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TRAMP STEAMERS

OVER SEVENTY EXPECTED TO CALL NEXT MONTH. After Grain Cargoes—Will Clean up Nearly 30,000,000 Bushels—10,000,000 Bushels Coming From Western States.

During the month of August it is expected that the port of Montreal will be visited by seventy-five tramp steamers, or more than have come to this port for the past ten years.

This sudden influx of freighters will cause a good deal of figuring on the part of the harbor master and his officials in order to get the vessels properly berthed so that they can get their cargoes and clear with as little delay as possible.

It is the grain trade that is bringing so many tramps to port, most of these coming during August having been chartered by Montreal grain dealers in the hope of getting the field here cleaned up, so as to have plenty of room for handling the fall crop from the west, as soon as it starts to move.

Move Million Bushels a Day. That this will be accomplished is shown by the fact that the seventy or eighty tramps expected to reach port during August will, at an average of 250,000 bushels apiece, be able to account for 20,000,000, in addition to the 3,000,000 ordinarily handled each month by the regular vessels calling here, or a total for the month of almost 30,000,000, practically a million bushels a day.

During the present month with forty tramps loading grain for Liverpool and European ports an extra ten million bushels of grain will have been handled, making nearly 20,000,000, bushels for the month. In fact it was stated yesterday by F. Robertson of the Harbor Board, that the present year was by far the greatest grain handling season ever known in this port.

It is not all Canadian grain that is to be handled during the balance of the season. During August of the first time large quantities of corn and other grain from the middle west will be shipped to Liverpool from Chicago via Montreal and the St. Lawrence route.

AN AMUSING STORY. Told By Young Hindoo About His First Trip to London. A young Hindoo tells an amusing story of his first visit to London.

One blow was enough to convince him that the "animal" was helpless and always had been. His terror gave place to amusement, and after he had laughed out he went back to bed and enjoyed undisturbed repose until morning.

TERRIBLE IVAN'S LIBRARY.

Supposed Burned in 1812, May Be Still in Existence. A short time ago a professor of theology in the university at St. Petersburg purchased at a shop in Moscow a manuscript copy of the Gospel dating from prior to A. D. 1000.

The famous library of Ivan the Terrible is now supposed to be still hidden in some underground vault, which the efforts of generations have hitherto failed to discover. It was Ivan the Terrible—whose reputation as a great ruler has been obscured by the fascination of his extraordinary excesses—who established the printing press in Russia.

There is a wide field of conjecture as to what might not come to light in the event of this curious discovery. Ivan the Terrible was in close communication with all the rulers from London to Peking. One branch of knowledge is almost certain to be well represented in this lost library, and that is the science of black magic.

Nightmare. According to one theory, is due to a suspension of power in the muscles of inspiration. The weight, the want of breathing and the sense of suffocation seem to prove this, and a still greater proof is that after the sufferer can speak only one syllable the paroxysm is at an end.

Napoleon's Bible. An Italian journalist has the copy of the Bible which Napoleon used during his compulsory sojourn in the Isle of Elba. It is a copy of a cheap popular edition, illustrated with rough wood-cuts, with the initials "N" and the imperial crown stamped upon the back.

The Worse Goffer. An amusing incident was witnessed on the Braid Hill golf course. A gentleman, evidently a tiro, was playing over the course, making futile attempts to propel the ball in the direction required, and, indeed, sometimes missing it.

A Rabbit and a Whistle. Did you know that a short, sharp whistle from the mouth would stop a rabbit? It surely does. Next time you see little Molly Cottontail leap from her burrow and make off don't shoot; just whistle.

Medicine and Mortgages. Certainly no patient could receive a dose of medicine like that prescribed to Brown and have the patience to take it. Yet Brown's doctor was a land speculator. When not making out prescriptions he was making out mortgages.

Life in Liberia. The food supply of the African state of Liberia is so bad that a well known resident says he "resides in Liberia, but boards in Europe." The annual rainfall exceeds 160 inches, and the climate is extremely enervating.

ANCIENT MAKE-UPS.

Rouge and Flesh Colors Have Been Found in Classic Rome. Thousands of years ago the art of "make-up" as practiced in the dressing-rooms of actors and actresses of to-day, was known to the Egyptians and Romans.

The Egyptians supply us with what is probably the oldest wig in the world—a wig, it is true, that was in no way connected with the drama, but one that will compare favorably with the finest creations of the theatrical perriquer. Strangely enough, the tresses are made of plaited crepe hair, exactly similar to that used by modern actors for moustaches.

Much the richest department in stage objects, however, is the Graeco-Roman room, where one case of stage exhibits may be seen. Here are to be found specimens of the masks worn by actors, which were modelled according to strict rules. They were made of terra-cotta, and must have been very uncomfortable to wear.

The Dignified Course. An army examiner once had a candidate before him who apparently was unable to answer the simplest question. At last the examiner lost his temper and, with sarcastic emphasis, lost on the youth before him, said: "Suppose, sir, that you were a captain in command of a company of infantry; that in your rear was an impassable river; that on either side of you towered perpendicular rocks of untraversable height; that before you stood the enemy, a hundred men to each one of yours. What, sir, would you do in this emergency?"

The Aurora Borealis. The aurora borealis, or northern dawn, is an electrical phenomenon which in high northern latitudes, especially in winter, illuminates the skies with a tremulous and a tremendous motion, they are called in many places the "merry dances." They assume many shapes and a variety of colors, from a pale red or yellow to a deep red or blood color, and in the luminous line which serves to cheer the gloom of the long winter nights, the connection of the aurora displays with the disturbance of the magnetic needle is now regarded as an ascertained fact.

The Roman Forum. The Forum Romanum, the first that was erected in Rome, served equally for the purpose of trade and all public meetings as well as for the administration of justice by the consuls and other Roman magistrates. Later on, when the fora numbered some eighteen or twenty, they were divided into two classes, some for public meetings and the proceedings of the law courts and others for the various requirements of trade.

Japanese Hairdressers For Men. The professional coiffeur for men is a much older occupation in Japan than that of women. The records as far back as the thirteenth century of male hairdressers for men, for the samurai especially were very particular as to how the hair was done up, though as a profession the samurai was of some date, which during the later Tokugawa days the men appear to have appreciated in their wives and daughters the same careful attention to style of hair as was observable among their lordly selves.

Utterly Selfish. Nellie—That Clara Sharpe is just the meanest, most utterly selfish girl I ever saw. She never thinks of any one but herself. Doris—To me about it. Nellie—I ran in there the other evening for a few moments, and while I was there Mr. Spooner called. It wasn't long before he requested me to play. He's passionately fond of music.

on Getting On. "How did you come to buy that second-hand table?" exclaimed Mrs. Glimber's husband. "We don't need it." "That shows how much you know," replied his wife. "In one of the drawers I found a bunch of the most prettiest visiting cards in the city. They will look lovely in our hall."

GOT A NEW FACE.

Horribly Disfigured Woman Was Finally Made Presentable. Surgery has progressed to the point where it can supply new nerves, blood vessels, bones and even new faces to men and women who have been maimed and mutilated by accidents or disease.

First she was shown without a nose and with the vestige of a chin, with part of an ear and without eyebrows, and with her eye lids drawn down in hideous fashion. No more unrecognizable subject could have been presented. First the surgeon made a nose for her out of cartilage and fat and skin which he had obtained from other parts of her body.

From a surgical point of view one of the most brilliant operations, which was shown by Dr. Loxer in his lecture at the Royal Society, was the transplantation of fat and part of a bone into a shattered patella, so that the free action of the knee was restored to the patient.

Too Much to Ask. Little June Marie's mother is very indulgent, but there are times when even she draws the line. One very hot day when all nature drooped, a neighbor saw June Marie and her mother toiling along the street under a blazing sun.

A Queer Joke. A resident of Vevey, Switzerland, died some years ago and left a will, in which he bequeathed the whole of his property, of which he was supposed to have a large amount, to the "local hospital of the town."

An Original Oath of Allegiance. In the old days when the Spanish province of Aragon was a proud and independent monarchy, the people used when choosing their king the following singular form of election: "We, the freemen inhabitants of the ancient kingdom of Aragon, who are equal to you, Don Philip, and your heirs, elect you to be our king on condition that you preserve to us our rights and privileges. If in this you should fail we own you for our king no longer."

What Might Have Been. Rosamary—Isn't it wonderful how prolific some of the old novelists were when it is taken into consideration that they had to do all their composition with pen and ink? Thornton—Yes; I shudder to think of what they might have turned out if they could have had the advantage of typewriters.—London Answers.

Making a Show. "A man has to draw it fine these days." "What do you mean?" "Staying ten minutes after office hours each day will probably make a good impression, but staying fifteen is liable to excite suspicion that you are monkeying with your books."

In Political Circles. "How about my letter proposing matrimony?" "It has been advanced to a second reading," said the congressman's daughter. "and will come to a vote before very long."

ANCIENT SURGERY.

Instruments of Two Thousand Years Ago Are Exhibited in London. A set of 27 very remarkable ancient Greek surgical instruments has been discovered near the site of Kolophon, in Ionia, and has been brought to England.

It is an interesting fact that in ancient times knives were made either of stone or bronze. The custom was followed, not because iron was unknown, but because that metal was held in superstitious fear. Amongst the five pairs of forceps or grippers in the find is a large and beautifully made instrument, the handles of which are shaped to represent two dolphins.

Another and still more remarkable brain instrument is the "drill-bow" for operating a skull trephine. This instrument proved a very great puzzle at first, and was supposed to represent some sort of measuring appliance. Research, however, has shown that it is a bow which, when fitted in a string, was used to rotate a bone drill or skull trephine—very much as drills and trephines are still occasionally rotated. Far from being a triumph of modern surgery, skull trephining or trepanning is a very ancient manoeuvre.

Accestral Pride. "Do you still want this genealogy?" asked the man who digs up such things. "Sure, I do. Why not?" "Well, I've found that your great-grandfather was hanged for murder, your great-grandfather was imprisoned for robbery, and your grandfather was tarred and feathered for beating his wife. That's not a very proud record, is it?"

Whales. The largest of all mammals are not the elephants, but the whales. A large elephant weighs about six tons, but the largest whale reaches the immense weight of 150 tons and would furnish four carloads of flesh and blubber. About forty different kinds of whales and dolphins are known, and, although they live in the open sea and look like fish, they are not fish at all, but are true mammals, breathing air and feeding their young on milk, like cows and horses.

Willful to Tell. Sometimes it is a pleasure to answer questions even if the questioner may put them in an unpleasant way. "What do you do for a living?" asked a lawyer, frowning horribly at a jittery faced young man who was undergoing cross-examination. "I, sir, answered the witness, hastily diving into his side pocket, "am the agent for Dr. Kerker's celebrated corn and bunion destroyer, greatest remedy of the age, used by all the crowned heads of Europe, never known to fail to remove the most obdurate corns in less than twenty-four hours if money cheerfully refused"—Here the court interfered.

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