

FROM BONNIE SCOTLAND

NOTES OF INTEREST FROM HER BANKS AND BRAES.

What is Going On in the Highlands and Lowlands of Auld Scotia.

A building boom is on in Perth. Leith poor rate has been increased 2½d. per pound.

Blairstown new water works were opened on the 2nd inst. They have cost \$100,000.

John Scott, General Post-office, Edinburgh, has got nine months for fraud and forgery.

This year the road assessment in the Central District, Edinburgh, has been raised a penny.

Crops are looking fine, and there is every indication that Bute farmers will reap a good harvest.

Arbroath poor rate has been advanced 1d. per £1. The cost of lunatic poor is largely responsible for the increase.

There are seven candidates for the chair of chemistry in the University of Edinburgh vacated by Professor Crum Brown.

Captain Murchie, of the Clyde tug Belmore, which foundered near Suez, and who was drowned, was a native of Lochranza.

The oldest hall in Crieff—the Weavers' Hall in Commissioner street—has had its walls nicely done up, and looks fresh and bright.

A new thoroughfare may be built between the Joint Station, Aberdeen, and the northern part of the city at an estimated cost of \$165,000.

Craigneuk Workmen's Home, Ltd., have paid a dividend at the rate of 10 per cent., and a bonus of 2½ per cent., on the subscribed capital.

In the country schools of Wigtown it is the practice to close earlier than in the town in order to allow the children to take part in the turnip thinning.

The Council of Dundee University College has approved of the erection of a new mechanical engineering laboratory at a cost of between \$65,000 and \$75,000.

The Scottish Amateur Athletic championship meeting has produced a new record—that made by T. R. Nicolson in the hammer-throwing event, 162 feet 8 inches.

The Scottish Coal Mine Owners' Association have made application to the Miners' Federation for another reduction of wages of 12½ per cent., equal to 6d. per day.

Robert Miller, chimney sweep, residing at 267 King street, Rutherglen, died recently from the effects of poisoning. The deceased accidentally drank a quantity of liquid ammonia.

Oban has at length aroused from its slumber and commenced to raze to the ground some of its outstanding architectural freaks. The huge, ungainly hydro has been demolished and every stone sold to local builders.

A DARING OPERATION.

Surgeon Shortened Ribs to Give Heart More Room.

A very remarkable operation has just been performed at one of the large hospitals in London which if ultimately successful will open up yet another field for the daring skill of the twentieth century surgeon. This operation was suggested for the relief of pain due to heart disease and was devised according to the following argument:

It was supposed that the attacks of pain were due to the efforts of the enlarged heart to beat in the confined space allotted to it in the chest. It was argued that if the imprisoned heart could have greater freedom of action its beat would be more effective and the pains would probably cease.

The surgeon removed four and a half inches of the fifth rib and five and a half inches of the sixth rib on the left side, so as to give the enlarged heart greater freedom of action, and the result so far has been excellent. The patient is well satisfied with the results; he has obtained relief from pain, and his hitherto restless nights have given place to quiet and uninterrupted sleep.

WAIL OF A PESSIMIST.

I'd run this country differently—
Make many changes—but there!
Nobody asks me what I would do,
And nobody seems to care.

"Captain," said the boy, "is a thing lost when you know where it is?" "No, you fool!" answered the captain, who, being a wise man, abhorred frivolous questions. "Well, sir, your silver teapot is at the bottom of the sea!"

BROKEN IN HEALTH.

Dr. Williams' Pink Pills Restored Strength After Medical Treat- ment Had Failed.

"I can truthfully say Dr. Williams' Pink Pills did for me what one of the best doctors in Halifax failed to do—restored my health." This strong statement is made by Mr. Wm. J. Weaver, 172 Argyle street, Halifax. Mr. Weaver adds: "A few years ago I took employment in a large factory as fireman. I knew the work would be hard, and friends told me I would never stand it, but as I was a strong man, weighing 180 pounds, I laughed the idea of not being able to do the work. Anyhow I started and found the job a hard one indeed. There were a number of firemen employed and men were taking and quitting the job every few days. I kept at the work for two years and during that time lost 50 pounds weight, and was a broken down man. I could not take my meals and often took my dinner back home with me without touching it. When I would be working on the night shift I could not sleep in the day time, and this added to my trouble. Finally I became a total wreck and had to quit the work. I could hardly drag myself about, and yet had become so nervous that I could not sit still and would walk about the house until I was ready to drop. The doctor came to see me every day, and changed the medicine time and again, but it did me no good. Finally he wanted me to go to the hospital, and at this stage a friend came to stay with me overnight. While he was reading the evening paper he came across the testimonial of a cure wrought by Dr. Williams' Pink Pills. He said, 'why don't you try them, nothing else is helping you and they may do you good.' He went out and got me a box at once. When this was done I got a half dozen boxes, and before they were all gone I began to feel like a new man. I continued using the pills for a couple of months when I was again as well and as strong as ever I had been in my life, and I have not seen a sick day since. I feel confident there is no remedy in the world equal to Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for building up a broken down and nervous system, and for such trouble I would strongly recommend them."

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ONLY A COLD IN THE HEAD.

That's What the Doctor Says About It, but He Can't Cure It.

"Akerchoo," remarked Mr. Bampton, as he came sniffing down the steps leading to the doctor's office. "These doctors bake be dired. Dhey dhig dhey are dealing in an advanced science ad yet, Ly gracious dhey can't cure a nasty liddle cold id dhe head."

"Id's edough to bake addybuddy cuss to hear dhem go on. I said to dhe doctor, I said, 'Doctor, I'b sig,' I said. 'I'b very sig,' I said. 'Id fact, I feel bum all over,' I said. 'What'll I do?' I said."

"'Oh,' says he, 'do'd do addydhig. You've just got a liddle cold id dhe head. Dhat's all. Id's dothing butch. Id'll wear off.'"

"'Ai'd dhat sibly sickening? Here I go to a doctor who claims he can cure ditheria ad dhyphoid ad beasles ad all sort ob dhigs, ad by gracious, he can't cure a liddle cold id dhe head."

"'Id'll wear off,' he says. I know dhat. But I do'd want id to wear off. Akerchoo! I want to stop feeling sick, ad dhere's dothing makes you feel sicker dhan a liddle cold id dhe head."

"'Dhe drouble is dhey do'd think it's addything—a liddle cold. If you had subthing derrible with a long Latin dabe dhe doctors would bay sub attention to you. Seeb's like dhey don't have addy sympathy with a liddle cold id dhe head."

"'Ad, by gracious, what cad you do 'or id? You ca'd do addything but sneeze and snuff ad bake a duisance of yourself. Ad adother dthing dhat bakes be mad is dhe way everybody laughs ad you when you got a cold id dhe head."

"'Id seems to be a fuddy joke. By gracious, id's do joke for dhe man who's got id. Akerchoo!'"

Be careful not to stumble over your own bluff.

ROUSE GAMING PASSION.

Young Women in London Entangled in Card Debts.

Under the title of "Society Sharks," Olive Christian Malvery recently contributed a rather striking article to the Christian Globe. Concerning the bridge victim, the writer says:—

"Can anything be more horrible than for a woman of experience to invite to her house young people with the express purpose of encouraging them to gamble, and fleeing them of their money? The history of one of these girls who fell into the snare laid for her might be told in a few brief words.

"Her mother was a widow, and they possessed a small income, but one that was sufficient for their needs and that allowed of their living in comfort. The girl, by some ill-luck, got introduced to one of these smart women in London, and was drawn into a vortex of gay life. She was encouraged to play cards for money until the gambling passion in her was thoroughly roused, and two months after her introduction to the woman who ruined her she had gambled away a thousand pounds and stood heavily in debt. A terrible time ensued, and the woman in whose house she had lost most of her money began a system which in reality amounted to blackmail.

"She advised the girl not to tell her mother of her debts, but introduced her to people who she said would prove good friends. So the coils were wound firmer and firmer, until the choice lay between complete sacrifice of honor or an exposure, and being probably ostracized from society altogether—for these things are not done in open daylight, but secretly. Fortunately in this case the girl's common sense came to her aid, and in her desperation she placed her whole terrible position before her mother. Happily she was a woman of honorable character and much decision.

"She went herself to her daughter's temptress, and two women of the world met face to face—one a good one and one evil. Unfortunately in such cases the balance of triumph is generally on the part of the sharks, but here this devourer's reputation was too shady for her to risk a public scandal, and she agreed to forget that she had ever met the girl. Those debts that were made with strangers were paid, but the woman herself was obliged to forego her ill-gotten gains."—Glasgow Herald.

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FOUND SEA MONSTER'S SKULL

Skull of Unknown Monster is Found in Scottish Waters.

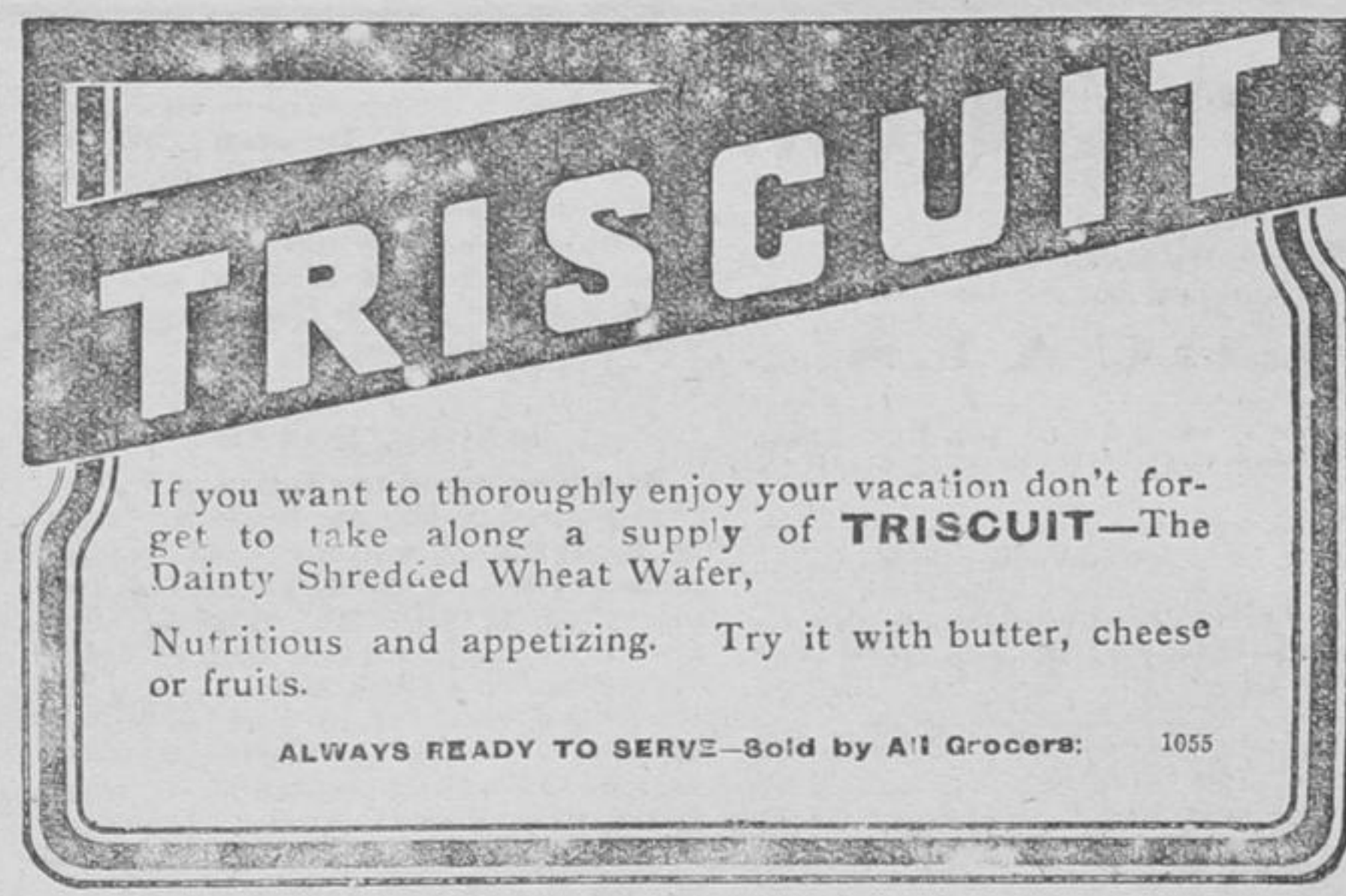
The skull of a huge unknown sea monster was brought up by the trawl nets of the Aberdeen steamer Balmiedie, while fishing in the Atlantic, north of Scotland, the other day. The skull was subsequently landed at Aberdeen, amid great excitement.

Mystery surrounds its classification. The skull is of immense size, its dimensions suggesting that the animal it belonged to was as large as an elephant. It is in a wonderful state of preservation, and but for a protuberance from a pair of bell-shaped jaw-bones there is no flesh covering. This protuberance is leathery to the touch, three feet long, eight inches in circumference and tapering to a point.

A little above and to the edge of the tongue space were two huge cavities, quite a foot across, suggesting eye sockets. It is thought the relic is part of some pre-historic monster from the Arctic regions, which, having been preserved in its ice bed for ages, may have been washed down into warmer latitudes on an ice floe before being deposited in the Atlantic.

"Why did you leave your last place?" "I couldn't stand the way mistress and master used to quarrel, mum." "Dear me, did they quarrel very often?" "Yes, mum. When 'twasn't me an' 'im, 'twas me an' 'er."

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IN TENEBRIS LUX.

(By A Banker.)

One of the strangest phenomena which have occurred for many years—strange, because altogether unintelligible, and, so far, not satisfactorily explained by scientists—was the remarkable and unaccountable prolongation of the glow of twilight, with the complete absence of darkness during the whole of the night, which recently so startled north-western Europe. A beautiful sunset hue pervaded the northern heavens, as though, the axis of the earth suddenly changing, the sun had not sunk so far beneath the horizon as usual, and the position of the pole had altered five and twenty or more degrees, the arctic circle therefore moving downwards. The phenomenon was entirely different to aurora borealis, and the cause remains an absolute mystery. It was as though a Joshua had commanded the sun to stand still in order to prolong the length of the day.

But however beautiful and strange, this phenomenon could not compare in splendour and magnificence with the startling display of aurora borealis which took place in England in 1859. As the twilight disappeared strange coruscations of colored light were observed in the northern heavens, gradually taking the form of a gigantic luminous arch of many colored fires. Depending from the arch were geometrical columns, of varying length, of quivering, many-hued wildfire; some a brilliant amethyst, some a deeper purple, or some a vivid carmine or emerald. Now a throbbing pulsation passes over the entire glowing arc, and it flashes in gold or orange, azure or vermilion, mauve or violet; now for a moment partially fading away, again suddenly, with a quivering tremor, scintillating and flashing as brightly as before. The spectacle is now beyond expression sublime and majestic, and those who had the good fortune to witness it were altogether overwhelmed at this magnificent and sumptuous display of the mighty forces of Nature.

On another occasion, instead of a prolongation of daylight, for a space of three hours, commencing at noonday, a supernatural darkness overspread the land, a darkness in which, it is believed, the entire earth was plunged, for Nature was then veiling her face, shocked at the dread tragedy which was taking place on Golgotha, where the pure and holy Son of God was bearing the shameful load of our sins, and, Himself on behalf of all who will but come to Him, enduring the punishment due by them to Eternal Justice. Aye, well might Nature then, aghast at the heart-rending sufferings of her Lord, shroud herself in darkness, and screen Him from the ribald insults of His dastardly murderers. But His death is our life, His sufferings our passport to the glories and supernal joys of heaven; His crown of thorns our title to a crown of glory.

GIVING THE BOY A START.

"I wish," said Mrs. Struckoyle, in great perplexity, "I could think of some good name for the baby."

"Suppose," suggested her husband, "we call him after a distant relative of mine, who is a preacher. I think I've never spoken of him, but—"

"Is he a good preacher?" "Oh, yes; he's orthodox, and—"

"That suits me exactly!" exclaimed Mrs. Struckoyle. "We'll call him Orthodox."

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CAUSE.

"Why, Jimmie, is it true that you gave little Bobbie a black eye?" "Y—yessum."

"What excuse have you for such a brutal act?" "W—well, he provoked me."

"How did he provoke you?" "He hit me back."

The important event in many a man's life is an accident—the accident of birth.

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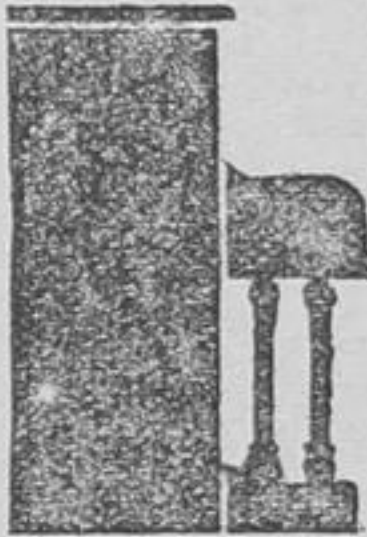
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