

AN IDYL OF THE PACIFIC.

An Island White with Skeletons of an Extinct Indian Race.

On the lonely wind-swept Island of San Nicolas, eighty miles off the coast of Ventura County, where as far back as the memory of man runs hundreds of grisly white skeletons have dotted the valley and hillsides, local archaeologists are now busy gathering the relics of a strange, extinct race.

The island is ten miles long and oval in shape, being four miles across at the widest part. Strange utensils of serpentine, sandstone and steatite are found there among the human bones, and the island and its erstwhile inhabitants have a history so curious that it is difficult of comprehension.

In 1835 the padre of Santa Barbara, learning that there were but sixteen of the strange Indian race then living there, determined to rescue them from the island. They went over in a sloop and succeeded, as they thought, in getting all on board. At the last moment an Indian woman returned for her child, and one of the frequent storms of the Channel islands springing up, the sloop was driven away without her. The sloop went on the rocks of Point Conception and all on board were lost.

Sixteen years later Capt. George Nidever and two men went from the coast on a sloop to hunt otter off San Nicolas. On looking they were like Crusoe, astonished to discover human footprints on the sand. They saw no one, however, and a storm compelled them to put to sea.

It was two years thereafter that the adventurous captain, revolving in his mind the sight of the footprints in the uncanny island, determined to go and discover and bring over the lonely woman of whom he had vaguely heard. Men accompanied him, and at length they saw on the surf-beaten shore a woman with long tawny hair, dressed in a queer garb of colored birdskins and scraping with a bone knife the blubber of a seal.

They surrounded and approached her stealthily, and although suddenly confronted she did not appear in the least afraid, but smiled, and then falling on her knees prayed to the sun. The wild woman made no objection when by signs she was made to understand that she was to go with them in the boat.

They reached Santa Barbara across the rough sea, and the first thing the Indian woman saw was Dr. S. L. Shaw, now eighty years old and yet living there, riding a horse. She had never seen nor heard of any object like it, and thought the man and horse were one, and she knelt on the shore and offered devotions to it. Two weeks afterwards the last inhabitant of rock-ribbed tempest-tossed San Nicolas, died from eating food to which she was unaccustomed, furnished by her rescuers, and the curtain fell on her strange race forever.

Wild dogs had eaten her child. Her dress of red and blue feathers, a wonderful creation of barbaric hands, was sent to the Pope of Rome. Relic hunters have gathered mortars, pestles, ollas, toy steatite canoes and other curiosities there for some years past and shipped them to various Eastern and European universities. Skeletons and parts of skeletons have also been collected in large numbers, but to-day the bones of thousands of Indians are scattered about there. Some lie face down, indicating that they have fallen in battle. There are so many human relics there that San Nicolas is known as the "Isle of Skulls."

"The lonely island, whose highest part is but 1,040 feet above the sea," said a resident of Ventura last night, "is noted for the high artistic class of many of its relics. Had the woman, rescued, then fifty-two years old, not died a story passing strange would no doubt have been told of the acre so long hemmed in by the waste of waters about. As it is, much of the strange story is shrouded in mystery forever."

ADVICE TO THE ENGAGED.

TO THE MAN.

If you think that a woman is any weaker-minded than a man, stop where you are.

If you have chosen a pretty woman without regard to her qualities, halt, you are on the wrong road.

If you think that a house should have only one head and that head be yours, postpone your wedding indefinitely.

If you have an idea that you are too good for a picked-up dinner remain a bachelor.

If you are of the opinion that marriage makes man and wife one and that you are to be that one, send in your regrets at once.

If you intend to treat yourself any better than you treat your wife, don't take one.

If you have found it a hard task to be happy yourself, don't try to make any one else happy.

If you suppose that running the house consists in paying the bills, don't undertake it.

If you are one of those men who think ten per cent. of their income belongs to the tap-room, in Heaven's name let marriage alone.

If you incline to the opinion that any manners are good enough for home manners, don't try to have a home.

If you intend to encourage your wife by telling her that her cake, puddings and pies are not so good as those your mother used to make, don't go any farther; break the engagement.

If you are marrying her for her figure, it would be wise on your part to watch her diet very closely.

TO THE WOMAN.

If you are going to marry a man for his looks, you mustn't be surprised when he gives you black ones.

If you are marrying for money only, you must only expect to get what money can buy.

If you only contemplate taking a husband in order to gain greater freedom, don't be surprised if he should profit by your example.

If you are merely marrying to spite your family, bear in mind that your husband doesn't belong to your family.

If you are going into the thing blindly, don't hold up your hands in holy horror when you get your eyes opened.

If you are marrying a man to reform him, it behooves you to exercise all the zeal and patience of the reformer.

If you have an idea that a cook-book and an allowance can make a happy home, you should get yourself to a nunnery with all convenient speed.

If you are extremely fond of dancing, you would do well to marry a dancing master.

If you expect that God will bless your home, because you had that sentiment in yellow worsted and an oak frame, you are doomed to disappointment.

If you are fond of dress and show and empty parade and take pleasure in the frivolities of life, don't marry a man at all, merely marry something that will pass for a man.

If you have an idea that married life is any easier than it was in your mother's time, because you can live in a boarding house and put your washing out, don't try it.

If you hold the opinion that husbands are like unto anything you have read of in novels, you would do well to inquire into the married lives of those who wrote the books.

If you are merely getting married to work out some theories of your own, you would do well to discuss them first with the man whom you intend to make the experiments.

OLD FACTS BUNCHED.

Fifty-one metals are now known to exist. Four hundred years ago only seven were known.

A deed dated in 1759 and conveying a farm of 100 acres was recently placed on record at Norristown, Pa.

Java is said to be the region of the globe where it thunders oftenest, having thunderstorms on ninety-seven days of the year.

In china wines are drunk hot. The thrifty Chinaman believes that heated wine intoxicates more expeditiously than cold wine.

The "imperial" diamond which was recently purchased by the Nizam of Hyderabad from a London dealer, is valued at \$1,500,000.

In the Old Testament, although great numbers of women are mentioned, there is but one—Sarah, Abraham's wife—whose age is recorded.

A Philadelphian has educated a house fly to respond to a prolonged "buz-z-z," which brings it from its cranny any time of day for its supply of sugar.

It is by the thumb the miller tests the character and qualities of the grain he grinds; spreading the sample over the fingers by a peculiar movement of the thumb, he gauges its value by the thumb itself.

Fully 12,000,000 acres of barren land in the Sahara Desert have been made productive by a system of wells connected by means of ditches which are thereby made to irrigate land now used for wheat fields and for vineyards.

The longest electric railway in the world is to be constructed in Russia. The project is being considered of constructing a line from St. Petersburg to Archangel, a port of the White sea, a distance of more than eight hundred kilometers (493 miles). The electric current is to be furnished by a series of generating stations, distributed along the line.

The "angry tree," a woody plant which grows from ten to twenty-five feet high, and which was formerly supposed to exist in one State in the Union, Nevada, has recently been found in eastern California and Arizona. If disturbed this peculiar-tree shows every sign of vexation, even to ruffling up its leaves like the hair on an angry cat, and giving forth an unpleasant, sickening odor.

Licorice root comes principally from Asia Minor, and is the root of a bush not more than three or four feet high. The dried roots are sent to Bagdad, and thence to London and America. The black licorice stick in the drug stores comes mostly from Spain, and is made of pure juice mixed with a little starch, which prevents it from melting in warm weather. The word licorice means "sweet root," and is of Greek origin.

The tallest men of West Europe are found in Catalonia, Spain; Normandy, France, Yorkshire, England, and the Ardennes districts of Belgium. In the United States the 38th parallel, ranging through Indiana and northern Kentucky, is as decidedly the latitude of big men as the 42nd is that of the big cities. The tallest men of South America are found in the western provinces of the Argentine Republic; of Asia, in Afghanistan and Kaypootana; of Africa, in the highlands of Abyssinia.

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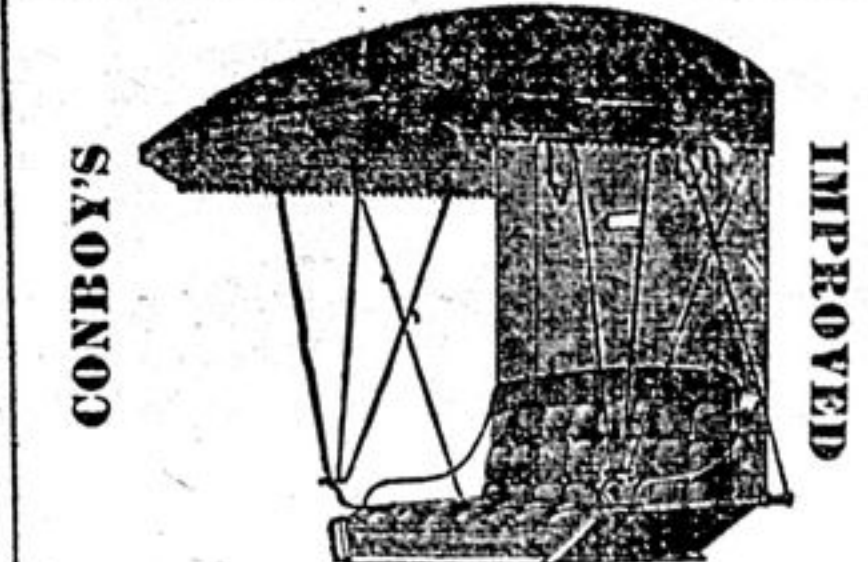
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