonment to consuming grief.—*Philadelphia Times.*

Maryland, My Maryland.

Maryland legislators, who are always alive to the public interests, have indorsed the new discovery, Red Star Cough Cure, because it contains neither morphia nor opium, and always cures. The price is only 25 cents.

An interesting comparison in the mechanical work of past and present times is presented in the claim made by James Watt, namely, that he had attained remarkable accuracy in boring a cylinder of a steam engine and fitting its piston so closely that "the thickness of a half-crown could not be introduced between them," and the fact that standard gauges are now made that show errors of but 1-100,000 of an inch, and work is positively exacted to 1-50,000 of an inch. Such accurate work is not, however, generally necessary, except in the construction of gauges, these standard gauges being the means provided for keeping or producing within proper, useful, and practical bounds thousands of pieces of the same size and shape, in which oftentimes a certain amount of variation is allowed, both plus and minus. A certain amount of looseness is to be allowed, for instance, in the fit of journals and bearings, the amount to be determined according to the length and size of the journal; but this variation is to be referred to some particular gauge as a standard, hence the value of accuracy in the latter.

A Valuable Medical Treatise.

The edition for 1886 of the sterling Medical Annual, known as Hostetter's Almanac, is now ready, and may be obtained, free of cost, of druggists and general country dealers in all parts of the United States, Mexico, and indeed in every civilized portion of the Western Hemisphere. This Almanac has been issued regularly at the commencement of every year for over one-fifth of a century. It combines, with the soundest practical advice for the preservation of health, a large amount of interesting and amusing light reading, and the calendar, astronomical calculations, chronological items, &c., are prepared with great care, and will be found entirely accurate. The issue of Hostetter's Almanac for 1886 will probably be the largest edition of a medical work ever published in any country. The proprietors, Messrs. Hostetter & Co., Pittsburgh, Pa., on receipt of a two-cent stamp, will forward a copy by mail to any person who cannot procure one in his neighborhood.

EXPERIMENTS with the Phelps method of telegraphing to and from trains in motion continue to be made with satisfactory success; but Mr. Edison has a method which dispenses with the insulated line between the rails. According to the report, Mr. Edison says: "By putting up this tin-foil-covered board lengthwise on the top of each car I can catch a message from the wire strung on poles thirty-five feet off, and can find an answer back to the wires of any sort. The secret of it is in the machine for transmitting. When I was investigating what I called the 'etheric force' a few years ago, I accidentally discovered certain curious properties of static electricity. These I have now applied. The process is very inexpensive, as three men could equip a road 300 miles long for \$1,000 in three or four days. It seems certain that its adoption will be general, so that every train will be run from headquarters, and every passenger will be accessible to his friends."

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Every cloud has a silver lining; but it is not so with solid silver water-pitchers. They are nickel-plated.—*New Orleans Picayune.*

Reed's Piano Factory.

The upper floors of Reed's Temple of Music, on State street, Chicago, have been turned into a piano factory. Two pianos finished there last week, of extra size and original design, are pronounced the best-toned and best-finished pianos ever seen in our city. The Reed & Sons pianos are obtaining a splendid reputation also for durability.

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ARE HAIR PINS INJURIOUS?

The largest percentage of neuralgia headache seems to be among ladies, and most certainly they have a cause. Some have attributed it to the hair being tightly drawn over the head and held in place by hair-pins; in this way the nerves of the scalp are irritated and neuralgia caused. Relief is sometimes experienced by removing the hair-pins, but it is only temporary.

J. P. Mallette, of the Mallette & Raymond Manufacturing Company, No. 329 South Canal street, Chicago, tells as follows how his wife was completely cured of neuralgia:

"Yes; she was sick off and on for a long time, but a half bottle of Athlophoros cured her so that she has not suffered any since. When it was first recommended to her she would not get it, as she was always opposed to taking any kind of patent medicine. But as the treatment she was under gave her no relief, I insisted on her trying Athlophoros. After using half a bottle the neuralgia was gone, and has not returned since. I told a gentleman at the Walnut House, Greenacres, Ind., where I was stopping, to get a bottle, and if it did not cure the intense suffering that he was enduring he could have the cost of the medicine added to my hotel bill."

"Well, did it cure him?"

"Yes; it cured him at once. I have recommended it to at least fifty different persons, and in every case that I know about it has always given the same good results." James D. Gibbin, room 33, No. 125 Dearborn street, Chicago, Ill., is enthusiastic in his praise of the medicine that has cured him of his rheumatism after he had tried in vain many different remedies as well as physicians.

"It was inflammatory rheumatism that had a firm hold on me," he says. "Many times it laid me aside from my business, confining me to the house and many times to my bed. Medicine did me no good. It looked as if I was doomed to suffer on without any relief."

"How did you come to use Athlophoros, Mr. Gibbin?"

"It was in this way. My occupation being that of a traveling man, I had the opportunity of coming in contact with many rheumatic sufferers, and consequently was recommended to use all the leading remedies on the market, many of which I used with no benefit whatever. During my trips to Beaver Dam, Wis., I became acquainted with a lady who was a confirmed invalid from rheumatism. She could not walk at the time I first met her, but was rolled around in an invalid chair. Whenever I went there we always compared notes on the rheumatic question. One day last winter I was astonished to find her walking around and well from the rheumatism. Upon inquiry as to how she got well she said Athlophoros had done the work. Knowing what a wonderful cure this was, as her case was a very severe one, I at once commenced using the medicine myself. The relief and cure was very quick."

"How much did you take in all?"

"Four bottles."

"Have you had any return of the complaint?"

"Not at all." "If you can not get ATHLOPHOROS of your druggist, we will send it, express paid, on receipt of regular price—one dollar per bottle. We prefer that you buy it from your druggist, but if he hasn't it, do not be persuaded to try something else, but order at once from us, as directed. ATHLOPHOROS CO., 112 Wall street, New York."

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William J. Coughlin, of Somerville, Mass., says: "In the fall of 1876 I was taken with BLEEDING OF LUNGS, followed by a severe cough. I lost my appetite and flesh, and was confined to my bed. In 1877 I was admitted to the Hospital. The doctors said I had a hole in my lung as big as a half dollar. At one time a report went around that I was dead. I gave up hope, but a friend told me of DR. WILLIAM HALL'S BALM FOR THE LUNGS. I got a bottle, when, to my surprise, I commenced to feel better, and to-day I feel better than for three years past."

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