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A RACE FOR LIFE.

Two men stood upon the sloping deck of a steamer lying stranded among the mud banks of a lagoon in Dahomey.

"The story of this Dutchman is a tragic one," observed the captain, wiping the perspiration from his forehead.

"Yes," was the answer; "this pile of old iron and rusty machinery has cost us four thousand pounds altogether."

"So they slid down a line into a boat which lay alongside, and with a brief, 'Pull, lads,' dropped wearily into the stern."

The crew bent to their cars, and as the blades dipped foul exhalations rose from the yeasty water across which the lights of the tug twinkled faintly through the gathering mist.

"I hope not," said the captain. "With the loss of the two poor fellows who died in the lagoon, and three helpless here, we'd be very short-handed if we got bad weather. It's lucky the Niger hasn't spoken for hours."

As Cranton advised, so it was done; and the fever stricken sufferers swung to and fro beneath an hour-long tug rolled along across the sunlit sea.

When they reached the tug darkness was closing down, and it was just possible to make out three or four scantily attired figures crawling feebly about the burning deck among piles of haversacks, chains and miscellaneous salvage.

"How are the two seamen now?" asked the captain, as he climbed the boat up. "They seem to be all right," answered the Niger, "and the captain disappeared below."

For a time Cranton leaned over the rail, gazing into the gathering darkness and wondering how long it would take him to recover the health and money lost in this unfortunate venture.

Presently the captain strode to the end of the bridge and said: "The surf will be easy to-day; there's a light air off shore, or deep, as she is not never have got out."

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PERSONAL POINTERS.

Interesting Notes About Some of the Great Folks of the World.

Within one week Paris sheltered three monarchs—King Alexander of Serbia, King Leopold II. of the Belgians and King Chulalongkorn of Siam.

Aubrey Beardsley, the painter of gruesome pictures in black and white, is now in the last stages of consumption.

The Emperor and Empress of Russia will spend nearly four weeks in the dominions of the Grand Duke of Hesse.

M. Hanotaux, the French Minister of Foreign Affairs, has received from his admirers in St. Quentin a handsome sword, to be worn with his uniform as a member of the Academy.

One of Mr. Gladstone's peculiar ideas which he has followed for fifteen years, is to go to bed the instant he finds that he has caught a cold, and stay there until the indisposition has passed.

Dr. Marpillero, an eminent Italian scientist, who has for a number of years been making experiments and observations relating to children's ideas of death, has published his experiences.

Dr. Peate, says London Knowledge, has completed the process of grinding and polishing a gigantic disc of glass over sixty-one inches in diameter, on which he has been engaged more than two years.

Miss Mary Ann Crothers, of Philadelphia, who recently celebrated her 10th birthday, claims to be the oldest old maid in the world.

According to Vanity Fair Kaiser Wilhelm II. is thinking seriously of adding to the splendor of his Imperial crown by the purchase of a monster sapphire.

President Faure went the other morning to see the drill of the Ententes de la Troupe—the orphan children who are being brought up for the French army.

Preparations for the installation of Horatio David Davies as Lord Mayor of London include among other novelties a model of the British cruiser Minerva, to be carried in the procession on a float.

One evening, after the most trying day of all, the captain, who was gazing out into the sunset, said languidly: "I see all kinds of bad weather there, and the barometer's falling fast. It's the storm season, that's what it is."

THE FAN. First be careful of your fan; Trust it not to youth or man.

The history of the fan is almost as old as the history of the world. One might almost imagine Eve flaunting a primitive fan of palm leaves or feathers in the garden of Eden.

The Chinese and Japanese have always been great fan-lovers and lavish gifts of fans have been one of the favorite methods of their courtship.

Queen Elizabeth owned almost as many fans as dresses, and had a mania for collecting them. Her subjects were in the habit of offering her fans as a mark of respect.

ADAPTED IN EVERY RESPECT. Warwick—I think A'ska would make an elegant summer resort. Wickwar—Ah you have been reading about the climate.

Not Quite Lost.

At half-past three on Monday morning, just before the first glimmer of daylight appeared, we sighted another steamer. No rockets were left; but fortunately there was a Roman candle, and this was supplemented by a blue light.

We had two more night and days of pumping and bailing, the water still gradually gaining on us. Once or twice we managed to lower it an inch or two; but we soon lost the advantage.

Having sighted and passed the inhospitable island of Porto Santo, we arrived off the east end of Madeira.

Our steamer had come from a South American port, which the Portuguese are pleased to consider unhealthful.

The people of Madeira are noted for their powers of swimming and diving. No diving-dresses were to be had; but without them, we got two of the best divers to come on board.

Two or three days longer we were kept prisoners on board a vessel that could not move; and then one of the huge Castle line of steamers came in.

Thus, by God's help, and the care and patient perseverance of the captain and his officers, not a life was lost or a person injured, and the good ship herself was kept afloat.

WESTERN—Goin' ter settle here, are ye? Tenderfoot—Yes, I have come here to stay, and have already bought a home.

WESTERN—Well, there ain't. You see there ain't no use goin' ter law law with Westchesters is as cheap as they air now.

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OGILVIE ON THE KLONDIKE. The Canadian Expert's Latest News and Opinions. From letters and reports recently received at the Department of the Interior from Mr. William Ogilvie, the Dominion Yukon surveyor, and the leading authority on matters relating to the Yukon country, some very interesting information may be gathered.

POTATO CROP IS A FAILURE. Not Since 1852 has the Yield Been so Small or so Poor in Quality as Now. In spite of the preponderating number of foreigners they show a disposition to abide by the Canadian laws.

ROYAL DIADEMS. The value of the jewels in the British crown is about \$1,800,000, or a little over one-fifth of the cost of the crown of little Portugal, which is estimated at \$8,500,000.