

THE HUNTER FOR PEARLS

A LIFE STORY TOLD AT FREEMANTLE, AUSTRALIA.

The Best Paying Business Is the Oyster Shell Gatherer - A Lad's Experience.

He came aboard our steamer at Fremantle, a big, loose-jointed lad of eighteen, with a face browned to the hue of bath brick, with ear tips almost blackened by long exposure to sea and sun, and with massive, powerful hands which bore evidence of having done real work in their time. Mr. F. A. McKenzie in the London Mail. Before the ship had penetrated far into the Great Australian Bight most of his fellow passengers knew his story, for he boasted of his adventures with a boyish heartiness which helped to relieve the monotony of the long voyage.

"I'm not myself just now," he told us in the smoking room after dinner. "I've been down with fever, and I've not yet got over working at my still being alive. But I found two pearls just before I got the fever, one worth £140 and the other worth £250, so I thought I was entitled to a holiday, and I left my chum-at-Broome to look after other things, and I'm going to Melbourne to have the time of my life. Broome is a know-all, as they call him in the Land, and it's the headquarters of the pearl hunting."

"How did I find the pearls? Well, it's my business to look for 'em, or, to come nearer the truth, it's the tit-bit of my business when I come across 'em. I'm an oyster-shell gatherer, the best paying business on earth."

"It takes about eight hundred pounds to equip you. I have known men to set out with less by getting one of the big houses in E. Dalgety's to help them a bit, but really you ought to have"

EIGHT HUNDRED POUNDS
in hand at the start. For that you can buy your lugger, stock her with a year's provisions, pay your diver his advance money—a kind of retaining fee—hire your three Malays from the agent and set out.

"Some of the divers are Malays and some Japanese, but give me the little Jap all the time. Your diver, of course, is your most important man. You must treat him as you would a dog, and he will give you a good return for it. He will be at work at sea securing your harvest. You pay him a hundred and fifty pounds advance money and twenty pounds every ton of shell he brings up. His work is exceedingly dangerous, hence the heavy advance. At the best his life is short, and every time he plunges into the sea, he has to work at great depths, and the weight of water may kill him at any time. I knew one man whose diver was done for the first time he went below. The doctor said a blood vessel in the head had broken under pressure. The owner lost twenty hundred and fifty pounds, of course.

"There is some danger from sharks but not so much as you would think, although sharks do abound in these waters. The divers take their knives down with them, and their dress seems to warn off the sharks. But I remember one case where the diver's signals ceased and the Malays pulled up the line. They found the diver's clothes ripped up and only part of him left. A shark had made a successful attack."

"The three Malays control the lines and pump for your diver, and to control water. They are often a nuisance, and it is no use denying it. Sometimes they are a danger, too. You are cooped up in the lugger, and if you quarrel with the Malays, they will put you on board to make it worth their while to get rid of you.

"One continually fears cases of the white owner falling overboard, or disappearing no one knows how. You've very easily offend a Malay, and he remembers the least offence. The moment comes sooner or later when his kris or a slight push as you are standing on the edge of the deck finally settles your debt. I remember without first seeing that my revolver was properly charged and placing it ready to hand for business. You train yourself to sleep light on a peeling lugger, and he would have had to be a sharp Malay who got at me without my having a shot first."

"Once a Malay did try to rush me on deck. We had some little dispute and he tried to hit me with a knife. I winged him once in the shoulder, and he would not have hesitated to put a bullet through his head if necessary."

"Are no inquiries made about such deaths?" one listener asked. "Might there not be some boater with the courts?"

"But what if the other men on board swore differently?"

"Don't take on so, John Henry," she said, softly, "I'm going to marry you."

"The strong man fainted, and, as she bent over him, a determined little line showed about her mouth, as she muttered—

"I had to do something to bring him to it."

Piles
To prove to you that Dr. Chase's Ointment is a certain cure for piles, in every form of itching, bleeding and protruding piles, the manufacturer has guaranteed. See testimonials in the daily press and ask your neighbors what they think of it. You can use it and get your money back if it does not cure you. Solely at EDMANSON, BATES & CO., Toronto, Ont.

Dr. Chase's Ointment?

It is the Poison that Causes Pain
The Poisonous Waste Matter is Removed by the Kidneys, Liver and Bowels when These are kept Healthy by Dr. Chase's Kidney-Liver Pills.

The kidneys, liver and bowels are known as excretory organs, because it is their mission to cast out of the body the poisonous waste material which would otherwise poison the system, cause pains and aches and give rise to deadly disease.

LITERARY CURIOSITY.

Remarkable Complication From Standard Authors.

Each line is a quotation from some standard American or English author, and represents the result of years of laborious search among the voluminous writings of thirty-eight poets.

1. Why all this toil for triumphs of an hour?
2. Life's a short summer, man's a flower.
3. By turns we catch the vital breath and die.
4. The cradle and the tomb, alas! so nigh!
5. To be is better far than not to be.
6. Though all men's lives may seem a tragedy.
7. But light cares spread when mighty griefs are dumb:
8. The bottom is but shallow whence they come.
9. Year after year is but the common fate of all;
10. Unmurmured joys to no man here befall.
11. Nature to each allots its proper sphere;
12. Fortune makes folly her particular care.
13. Custom does not often reason overrule.
14. And throw a cruel sunshine on a face that wears a frown.
15. Live well, how long or short, permit to heaven:
16. They who forgive most shall be most forgiven.
17. Sin may be clasped so close we cannot see its face—
18. Vice intercourse where virtue has no place.
19. Then keep each passion down, however dear.
20. Thou pendulum betwixt a smile and tear.
21. Her sensual snares let faithless pleasure lay.
22. With craft and skill to ruin and betray.
23. Soar not too high to fall, but stoop to rise.
24. We masters grow of all that we despise.
25. When, then, renounce that impious self-esteem,
26. Riches have wings and grandeur is a dream.
27. Think not ambition wise because 'tis brave;
28. The paths of glory lead but to the grave.
29. What is ambition? 'Tis a glorious cheat—
30. Only destructive to the brave and great.
31. What's all the gaudy glitter of a crown?
32. The way of bliss lies not on beds of down.
33. How long we live not years but actions tell—
34. That man lives twice who lives the first life well.
35. Make, then, while yet you may, your God your friend,
36. Whom Christians worship, yet not comprehend.
37. The trust that's given, guard, and to yourself be just.
38. For live we how we can, yet die we must.

The lines are contributions from: 1. Young; 2. Dr. Johnson; 3. Pope; 4. Prior; 5. Sewall; 6. Spencer; 7. Daniel; 8. Sir Walter Scott; 9. Longfellow; 10. Southwell; 11. Congreve; 12. Churchill; 13. Rochester; 14. Armstrong; 15. Milton; 16. Bayly; 17. Trench; 18. Somerville; 19. Thompson; 20. Byron; 21. Smetley; 22. Crabbe; 23. Massinger; 24. Cowley; 25. Beattie; 26. Cowper; 27. Sir Walter Devoant; 28. Gray; 29. Willis; 30. Addison; 31. Dryden; 32. Francis Charles; 33. Watkins; 34. Herrick; 35. William Mason; 36. Hill; 37. Dana; 38. Shakespeare.

THAN ANYTHING ELSE.

"I was a teetotaler when I first went to Broome. My dad's a squatter, and I was pretty strictly brought up. But no man remains a teetotaler at sea, and Broome could stand as much liquor as the best of them. In December all the boats that have been cruising come into Broome for the bad season, and remain there until March. You will not see such sustained drinking anywhere in Australia as there. I can drink 'em out of the wood for it. Men just float on liquor. Broome's no Sunday-school when the shell fishers arrive. Every one has plenty of money and every one insists on shouting to every one else. Let twenty men meet in a bar, and each man must consume twenty drinks before they part. You can't refuse to drink with a man without mortally offending him.

"And if a man had luck, nothing but the dearest liquor will do. I have known three cases of champagne opened for a company not much bigger than this. And the lookey-look of the smoking room as he spoke. "You don't always wait for corks-rews. Break the tops off the bottles and pour down the fizz."

"The Australian Government was going to interfere with us over the black labor question. Under some new law blacks are not allowed to land in Australia without all manner of restrictions. We got over that easily. The Malays and Japanese are taken on our luggers from the agents, ships direct, and they never leave the luggers until their time is up. The Australian Government cannot afford to meddle with us too much. If it did, we would all simply transfer ourselves to the Dutch flag, and work from Java instead of Broome. We are not going to let any 'white Australia' nonsense spoil us."

The lad walked away. An old soldier, sitting by, looked up. "There's a nice, unlicked young fellow for you," he said. "If I had had him in my company in Natal at the beginning of the war—well, we would have made a man of him, and clipped his tongue a little."

TAKEN BY SURPRISE.

Amelia was sweet, nice, and nervous, and she said to her sweetheart: "You have been so old a friend, I want to tell you something, I am," and she blushed—"I am going to be married."

"Wait," he cried, hoarsely; "before you go farther, hear me. I must say it, though I have no right now, I will have less right later. I love you. I adore you. I have loved you since we were children together. I do not know how I can live and see you the wife of another. But at least you will know that I have loved you all these years, and when you hear the wind sigh over my distant grave—"

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The satisfaction of having the washing done early in the day, and well done, belongs to every user of Sunlight Soap.

case in Norway, while in the Netherlands certain days in the week are set apart when persons may be married without payment.

A SMART NEPHEW.

A certain wealthy man has set his nephew up in business three times, but the young man lacks something essential to success in the mercantile direction and failed with each effort. When he came with the fourth request for financial backing the uncle demurred.

"You must learn to lean on yourself," he said. "I can't carry you all your life. It would be an unkindness in me to keep supplying you with money to carry on enterprises that invariably end in failure. I'll tell you what I'll do. You owe a good deal as the result of that last 'spec.' Pitch in on your own hook and go it alone till you pay those debts off. When you've done that I'll give you a cheque for all they amount to. Such an experience would do you more good than all the money I could give you now."

Three months later, the nephew walked in with every claim re-edited in full, and the uncle was delighted as he gave the promised cheque. "That's something like it now, and I warrant you feel all the better for the hard training. How did you manage, Tom?"

BOREDOM OF THE MONEY.

The old gentleman is telling everyone that there is the making of a great financier in his nephew.

DROVE AWAY BOTH DISEASES

GOE. ROBERTSON CURED HIS KIDNEYS BY USING DODD'S KIDNEY PILLS.

And His Rheumatism and Dropsy Departed Never to Return—He Makes a Statement.

Montreal, Que., Dec. 14.—(Special).—The illness and cure of Mr. George Robertson, of 39 Antoine St., this city, is further and convincing proof that Rheumatism and Dropsy are both the results of Diseased Kidneys. Mr. Robertson had Dropsy and Rheumatism for five years. He cured his Kidneys by using Dodd's Kidney Pills. He speaks of his case Mr. Robertson says:

"I had been troubled with Dropsy and Rheumatism for five years. I am now well and it is all owing to Dodd's Kidney Pills. Before I started using them I could hardly put my foot to the floor they were swollen so much from Dropsy. My arms used to swell at times so that I could not put my coat on."

"A friend advised me to use Dodd's Kidney Pills offering to pay for them if they did not help me. Before I had used the second box I felt a great improvement. I took seven boxes in all and I don't know what it is to be sick since."

The teacher of a country school, asking his pupils one day if any of them could tell him who Joan of Arc was. The question was followed by profound silence. Some of the pupils started at the teacher, and some turned and stared at one another, as if seeking the information in the faces around them. Finally a boy burst out with: "Oh, yes I know—she was Noah's wife."

STATE OF OHIO, CITY OF TOLEDO, Lucas County.

FRANK J. CHENEY makes oath that he is the holder and proprietor of the City of Toledo, County and State of Ohio, and that he will pay the sum of ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS for each and every case of HALL'S CATARRH CURE.

Sworn to before me and subscribed in my presence, this 6th day of December, A.D. 1896.

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VERY DRAMATIC MOMENT

KING EDWARD NARROWLY ESCAPED BEING SHOT.
His First Baptism of Fire When a Boy, Nearly Cost Him His Life.

himself if he had devoted the same time to this most fascinating and dangerous branch of sports. In his early days, thirty years ago, he made a great reputation as a cool and daring shot, and many were the tigers, leopards and cheetahs that fell to his gun; in fact, he established a record by accounting for half-dozen tigers in less than an hour. He is now a member of the London Gun Club, and he has shot through the heart, and one fierce, gigantic brute, which had leaped on to the elephant the Prince was riding, he shot through the head at such close quarters that its breath was hot on his face, and this he did as coolly as if he were bowling over a rabbit.

In Ceylon the Prince had some exciting and dangerous moments when he was shooting elephants, and he astonished his fellow-sportsmen and natives alike by his wonderful coolness and resource; while in Egypt he spent a night after a long and tiring day of patient waiting and watching before he was successful with his first crocodile.

But, naturally, King Edward's spot has been found chiefly in England and Scotland, where he had long been recognized as one of the best half-dozen shots, indeed with the exception of Lord Walsingham and De Grey, it is doubtful whether he has a superior with the gun to-day. In his younger years he was exceedingly successful as a deer-talker, and his skill in stalking a stag and bringing him down at long range is still talked of in Scotland.

It is, however, chiefly as a shooter, of pheasants that King Edward has won his great reputation as a sportsman. On more than one occasion he has bagged 250 hares in a single day, a feat which very few men have excelled; and on one memorable occasion when shooting at Sandringham in 1878 he brought down fifty birds with fifty-six consecutive shots.

The King's shooting-parties are never numerous, consisting usually of from eight to a dozen men, but each sportsman is a shot of repute like Lord De Grey, or, in his younger days, Lord James of Hereford, and not only must his guests be capital shots, but they must be careful ones too, for the King runs no risk of accidents. A pretty eye-taker, too, is a Royal shoot for any one with an eye to the picturesque and a love of good shooting—with the keepers in their Royal liveries, the smoke-dusted with their scarlet-banded hats, the boys stationed here and there with their flags and red and blue, and the King and his guests, with careless cracking of guns, bringing down the birds with unerring aim at the rate of hundreds an hour, to be transported to the waiting game-carts, and by them to the spacious larders at Sandringham, with their accommodation for 6,000 head of game.

There are no preserves in England better guarded than those of the King at Sandringham, which are repleted by 10,000 pheasants every year, all reared by the head keeper in incubators; and of these it is estimated that quite a quarter fall to the gun of the King and the Prince of Wales, who, as a shooter, is little less skillful and keen than his Royal father.

A school-teacher received the following note from the mother of one of her pupils: "Dear Miss, You write me about whipping Sammy. I hereby give you permission to beat him up any time it is necessary to learn him lessons. He is just like his father—you have to learn him with a club. Pardon, no! into him. I want him to get it, and don't pay no attention to what his father says. I'll handle him."

A tonic for the Debilitated.—Parle's Vegetable Pills by acting on the bowels, and clearing the system, restores the system to its original state of healthful action and restores tone to full vigor. They can be taken in graduated doses and so used that they can be continued at any time without return of the ailments which they were used to relieve.

The Bride: "Folks say you only married me because I had money." Groom: "Non sense. My principal reason for marrying you was because I had none."

Minard's Liniment Cures Colds, etc.

Mistress: "Mary, didn't I see you talking to the policeman this morning?" Mary: "No, ma'am; it was Jim talking to me."

The Public should bear in mind that Dr. Thomas' Electric Oil has nothing in common with the impure, deteriorating class of so-called "rubbers." It is entirely pure and really efficacious—relieving pain and lameness, stiffness of the joints and muscles, and sprains or hurts, besides being an excellent specific for rheumatism, coughs and bronchial complaints.

"How is your new house getting on?" "First-rate. We've got the roof and the mortgage on. I think we shall have the kitchen range and the balliffs in before the year is out."

A Veteran's Story.—George Lewis, of Shamokin, Pa., writes: "I am eighty years of age. I have been troubled with Catarrh for fifty years, and in my time have used a great many catarrh cures, but never had any relief until I used Dr. Agnew's Catarrhal Powder. One box cured me completely." 50 cents.—25

TO IMITATE FATHER TIME.

Despite the prevalence of clocks and watches, numbers of sand-time-glasses are now sold. These, with a three-minute gauge, are a regular accompaniment of the egg-boilers and now, popular table use. Many sand-glasses are in favor for indicating the length of time the tea must draw, or the exact number of minutes the coffee must "stand." Many housewives use a sand-glass when preparing sauces for delicate fish dishes or making chunky omelets and sweets, apt to spoil in the bread of a second's overcooking or under-cooking. The sand-glass is a picturesque table equipment, performing its duties noiselessly, and giving a romantic, time-honored suggestion that chimes in appropriately with the simple antique furnishings now in vogue. Sand-time-glasses now find places in sitting-rooms and bedrooms, and are installed on many desks and dressing-tables in fashionable houses. Time-glasses, mounted in oddly luxuriantly decorative porcelain are sold for luxury in the Queen's Court. Oriental hour-glasses are mounted in

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He: "Yes, I need only talk with a lady fifteen minutes, and I know just what she thinks of me." She: "But you must find it very unpleasant."

Worms derange the whole system. Mother Graves' Worm Exterminator drove worms and gives rest to the sufferer. It only costs 25 cents to try it and be convinced.

"Sarah," said Mrs. Hyflite, "your lady friend mustn't stay so late hereafter. Her uproarious laughter woke me up at one o'clock this morning." "Yes, mum; I was told her about how you tried to make a case out of it."

Little Boy: "How old are you?" Miss Antique (confusedly): "You should not ask a lady how old she is." Little Boy: "Oh, 'scuse me. How young are you?"

Mrs. Wigner's SOCRINE STRAP has been used by millions of men for their children while teething. It soothes the child, softens the gums, always pain, cures teething, regulates the bowels, and gives rest to the mother. It is sold in boxes of five each, and each box contains a bottle and a book. Solely at EDMANSON, BATES & CO., Toronto, Ont.

He: "And at last they agreed to marry." She: "Yes, and it was the last thing they agreed on."

Minard's Liniment Cures Distemper. "Doesn't it hurt your conscience to wear those pretty birds' wings on your hat?" "It does a little, because they are not real wings. They are only clever imitations."

Wash greasy dishes, pots or pans with Leaver's Dry Soap a powder. It will remove the grease with the greatest ease.

Photographer: "Don't assume such a fierce expression. Look pleasant." Murphy: "Not I. My wife is going to send one of those pictures to her mother, and if I look pleasant she'll come and stay with us."

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