

### HALF CLAD ISLANDERS SPOILS FINE SCENERY

So-Called Beautiful South-  
Seas Maidens Are Fat  
and Sloppy.

San Francisco, Cal., Sept. 19.—  
The South Sea Islands have been ri-  
diculously overrated, according to a  
statement made here recently by Mrs.  
Whitney Sperry, San Francisco so-  
ciety woman and globe trotter, who  
has just returned from a 75,000-mile  
jaunt including a tour of the Orient,  
the South Seas and the Antipodes.  
Mrs. Sperry said she visited the  
South Sea Islands expecting to find a  
land of dreams and romance. "I  
found beautiful scenery ruined by  
fat, half-naked men and women,"  
she continued. "There was every sort  
of mixture of race and drink. Prices  
were three times higher than they  
should have been. The place was  
full of half-dressed artists who have  
'gone brown,' and everything I ate  
gave me indigestion. The food was  
responsible. The South Sea islands  
have been ridiculously overrated."

In Java, Mrs. Sperry said, hus-  
bands may be plucked from the trees,  
bushes and the road side. These are  
not human wrecks or doddering dere-  
licts, but fine, handsome and charm-  
ing men from Holland who go to  
Java to make their fortunes.

"The heat is so intense that most  
women refuse to live there," Mrs.  
Sperry went on to say, "so the only  
alternative these men have, if they  
wish to exchange single blessedness  
for harnessed cussedness, is to marry  
the native women. So you see what  
a golden opportunity there is for  
single white women."

"In Hong Kong I met many Ameri-  
can and English women stranded  
without a cent, whose real reason for  
going to China was to get married.  
Most of them were more than thirty  
years old and more or less unattrac-  
tive. They had heard, incorrectly,  
that there were so many more Eng-  
lish and American men than women  
in China. Once there they couldn't  
return. Java should have been their  
goal."

Mrs. Sperry entertains a bitter and  
hearty grudge against those writers  
who have painted glowing word pic-  
tures of the South Seas and the maid-  
ens thereof. She says: "I received  
the biggest disappointment of my  
life when I landed in the South Sea  
Islands. The scenery is beautiful,  
yes, but nothing startling. Java is  
more beautiful. And those beautiful  
maidens one hears of, they are fat,  
nearly all of them, and sloppy. Vol-  
uptuous, yes but oh, so broad! They  
are derelicts of every race and na-  
tion, gone to seed. Of course there  
is quite a colony of writers and art-  
ists, but even a large number of these  
have gone to seed. What struck me  
particularly was the number of white  
men, educated and cultured, many  
of them successful writers and  
painters, who have married the na-  
tive women."

### Inertia Foe of Longevity Says Senator 101 Years Old

Los Angeles, Calif., Sept. 19.—  
Cornelius Cole, formerly United  
States senator from California, one  
of the few living men who heard  
Abraham Lincoln deliver his Gettys-  
burg address, was 101 years old on  
Monday and his descendants planned  
a quiet reception in his honor at his  
home here.

"Longevity does not thrive on in-  
ertia," Mr. Cole declared. "One  
must keep moving. I eat what I  
want to eat, three times a day.  
There are no 'don'ts' in my re-  
gime."

"I gave up tobacco six years ago.  
I thought it was doing me no good  
and perhaps a little harm. I have  
used alcoholic beverages temperately  
all my life."

### Quarrel's Fatal Ending Due to Swallowing Teeth

Pittsfield, Mass., Sept. 19.—Wil-  
liam B. Hill, a textile worker who  
died suddenly a few days ago after  
a quarrel with Emil Belot, was suf-  
focated as a result of swallowing his  
upper set of teeth, an autopsy had  
revealed. Belot, who was first charg-  
ed with manslaughter, will now be  
tried on a lesser charge because of  
this evidence.

### Turret Cape Has Narrow Escape.

Prescott, Sept. 19.—The steamer  
Turret Cape had a narrow escape in  
the rapids at the head of the canal  
above Morrisburg, when, in attempt-  
ing to enter the canal, she failed to  
do so, and had to turn in the rapids,  
and go back again and take the canal  
down. In again trying to enter the  
upper gate was smashed, causing  
considerable delay to boats going up  
and down the river, as, owing to the  
extreme low water, boats are oblig-  
ed to take the canal both ways. Had  
she not been able to make the turn  
in the rapids, the vessel would have  
gone on the rocks. She was not da-  
maged.

### Russia Difficult to Enter.

Berlin, Sept. 19.—Although the  
Soviet government has announced  
that admission to Russia would be  
facilitated for the purpose of accom-  
modating visitors to the commercial  
exposition in Moscow, Americans de-  
siring to enter the Soviet republic  
still find it difficult to obtain permis-  
sion from Moscow.

The Berlin embassy says it is un-  
able to grant permission without  
communication with the central gov-  
ernment in Moscow and delays are as  
prolonged as they were before the  
announcement of a change in policy.

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