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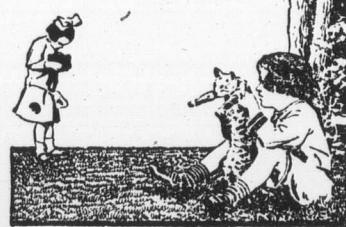
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Seekers After Gold Who Had  
Riches Thrust Upon Them.

## "SWEDE LUCK" IN ALASKA.

Stories That Are Told of the Way Some  
Prospectors Stumbled Into Claims  
That Put Them on Easy Street.  
Good Fortune Plus Hard Work.

It is literally true that some men  
who went to the north had fortunes  
thrust upon them. There is Charley  
Anderson, who was prospecting on  
the Yukon. Shortly after the Klondike  
strike was made by George Mar-  
mack and Shookum Jim, Anderson,  
trail weary, ambled into the frontier  
Camp of Dawson—then known as  
Lousetown—from Circle City. He had  
developed a taste for a primitive be-  
verage of local manufacture known as  
"hooh," and promptly proceeded to  
gratify it. When he came to be dis-  
covered that his alcoholic companions  
had gone through his clothes, extract-  
ed \$800 and left in lieu thereof a deed  
to a claim on Eldorado creek, which  
was thought to have no other value  
except which pertains to a grazing for  
moose.

Anderson almost wept. It was true  
he was the owner of a location, but a  
claim isn't necessarily a mine, and  
also there is a lot of difference be-  
tween a deed to a piece of frozen  
ground and \$800 in real money, which  
was all he had possessed. But he  
was not bereft of credit. Taking the  
deed to a trader, he pledged it for a  
grubstake, which he hauled to the  
creek on a hand sled. He burned wood  
to thaw the frozen muck and discover-  
ed that the gravel underneath was  
thickly permeated with gold. The  
moose pasture proved to be worth  
more than \$2,000,000. There are some  
wonderful real estate records in  
Alaska!

Depressed and discouraged because  
he had been unable to find values in  
a quartz mine which he had been sent  
to examine, John Treadwell sat in a  
log cabin hotel in Harrisburg, now  
Juneau, waiting for a steamship to  
take him back to San Francisco.  
French Pete Erussard drifted in and  
told Treadwell a hard luck story.  
Treadwell was sympathetic. The tale  
was well told; so well that he was  
induced to put up \$500, taking there-  
for a deed to a half interest in a  
claim. Treadwell returned the fol-  
lowing year and examined the prop-  
erty. Then he bought the other half  
and it became known as the Tread-  
well mine. It has produced more than  
\$50,000,000, and there is sufficient ore  
blocked out to keep the big stamp  
mills working for many years.

Erik Lindblom went to Alaska on a  
whaling vessel—shanghaied from  
San Francisco, some people say. With  
Jafet Lindeburg and John Brynteson  
he discovered the Nome goldfields and  
laid the foundation for a big fortune.

Two of the richest placer claims in  
Western Alaska were traded for com-  
parative trifles—one for a gasoline en-  
gine that wouldn't chug, and another  
for \$30 and a bottle of brandy distilled  
from prune juice. There are thou-  
sands of similar instances, common in  
the history of every mining camp.

But there is another side to the  
story. Thousands of men in Alaska,  
with privation and hardship for their  
teammates, have toiled bravely and  
assiduously for many years and have  
failed to find the golden fleece. Per-  
haps they lacked what the north terms  
"Swede luck."

"Swede luck" is so called because  
many of the rich strikes have been  
made by Scandinavians. In Alaska  
every Scandinavian is a Swede. Per-  
sonal observation, however, has shown  
me that "Swede luck" means hard  
work and enduring fortitude under ad-  
verse circumstances.

Several years ago at the mouth of a  
creek where a strike had been re-  
ported and an incipient stampede was  
in progress I met a prospector.

"Who made the strike?" I asked.  
"Who do you think made the strike?"  
he countered disgustedly, as though I  
had propounded foolish question No.  
4962. "Did you ever hear of anybody  
having luck in this darned country un-  
less he was a Swede?"

I walked fourteen miles up that creek  
and found six holes to bedrock. Pay  
had been encountered in the sixth.  
Every shaft had been dug by the  
Swede who made the strike, and who,  
by the way, happened to be a Norwe-  
gian.—Sunset Magazine.

## How Toucans Roost.

Nothing could be more eccentric to  
our eyes than the way in which tou-  
cans go to roost. The bird does not  
"tuck its head under its wing, poor  
thing!" and so settle down, but packs  
itself up in most orderly fashion. The  
tail is turned forward over the back,  
in the soft feathers of which the gan-  
gic bill is hidden. Then the tail shuts  
down, all semblance of a bird is lost,  
and one can see nothing but a ball of  
feathers.—London Standard.

## Exceptions.

"Do you believe that all's fair in love  
and war?"  
"I used to, but I don't any more."  
"I suppose the horrors of war have  
changed your opinion."  
"No, it isn't that. I lied to my wife,  
and she caught me at it."—Detroit  
Free Press.

He who takes the child by the hand  
takes the mother by the heart.—Old  
Proverb.

## WEATHERCOCKS.

They Were Known Before Our Era and  
Were Then Called Tritons.

The weathercock had its origin at a  
very early date. Marcus Vitruvius  
Pollio, a noted Roman architect and  
engineer, who was born about 80 B. C.  
in his works calls a vane a triton,  
probably because in his time it had  
the form of a triton. The usual form  
on towers, castles and secular build-  
ings was that of a banner, but on ec-  
clesiastical buildings it was a repre-  
sentation of the male of the barnyard  
fowl.

There have been other forms of  
vane. The one over St. Peter's, Corn-  
hill, London, is in the shape of a key,  
that over St. Mildred's church is a  
gilt ship under full sail. The grass-  
hopper of the Royal Exchange, Lon-  
don, is the vane that formerly sur-  
mounted the former exchange. The  
dragon on the spire of Bow church,  
Chesapeake, is another celebrated vane.

One of Mother Shipton's prophecies  
was that when the dragon of Bow  
church and the grasshopper of the  
Royal Exchange should meet the  
streets of London would be deluged  
with blood. In what way they should  
meet the old dame did not explain, but  
it is known that at one time these two  
vanes were side by side in the yard  
of a stonemason in Old Street road,  
yet there was no shedding of blood.—  
London Answers.

## SAVED BY POETRY.

Plaintive Plea That Moved Lysander to  
Spare Athens.

When, B. C. 404, after a heroic strug-  
gle, Athens, the "City of the Violet  
Crown," was captured by Lysander  
there were not wanting clamorous  
voices to urge that the city whose lust  
for empire had brought such woes on  
Greece ought to be laid level with the  
ground.

The Spartan general at first lent a  
willing ear to his powerful allies, but  
while the council was still debating  
this momentous issue a plaintive voice  
was heard from the city walls chant-  
ing those noble lines from the "Elec-  
tra" of Euripides, that most human  
of the poets of Greece, in which the  
heroine contrasts her fallen lot with  
the splendid exploits of her father,  
who had dismantled the towers of  
Troy.

Lysander bent his head and pon-  
dered on fortune's cruel reverses. Tri-  
umphant as Agamemnon, who could  
tell but that he might be reserved for  
a fate as cruel? The lesson of mod-  
eration was accepted. Athens was  
saved.

Milton has immortalized this dramat-  
ic event in one of his best known son-  
nets:

The repeated air  
Of sad Electra's poet had the power  
To save the Athenian walls from ruin  
bare.

## An East Indian Crime.

The accidental reader who shrugs his  
shoulders deploringly over the evils of  
Indian caste has little conception of  
what suffering the custom involves.  
Its tragedies extend even to the hum-  
ble, commonplace matters of everyday  
life. A little incident witnessed by  
Prince Bolivar Karageorgievitch and  
chronicled in his "Enchanted India"  
needs no comment.

Stones and flying sticks were thrown  
at a little pariah girl whose shadow as  
she passed defiled the food of a Brah-  
man.

He merely threw away the rice,  
which the dogs soon finished. But the  
bystanders who witnessed the girl's  
insolence in going so near a holy man  
—she, so base and unworthy—flew at  
the unhappy creature, who ran away  
screaming and dropping the load of  
wood she was carrying on her back.

## Holland's Colonies.

Holland, with a population number-  
ing only a little more than 6,000,000  
and with an area only about one-  
fourth the size of the state of New  
York, ranks third among the countries  
of the earth in the number of its col-  
onies and fifth among them in the area  
of its colonies. Only Great Britain  
and France have greater colonial pop-  
ulations, and only Great Britain,  
France, Germany and Portugal have  
greater colonial areas. The Dutch rule  
six times as many people—38,000,000—  
outside of Holland as there are with-  
in its boundaries.—Argonaut.

## The Spinal Column.

The spinal column, or backbone, is  
the most ingenious engineering struc-  
ture ever constructed. It contains  
within its center the spinal canal, in-  
jury to which would produce in us im-  
mediate paralysis or death. The sepa-  
rate bones of the spinal column are  
fitted and adjusted so nicely that  
there is little danger of this, and, be-  
sides being provided with cushions, it  
is elastic and strong.

## Making Progress.

"Is the girl you love beginning to  
smile on you?"  
"Well, no," replied Cholly Litebrane  
veraciously. "She hasn't gone quite  
that far, but every time I say anything  
she smiles at me."

## Unanswered.

"Say, pop, may I ask you a ques-  
tion?"  
"Yes, Teddy. What is it?"  
"When a man's finished milkin' a  
cow, how does he turn off the milk?"

## Success In Fiction.

Crawford—How can he make mon-  
ey out of short stories if he never sold  
one?  
Crabshaw—Why, man, he's teaching  
others how to write them.—Life.

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