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SHACKLETON'S EMPHALIC STYLE The great explorer not always choice

In his Words.

When Sir Ernest Shackleton was in the depths of the Americia regions, on his trip toward the South Pole, he kept a diary describing the adventures he had every day the kind of country he traversed, the weather, and all the details of the journey. He wrote his notes in a free and emphatic style, using the adjectives and phrases which seemed best suited to impress his meaning on those who might read the volume at a left of time.

After he had just missed reaching the pole and had retuned to civilization as the man the had gone "tarthest south," he was asked to print a book about his experiences. He hurfedly edited his diary and turned it ever to the jublishers. A few days after the book appeared in the shops he began to get letters from religious folks, upbraiding him for a sentence he had used in describing a certain stretch of country over which he had traveled.

Shackleton looked it up and found he had not edited out all the emphatic language he had used in the original. The sentence, to which objection had been made, read as follows: "The surface of this section plays hell with the feet." When Sir Ernest Shackleton was

BOSTON VS MONTREAL

A Montreal Journal Investigates Farmers Prices.

A newspaper of Montreal complied a table of comparative prices in that city and Boston the week the reci-

Waterways of Canada.

Canada has 6,000 miles of water-Canada has 6,000 miles of water-sways from the St. Lawrence to the Mackenzie, with only 155 miles of a lard break. The free nate is with its tributaries, 2,5 m miles long, equal to distance from Liverpool to Hallfax, draining a region three temes as large as France. The Suskatchewan is 1,000 miles long, the Columbia 1,1,100 miles long the Col arge as France. The Saskatchewan s 1,600 miles long; the Columbia 1,-

lection of chaps, wrote in a book in an atternal either to approximate or side-step public opmion. This is true of all lays except unwritten laws, in which ere you are entitled to as neary guesses as you wish, and the last guess is right.

All laws, both written and unwritten, may be viewed according either to the letter or the spirit. The legal prefession supports the letter and is in turn supported by the spirit. That is why a poor man selden gets a low seat where he can see the spiritual side. In spite of the excess of legal tribiage, the letter of the law is supposed to be plain, so a poor man is supposed to know all about it without bothering the judge with externating circumstances.

The spirit of the law, on the other hand, is as shifting as the sands of the sea, so that the Supreme Court may divide five to four without humiliation.

Jet of the fire may cost the binder, who t all purposes was "insured," if it should be settled in the supreme court after five or seven years, for example?

But in the case of the big manufactory, with its imported special machinery, its season of rush work and its environs and free tuning stock of ma terial—if on the menhing after the fire the visible losses, how much has the company been damaged?

Of first consideration, perhaps, is the enormous payroll of the concern. If most of the mechanical work of the plant has been done by pieceworkers, still the necessary force of directing employees on salary is a problem. The determination of the owners is to start up anew. Tried and proved employees must be retained while the work of rehabilitation goes on. They must be

Last Call.

Professor Leacock tells the follow

FIRES AND INSURANCE

What Being Burned Out May Mean to a Business.

DAMAGE ONE CANNOT COVER.

Enormous Losses Caused by the Suspension of Operations and the Drift-ing Away of Trade That Are Not Appreciated by the General Public.

"I suppose you heard that Blank & Co. were burned out from the roof to the basement last night?" remarks the man in the car.

"No!" exclaims the friend who hasn't seen the morning paper. "I suppose

they carried insurance?" WOh, yes-a hundred thousand of it!" returns the first speaker, at which his friend settles back with the comment that everything is all right then.

This is the layman's conclusion al-

most invariably. Some big concern burns out, but with insurance to an amount seeming to cover the loss the amount seeming to cover the loss the average man is disposed to feel that it is all right. He doesn't stop to think of the enormous risks of a business which cannot be covered by insurance and which for weeks, months or years

which cannot be covered by insurance and which for weeks, months or years after a fire are crippling and perhaps ruinous to the fire victim.

Take, for example, a highly organized factory plant in prosperous times which has been turning out a vast specialized product from the hands of thousands of expert workmen. This plant, fitted with costly machinery, is covered by insurance upon its visible, material assets. Fire sweeps it and lays everything in hopeless ruin. If every plece of machinery, every building and all material adjuncts of the plant have been covered to full value in such a plant, will the reader dare make a rough guess as to what the limitations of loss may be?

Only the other day I stepped into a bookbindery, unostentatious in its street signs and occupying a fifth floor in an obscure street. In the elevator shaft was that peculiar odor which marks the track of fire and firemen days and weeks after such an accident.

"Most of the fire was next door," explained the proprietor. "but I guess

Ordinarily the house had carried policies which would have left it the minimum of risk on its machinery, stock and materials. Ordinarily a still stock and materials. Ordinarily a still further blanket policy was carried for the purpose of covering the normal amount of book material on hand owned by others and contracted for rebinding. But only a few days be fore the fire the house had received a consignment of \$5,000 worth of law-books to be bound. These volures, aside from intrinsic value, represented aside from intrinsic value, represented so much of other value as to make the risk abnormal for almost any sea-

son. And these books were ruised.

Before receiving them the binde
had asked the owners to take out and the Red River cach 655 miles.

The Saskatenewan basin is as large at that of the St. Lawrence. age came the disposition of the owners was to hold the binder for them under one of the binder's blanket policies On this one disputed point, taking into court, will some one make guess as to what this one feature of the fire may cost the binder, who t

enormous payroll of the concern. If most of the mechanical work of the plant has been done by pieceworkers. determination of the owners is to start, up anew. Tried and proved employees must be retained while the work of rehabilitation goes on. They must be paid even if they are to do no more than wait. Settlement of some kind must be made with contractors who have been supplying raw materials from the hands of other thousands of workers. No matter what the clauses

Professor Leacock tells the following story about a young man who, seinetimes drank more whisky than was good for ilm:

He had been making a night of it, but had forsaken his companions. He was acquainted with an undertaker nemed George, and got the crazy potton at three o'clock in the morning trathe must see this particular man. Accordingly, he found George's man detraking establishment, over which George had his sleeping apartments. The intoxicated young man read awds awoke him. The undertaker pat his ad out of the third-story window, expecting to find that his funeral strices were required immediately. Instead, he recognized his friend Frank.

"Well, Frank," he exclaimed cressly, "what do you mant?"

"I that wan't tell you, George," said the good of the work. Not only does the profits from the work, but it is rungle to the profits from the work, but it is rungle to the profits from the work, but it is rungle to the profits from the work, but it is rungle to the profits from the work, but it is rungle to the profits from the work. Not only does the profits from the work, but it is rungle to the profits from the work work in the clauses in contracts providing immunity in case of fires, strikes and acts of Providence, every fine of business affecting the welfare of the manufactory has been affected.

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In the meantime all those customers of the manufactory who have been pressing for the filling of courrect or the manufactory who have been pressing for the filling of courrect or the manufactory who have been pressing for the filling of courrect or the manufactory who have been "Well, Frank," he exclaimed cressly, "what do you mant?"

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Frank, "that you're the lash man in the good I wan to do business with."

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