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Whaling Prospects Bright.

Victoria, B.C.—Seldom within recent years has the whaling season opened under more promising conditions than surround the inauguration of the deep sea hunt this spring. Whales are reported early and plentiful on the grounds, the whale-oil market is on the climb and the demand for canned whale meat has become so pronounced that the prospective pack of the Victorian whalers is already disposed of. With all these encouraging facts behind them, the Consolidated Whaling Corporation has made preparations for an extremely active season. All eight vessels of the fleet are going to sea, all three of the company's stations will operate, and, in addition, the cannery factory at Kyquoot, built at heavy cost several years ago to prove itself a financial failure owing to the difficulty of selling the canned by-product of the industry, will be opened as well and will work at top speed during the summer. Some difficulty was experienced in disposing of the Kyquoot pack last year, but when the experiment was first tried, the market was very favorable, but at the end of the war the demand died. The development work of that period, however, is now bringing results. The canned whale meat packed this year will be shipped to England to the distributing market, whence it may go anywhere.

The First Postage Stamp.

Adhesive postage stamps were first issued with the introduction of inland penny post in Great Britain in 1840. The first stamp was the 1d. black, still considered by many the most beautiful stamp in existence. These black stamps were cancelled by means of a red postmark, the ink for which had to be made on the premises, the necessary instructions for its manufacture being issued to the various post offices along with the cancelling hand-stamps. Dishonest folk soon found that these red cancellation marks were easily removed, and the postage stamps could be cleaned and used again. Consequently, the 1d. black stamp was soon displaced by the 1d. red, which was easily cancelled by a red postmark which could not be easily removed by the dishonest.

It is interesting to recall that we owed the penny post to Rowland Hill, a native of Kidderminster, who stated life as a schoolmaster. He it was who prevailed upon the Government to adopt inland penny postage, which remained in existence till the price was raised to 1½d. as a war-time measure.

Ingenuity of the Chinese.

The ingenuity of the Chinese was illustrated at the International Police Chiefs' Convention in New York recently when Wang Gu Pang explained a new method of communication consisting of movements of the eyebrows, eyes, mouth and hands which form a code that will enable detectives to communicate with each other when examining a prisoner under difficult circumstances.

In La Nouvelle Revue de Paris, Georges Dubarrier shows that in many cases the Chinese were the real originators of inventions regarded frequently as European. Everybody knows that the Chinese understood the art of the sea compass and of printing long before Europeans. In 1823 there appeared in Europe for the first time a bridge suspended on steel cables, but the Chinese have used suspension bridges from time immemorial. M. Dubarrier thinks it probable that Madam Tene's inspiration for stone road surfaces from a report made by the Secretary of the Macartney Mission to China. Chinese farmers do not wait for European chemical discoveries to increase the yield of their fields by fertilization. German silver is merely an imitation of Chinese white steel. The Chinese were experts in dyeing at an early period. The saffron flower, which gives a fine red color, was imported during the Han dynasty, 115 B.C. In the weaving of fabrics, the use of illuminating gas, the manufacture of gunpowder, the use of anaesthetics, the Chinese led the world.

Findings That Aren't Keepings.

Treasure Trove Belongs to the Crown. Treasure trove was the dream of our childhood. What a delight it was to pretend that thousands of golden ducats, of jingling doubloons, of ingots of Peru lay hidden in some corner of the garden, if only we could dig, until all the wondrous wealth was finally exposed to view!

Treasure trove belongs to the Crown, if the real owner cannot be discovered, and the finder has no right to retain it. Indeed, he is guilty of a criminal offence, which, as at one time punishable with death, if he wilfully hinders the King's officers from gaining a knowledge of his discovery.

Only sixty years ago two men were convicted for concealing a discovery of old gold rings to the value of over £500, which another had turned up while ploughing.

Burying Their Treasures. At different periods of our history many persons have deemed it wise to place their gold and silver where it might lie secure from marauders until more settled times appeared. Often the owners failed to unearth their treasures, and the secret of the hiding-places died with them.

In many cases the treasure had been concealed to avoid confiscation by the authorities, and the Crown consequently regarded the treasure as forfeit, whenever discovered. In course of time the idea naturally developed that all treasure found hidden in the earth or private place should be regarded as having been concealed in order to defraud the King, and the law is now well established that it belongs, not to the finder, but to His Majesty.

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Finder Specially Rewarded.

In practice, the finder is either suitably rewarded by the Crown or allowed to retain his find, but there is no right to such reward, and the finder should not assume that it will be granted.

Treasure of valuables found on the surface of the earth or sea belong to the finder, unless the owner can be discovered. The fortunate finder should not, however, forget to take reasonable steps to publish his find so that the true owner may be enabled to reclaim them. If this is not done, the finder may render himself liable to a charge, "larceny by finding," and, in addition to forfeiting any chance of reward, may be sentenced to a term of imprisonment.

Minerals Usually Belong to the Landowner.

The minerals in the land usually belong to the landowner. If you should discover a rich seam of coal in your freehold garden, you would be entitled to all the material benefit to be derived from its presence there.

On the other hand, if you should stumble on a vein of gold or silver when digging your potato pit, the law requires you to notify your discovery to the King, who is supposed to need the metal for his coinage, and you would have no legal claim to be compensated in any way. Whether, in fact, His Majesty would take advantage of his legal rights is quite another matter.

Shipping.

S. S. Malpica has left Aquathuna for Humbersmouth, where a part cargo of coal will be landed.

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An elderly churchwarden in shaving himself one Sunday before church time made a slight cut with the razor on the extreme end of his nose. Quickly calling his wife, he asked her to see if she had any court plaster in the house. "You will find some in my sewing basket," she said. The warden soon had the cut covered. At the church, in assisting with the collection, he noticed everyone smile as he passed the plate, and some of the younger people laughed outright. Very much annoyed, he asked a friend if there was anything wrong with his appearance. "Well, I should think there is," was the answer. "What is that on your nose?" "Court plaster." "No," said his friend; "it is the label of a reel of cotton. It says, 'Warranted 200 yards long.'"

Household Notes.

For very delicious canapés spread toasted rounds of bread with shrimp paste and then chopped olives and capers.

Left-over meat can be chopped, highly seasoned and used in a jellied meat loaf garnished with slices of hard-boiled egg.

Some medicines lose their strength and others grow stronger; therefore it is best to purchase them in small quantities.

Finely chopped nasturtium seeds are attractive sprinkled over a pale-colored salad, and they add a decided piquancy of flavor.

A very nice sauce to serve with fried fish is made by adding one half cupful of chopped sour pickles to one cupful thick mayonnaise.

Sliced green olives and pecan nuts, moistened with French dressing and mixed with finely chopped celery, make a delicious salad.

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His View.

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Where do Elephants go to Die?

Where do elephants go to die is one of the great mysteries of the natural history world. Curiously enough, the body of the greatest mysteries of the natural causes has never been discovered, either in India or Africa.

Among native races there is a widespread belief that, when the great beasts feel the end approaching, they make their way to some secret hiding place in which to die.

The whole question is just as big a mystery as ever, in spite of the fact that many attempts have been made to solve the problem. The districts where elephants occur in a wild state have been secured in all directions in the hope of discovering the last resting-place of the huge animals but without any result.

Where do Elephants go to Die?

Quite recently another determined attempt has been made to penetrate the mystery, but up to the present nothing of any value has been discovered. As a matter of fact, the problem has more than a scientific interest to it. Any individual who is so fortunate as to find the elephant's graveyard will certainly have made a fortune.

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