LITTLE KNOWN ABOUT FISH.

Recent Phenomenal Catches Show the Habits of Finny Tribes Are Peculiar.

During the year 1903 there was the largest run of salmon in Irish, English and Scottish waters ever known, and this came right upon a general assumption that the records of preceding years that the fish were gradually diappearing. This shows how little is understood about the ways of fishes.

It is recognized that last year in England was phenomenally rainy. It broke every known record for preceipitation. There is an intimation that that superabundance of fresh water may have had its influence in indueing the salmon to go upstream. The Spectator says that many salmon stay around in the sea and refrain from going into fresh water. It says, too, that it has been proved by marking the fish that within the space of five weeks the two days a salmon of ten and one-half pounds has been found to grow to twenty and one-quarter pounds. Nothing else grows so fast.

The same journal refers to the story that salmon in our western rivers push each other ashore in their upstream rush, and casts a doubt on this. But perfectly trustworthy persons, of high intelligence and universally respected, will vouch for it that they themselves have seen the banks of rivers in British Columbia packed with dead salmon which produced such a disagreeable atmosphere by reason of their disintegration that it was almost unbearable for people who had to pass that way. In the push of fish there is not room for them in narrow parts and they are crowded right up to the banks. There is no doubt of this, and it is among the smaller anecdotes of the kind that one will gather in a trip in that part of the world.

GREAT LAKE OF SIBERIA.

The drowning of several hundred Russian soldiers in Lake Baikal, in Siberia, has been chronicled in the despatches, but the report is declared erroneous. The lake is from 20 to 60 miles wide, and 500 to 600 miles long. It lies between 100 and 110 degrees east longitude and 50 to 56 degrees north latitude. Its area equals that of Lake Erie and Ontario combined. Its depth is a mile in places, Lake Superior, the deepest of American lakes, is 1,030 feet deep.

There is a convict route around the lower portion of the lake, but the grades are so stupendous that the cost of a road over this route has been estimated to be $250,000 a mile. Roads in the United States average about $40,000 a mile, under difficulties. The route is 150 miles long. It is evident why the Russian depends upon his boats in summer, which make three round trips weekly, and builds his railroad upon the ice in winter, when it freezes to a depth of 12 feet.

In summer the storms strike Lake Baikal out of a clear sky. The wind rushes down from the north like a hurricane, without warning. When it strikes the surrounding hills, which nose out into the lake in rugged ,precipitous promontories, the hurricane changes to a cyclone, and the surface of the deep sea is twisted into the most appalling shapes. Russian boatmen never attempt to weather Baikal storms if there is any hope of reaching the nearest shore. If the shore be astern sailors turn about and flee. If it be ahead they flee. Baikal terrifies the Russian not only in summer, but in winter.

In winter it is equally dangerous. When the air holes close in the ice, as is frequently done, there is an explosion that can be heard for miles. The surface of the ice becomes a volcano and huge mountains of ice shoot upward, fall and disappear in the water, to reappear at another place, crashing through the frozen ice. The closing of an air hole in the ice of Lake Baikal might wreck the Czar's ice raidroad, sinks his cars, and rails, and possibly his soldiers, and completely cut off communication until another route across the lake could be laid out, to meet, perhaps, a similar fate.

The directors of the road have contemplated building around the lower end of the lake, and possibly work already has begun. But it will be two or three years before it is finished, and surely not in time to assist in the transporting of troops to met the advance of the Japanese on the Yalu.

One end of the lake traffic is Listvenichnai. The other is Misovaia. The distance between them is 53 miles.:

HELD AN EXCELLENT HAND.

Things had progressed to a point where the young man had been practically received into the family circle. While he hadn't yet mustered up sufficient courage to ask the old man's consent, it was evident that he would in time.

Thus it happened that the old man, who liked nothing better than a good game of whist or euchre or hearts, invited him to a little game one evening, and, of course, he didn't feel that it would be policy to refuse.

"You and mother," said the old man, referring to his wife, "can play against Gladys and me. That will be fair. If you and Gladys sat opposite each other you would probably persist in looking into each other's eyes, to the great detriment of the game."

Naturally the young woman and the young man blushed, but they said nothing, and the game began.

It wasn't much of a game. While the young woman wasn't sitting opposite the young man, she was sitting next to him, and every few minutes one or the other of them forgot to play when it was his or her turn. Then, too, there were frequent inquiries as to who took the last trick and what was trumps, and, altogether, the old man felt a good deal like swearing on one or two occasions.

Finally he made up his mind that patience had ceased to be a virtue. The game had come to a standstill while the young people exchanged confidences in a whisper. It was noticeable that each had one hand under the table.

"Young man," said the old man, sharply, "I should infer from the way you are playing that you haven't much of a hand."

"On the contrary, sir," protested the young man, "I think I have as good a hand as I ever held."

"Well, suppose you drop it for a few minutes and try to play the cards that are on the table," suggested the old gentleman, dryly.

He did. His missing hand appeared above the table almost instantly, and so did hers, and they both blushed. —New York Press.

Grand Central Station

The only station in New York city is the Grand Central Station of the New York Central, situated corner 4th avenue and 42nd street.

Easter.

Bright, bright was the orb that illumin'd the morn
When Christ, our Redeemer, arose
Triumphant o'er death, from where, tortur'd and torn,
His body was laid in repose.
White-robed were the angels who watched through the gloom,
While dark, sable night spread its pall;
But when, incorrupt, He arose from the tomb
There flashed a bright halo o'er all.
Then came holy women, ere sunlight appear'd,
To anoint His dear body, alone;
No one will be present, to open, they fear'd,
The sepulchre sealed with a stone.
They found that the task had already been done—
The body they looked for in vain—
"They have ta'en Him away," cried in anguish each one,
"Where shall we our Lord find again?"
Then heard they an angel who stood by the spot
Where the body of Jesus had laid,
Say, "He whom you seek has arisen. Fear not;
All now is fulfilled that He said."
Quick hastened they back, all their fear thus relieved;
The faithful disciples to seek;
Then Peter and John went, and all then believed,
Save Thomas, whose faith was still weak
Forty days did He stay to confirm them anew,
Whom He sent to all nations to preach,
In a halo of glory then passed out of view,
Having taught all He came for to teach.

Many ages have passed since that first Easter morn
When Christ proved His power from above,
And for past and for present, for those yet unborn,
Redemption was won by His love.
—M. C. O'Donnell.

Stopping Waste.

Fourth Estate.

The unanimity with which the merchants' associations all over the country have agreed to pass up in the future all forms of advertising except in newspapers or other established publications is most gratifying.

They have been forced to take this action by importunings for assistance to share the expense of innumerable programmes, dance orders, etc., that are not worth one penny to them by way of return, and they have been guided in selecting newspaper advertising as the wisest investment of their money, by the experience of the most successful merchants in the country.

There is no question that newspaper advertising is the best and the cheapest, if two conditions are complied with: Honesty with the public in making propositions and living up to them, and constant advertising.

The chief objection to other methods of advertising is that they fail to reach people who have not already been acquainted, through the newspapers, with what the merchant has to sell. It is spending money for something that has been already acquired.

THE LARGEST PHOTOGRAPH EVER TAKEN.

At the recent Dresden Exhibition of German Civic Life there was exhibited a photograph which is said to be the largest ever taken. This gigantic picture measures 39 feet 8 inches by 4 feet 11 inches. It represents the Bay of Naples, and was taken from Castel San Marino, the highest point behind Naples, from which the eye commands the whole city and bay as far as Mount Vesuvius and Capri. In order to secure as extensive a panorama as possible, six different views on as many plates, measuring 8.1 inches by 10.5 inches were first taken. From these six plates, which were designed with a view to being connected to one another in a continuous series, six enlargements, four feet 11 inches by 6 feet 7 inches in size, were prepared by means of an apparatus with a lens 1 foot in diameter. The enlargements were made directly on silver bromide paper. The inherent difficulty of connecting the single plates so as to avoid any break was overcome so successfully that it is practically impossible to detect the boundary line of any two plates.—From the Scientific American.

English Testimony

Colds, Headache, Influenza and Catarrh relieved in 10 minutes, by Dr. Agnew's Catarrhal Powder.

Prominent people throughout England, the United States and Canada, praise Dr. Agnew's Catarrhal Powder. It will cure you

Miss Blanch Sloan, London, Eng., the only sister of Tod Sloan, the world famous jockey, says: "I have suffered for years from catarrh and colds. Dr. Agnew's Catarrhal Powder gave me relief in 10 minutes. Is worth all other remedies combined."

Claude G. Wood, Palace Theatre, London, Eng., writes: "One puff of Dr. Agnew's Catarrhal Powder will cure any headache."

Miss Bijou Russell, 10 Keppe St., London, Eng., says: "One bottle Dr. Agnew's Catarrhal Powder cured me of chronic colds or catarrh. It relieves in 10 minutes."

Dr. Agnew's Heart Cure relieves heart disease in 30 minutes. 31

Better Stay at Home.

(Toronto Globe.)

Cardinal Gibbons has advised the working classes of Ireland not to emigrate to the United States. He says their condition, on the whole, is better at home.

A Sour Stomach and a Sour Temper travel hand-in-hand and are the precursors of mental and physical wreck. Nine hundred and ninety-nine times in a thousand food ferment (indigestion) is the cause. Dr. Von Stan's Pineapple Tablets keep the stomach sweet—aid digestion—keep the nerve centres well balanced—they're nature's panacea—pleasant and harmless. 35 cents.—88

A BEAUTIFUL WOMAN.

Among the most beautiful women in London society is the Countess of Airlie, who still retains the loveliness of feature, complexion and expression that made her famous as Lady Mabel Gore. The fact that her hair has now grown white if anything enhances her brilliant Irish beauty and gives the effect of powder. She is a widow, her husband, the earl, having been killed in a cavalry charge in the Boer war. It is whispered that her widowhood is shortly to be broken. No woman during its continuance has been made and refused so many offers. The successful man is said to be an American multimillionaire, who has taken up his residence in England, himself a widower, and still young in looks.

The North-Western Line Russia-Japan Atlas.

Send ten cents in stamps for Russo-Japanese War Atlas issued by The Chicago and Northwest R'y. Three fine colored maps, each 14x20; bound in convenient form for reference. The Eastern situation shown in detail, with tables showing relative military and naval strength and financial resources of Russia and Japan. B. H. Bennett, 2 East King St., Toronto, Ont.

LONDON RAT CATCHERS KILL 202,782 RATS.

Over two hundred thousand rats—202,782 to be precise—have been caught at the London docks within the last five weeks. They have fallen victims to the official rat-catchers, who visit every ship that comes into port and do their best to rid it of live stock of the rodent variety.

"We are very glad to see them," said an officer of a South American grain ship on Saturday. "We came here fairly swarming with the vermin, but since the rat-catchers' visit I can scarcely see one. I believe the animals come prospecting around before a vessel leaves port, and pick their ship like passengers. For instance, they would sooner sign articles on a grain ship than on one carrying pig iron."—London Mail.

DEAFNESS CANNOT BE CURED

by local applications as they cannot reach the diseased portion of the ear. There is only one way to cure deafness, and that is by constitutional remedies. Deafness is caused by an inflamed condition of the mucous lining of the Eustachian Tube. When this tube is inflamed you have a rumbling sound or imperfect hearing, and when it is entirely closed, Deafness is the result, and unless the inflammation can be taken out and this tube restored to its normal condition, hearing will be destroyed forever; nine cases out of ten are caused by Catarrh, which is nothing but an inflamed condition of the mucous surfaces.

We will give One Hundred Dollars for any case of Deafness (caused by catarrh) that cannot be cured by Hall's Catarrh Cure. Send for circulars, free.

F. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, O.

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Take Hall's Family Pills for Constipation.

JAPANESE MUSIC IS QUEER.

Orientals Proud of Sounds Produced on Their Quaint Instruments.

When Blanche Bates first appears in The Darling of the Gods, her entrance is to an accompaniment of simple and expressive melody, quaint, odd, Japanesque. This strikes the appropriate theme in the elaborate music setting.

William Furst was engaged for a year past in composing the eighty musical numbers, including entr'actes and intermezzosh, heard in the Darling of the Gods. With Mr. Belasco he has studied Japanese music from every side. So thoroughly did they become inspired with the possibilities, musically, for the new play that they decided to include in their orchestral arrangements several instruments peculiar to Japan. These are the biwa, samisen, koto, tsudzumi, and fuye. They are played on the stage by native Japanese performers, the quaint melodies blending with the music of the large orchestra in front.

The music in The Darling of the Gods bears a unique relation to the play. Protagonists and antagonists of what is miscalled "Japanese" music assert that it out-Wagners Wagner in descriptiveness—that there is no such thing as "music" in Japan. The Japanese themselves say with the utmost complacency that they have possessed since the eighth century (when to Corean "melody" was added the Chinese scale and notation) "the perfect music." There is no such thing in Japan as melody for itself—as we know it in the west—and that is what an Occidental thinks of when he speaks of music.

Uncertain.

(Toronto Telegram.)

Worst of this climate is that the sleighing is apt to get bad long about July.

Speaking of the police force, a bad copper doesn't always turn up, especially when he is wanted.

WEIRD COLD WEATHER STORY

Strange Things Said to Have Happened When Temperature Was 32 Below.

Oscar Wilte, of Le Sueur, Minn., met with a most remarkable accident this morning that very nearly cost him his life. With his rifle in hand he was attempting to get within range of a cat he desired to shoot, when the animal ran up into the framework supporting the water tank.

Standing directly beneath the cat, Wilte shot straight up at it, carelessly forgetting the fact that the tank was within range.

The bullet killed the cat and pierced the bottom of the tank, and in an instant the water, gushing out, surrounded Mr. Wilte with a complete shower bath in a temperature of 35 degrees below zero.

Instantly his overshoes froze to the stone foundation on which he was standing, and, stooping to unbuckle them, he was chained by the spray, freezing in the terrible cold as fast as it fell into a helpless statue of ice, stiff and immovable as a stone. Only by his stooping posture, which kept his face free from the ice, was he saved from suffocation.

Soon the flow of the water was stopped by the sediment in the tank flowing into the bullet hole, and a little son of Mr. Wilte, who had seen the whole affair, ran for assistance. It was necessary to loosen the unfortunate man's feet with chisels, and when he had been carried into the house by three strong men, the ice had to be broken from him with clubs.

He was badly frightened by the experience, but otherwise unharmed.

The body of the cat was found frozen to his back.—Pioneer-Press.

Wash greasy dishes, pots or pans with Lever's Dry Soap a powder. It will remove the grease with the greatest ease. 36

UNFAMILIAR FACTS.

In all countries more marriages take place in June than in any other month.

Spain has an average of 3,000 hours of sunshine a year, against only 1,400 in England.

Owing to the clearness of the air conversation in the Arctic regions can be carried on by persons two miles apart.

The meat received into Smithfield market every year for the feeding of London exceeds 403,000 tons.

The sea is said to be gradually eating away the French coast, having within the last five years swallowed up no less than 460 acres.

The rate of interest which the investments of Harvard University earned last year was 4 68-100 per cent., a decrease of 12-100 per cent. from the preceding year.

Cardiff exports 12,000,000 tons of caol a year, Newcastle from 4,000,000. Newport and Sutherland each ship abroad about 2,500,000 tons a year.

Dr. William Foster, of the department of chemistry at Princeton University, has discovered a new acid, hereafter to be labelled with the interesting name of trisulphoxyarsenic acid.

Most people think too lightly of a cough. It is a serious matter and needs prompt attention. Take

Shiloh's Consumption Cure The Lung Tonic

when the first sign of a cough or cold appears. It will cure you easily and quickly then—later it will be harder to cure.

Prices, 25c., 50c., and $1.00. 311

How to Treat a Cat.

We are sorry to see many spectators at the Cat Show themselves so lamentably ignorant of the feline nature as the following news item would indicate. "The incessant poking of fingers into the cages by enthusiartic spectators has rendered many of the cats very irritable, and one man admitted that his efforts to become familiar with one of these animals had resulted in a deep scratch to his hand." A cat chooses her own time to be stroked and "poked at." Montaigne, who was a shrewd observer of the cat, as he was of everything else, wrote regarding his own pet: "When I play with my cat, who knows whether she diverts herself with me, or I with her? We entertain one another with mutual follies, struggling for a garter; and, if I have my time to begin or to refuse, she also has hers. It is because I do not understand her language that we agree no better; and perhaps she laughs at my simplicy in making sport to amuse her." An essential difference between the cat and dog nature is also described by Chateaubriand, who says: "When we caress a cat she stretches herself and arches her back responsively; but that is because she feels an agreeable sensation, not because she takes a silly satisfaction, like the dog, in faithfully loving a thankless master."—N. Y. Com. Adv.

Eighty Years Old—Catarah Fifty Years. Dr. Agnew's Catarrhal Powder cures him. Want any stronger evidence of the power of this wonderful remedy over this universal disease? Want the truth of the case confirmed? Write George Lewis, Shamokin, Pa. He says: "I look upon my cure as a miracle." It relieves in ten minutes.—89

Keeping His Word Faithfully.

(New Orleans Times-Democrat.)

"I thought you promised your wife you wouldn't drink any more?"

"I did, and I'm keeping my word; don't drink a bit more than I used to."

Has to Entertain.

(Oswego Times.)

Sabina—Do you quote Shakespeare and Dante when that college professor calls?

Sabriila—Not much; I whirl in and make him a rousing Welsh rabbit.

The satisfaction of having the washing done early in the day, and well done, belongs to every user of Sunlight Soap. 10B

Main Thing, Don't Worry.

(Ottawa Journal.)

Amongst 820 patients admitted last year to the insane asylums of Ontario the cause of insanity in 153 of these was directly traced to worry.

Ontario statistics classify and subdivide this worry into sub-heads, under religious, business, love, domestic troubles and other causes of mental discomfort, but the plain word worry in each case expresses the cause of the mental unbalancing of the patient.

The next active agent in making men insane was intemperance, whose victims number 45.

a Looked the Part.

(April Smart Set.)

"There goes Mrs. Gander-Beach. They say she fights continually with her husband."

"Well, she has a happy, contented look, as if she thoroughly enjoyed herself."

It Was an Old Story.

That Shamrock-eating lunch-counter story comes around as regularly as St. Patrick's Day. And it is nearly as old.

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(Toronto Star.)

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The Irishman's the rose,
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THE VALUE OF ADVERTISING.

"Robert Bonner," said a writer of advertisements, "was the biggest advertiser of his day. I was once talking to him about advertising, and a remark he made still lingers in my memory.

"To try to attract the public without advertising,' Mr. Bonner said, 'is like trying to flirt with a girl in the dark. Wink and smirk at her as much as you please—you yourself know what you are up to, but she—your public—has no inkling.'"

THE CHEERFUL IRISH.

During his recent stay in this country Michael Davitt told many stories to illustrate the cheerfulness of Irish character. "No man's condition," he said, "is so wretched but he will crack a joke about it." By way of illustrating this he told of a poor peat cutter whom the parish priest invited to dinner one day. "It isn't much of a dinner, Pat," said he, "only beef, potatoes and beer, but you are very welcome." "Sure, your reverence," said the peat cutter, with twinkling eye, "'tis a good dinner enough—the same as I'd be getting at home, barring the beef and the beer,"

A Farmer Who Raises Sheep

won't be without Myers' Royal Cattle Spice after he realizes how much money it saves. Myers' Royal Spice cuts down feed bills—makes coarse food nutritious—helps the sheep to get all the good out of the food they eat—keeps them as fat and healthy on ordinary feed as if they were getting expensive grain.

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Write for our Illustrated Booklet on Live Stock—interesting and useful. It's free.

Myers' Royal Spice Co.,

Niagara Falls, Ont. & N.Y.

WOMEN'S VANITIES IN TURKEY.

An imperial irade has been published at Constantinople, in which married Turkish women are commanded to discard all brilliant ornaments, such as necklaces and bangles, when appearing in public.: They must be dressed with decorum, and in acordance with the Mussulman law, the ordinance says, in default of which the husbands of women offending will be visited with punishment.

A GOOD HINT.

Mr. C. W. Campbell, British Consul in Wuchow, has written a report on a journey made by him in Mongolia, giving an account of the mode of life in the interior of China. One very peculiar custom is noted. He says he was particularly struck by the numbers of pairs of boots hung in separate wooden cages in the archway of the main west gate of Hshuan-hua, the valedictory gifts of beneficent prefects. It is the custom in China to invite a departing magistrate whose rule has been popular to leave a pair of old boots for suspension in a prominent place as a hint to his successor to follow in his footsteps.

Not as Other Women.

(Boston Transcript.)

Mrs. Brown—You don't seem to like Mrs. White?

Mrs. Black—Oh, I like her well enough, but then she's so eccentric. She actually thinks one should dress for comfort and not for looks.

DRUMMER DOGS IN THE SERVIAN ARMY.

A curious feature connected with the Servian army is the manner in which most of the regiments carry the big drum. It is not, as in most countries, slung in front of the man who plays it, but in placed upon a small two-wheeled cart drawn by a single dog, which has been so trained that it keeps its place even through the longest and most tedious of marches. The drummer takes up a position behind the cart and performs on the instrument as the animal pulls it along.

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