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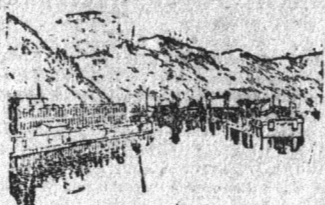
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LAKE BAIKAL.

Vast Piece of Water Over Which Russia Has to Transport her Troops for the Far East.

Lake Baikal, just now figuring so prominently in the war between Russia and Japan, as the former power has to transport all her troops over it, is a vast piece of water in Eastern Siberia. It is crescent shaped and is surrounded by high and wild mountains rising to 3,000 and 4,000 feet above its waters. Its length from southwest to northeast is 370 miles, while its breadth varies from 20 to 70 miles. Its greatest depth is 4,500 feet, but the average depth of the southern part is about 800 feet. From the end of December to the

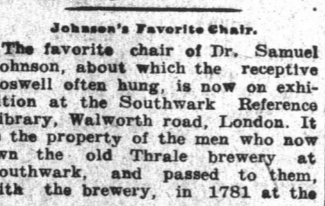


LAKE BAIKAL.

middle of May it is regularly frozen over, a railway being now in course of construction over the ice to carry Russian troops. Lake Baikal forms part of the line of communication between Russia, the Amur and China, steamers plying between Listvenichy, at the outlet of the Lower Angara, and Posolskoye in the delta of Selenga. To accommodate these boats and to act as a station point off which the trans-Siberian trains used to carry troops, the big floating dock seen in our sketch was built. The dock is also used by fishermen engaged in the salmon fisheries, some 60,000 cwt. of salmon being caught and cured annually.

Wardenship of the Cinque Ports. The wardenship of the Cinque Ports, with residence at Walmer Castle, which has been conferred upon Lord Curzon during his holiday from the duties of the Viceroyalty of India, is an honorary post. Formerly it meant the duty of assembling, when necessary, the naval forces for coast defence, which centred in the five ports. Now the post is by custom conferred on some prominent British statesman as a special mark of distinction. In this case it gives to Lord Curzon a fine residence during his stay in England. He succeeds to a long line of illustrious tenants. The late Lord Granville, Mr. Gladstone's Foreign Secretary, himself a Lord Warden, made a collection of portraits of holders of the office, which hang as heirlooms in the dining-room. They begin with Henry V., the builder of the castle, and include Admiral Blake and General Freetown, of the Cromwellian era, and among the latest Mr. W. H. Smith, Lord Dufferin and Lord Salisbury. The greatest Lord Warden was Pitt and Wellington. Pitt turned the castle into a dwelling house, where he was wont to entertain the admirals of the fleet lying in the Downs during the long war with France, and where the Marquis Wellesley (brother of the Duke of Wellington) visited him on his appointment as Governor-General of India, a hundred and seven years ago.

Johnson's Favorite Chair. The favorite chair of Dr. Samuel Johnson, about which the receptive Boswell often hung, is now on exhibition at the Southwark Reference Library, Walworth road, London. It is the property of the man who now owns the old Thrale brewery at Southwark, and passed to them with the brewery, in 1781 at the



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Very often the vital resources are small at forty-two, but if not then, between fifty-seven and sixty-two years of age there is a strange slowing down and loss of vitality. It is important that this transient period of decay should be checked; strength must be imparted to the tired brain, the weakened nerves must be fortified. The wise man will use Ferrozene whose potency is particularly applicable to these critical periods. Ferrozene quickens the whole being, imparts vigor and power, pushes back the onset of senility in a very manifold way. It is because Ferrozene gives strength, vitality and vigor that it is useful to old men. Try it. Price 50c.

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A SEA SONG.

A wet sheet and a flowing sea,
And wind that follows fast,
And fills the white and rustling sail,
And bends the gallant mast, my boys,
While like the eagle free,
Away the good ship flies, and leaves
Old England on the lee.

Oh, for a soft and gentle wind!
I heard a fair one cry:
But give to me the roaring breeze
And white waves heaving high;
And white waves heaving high, my boys,
The good ship tight and free;
The world of waters is our home,
And merry men are we.

There's tempest in yon horned moon,
And lightning in yon cloud;
And hark the music, mariners!
The wind is piping loud;
The wind is piping loud, my boys,
The lightning flashing free;
While the hollow oak our palace is,
Our heritage the sea.

—Allan Cunningham.

THE HASTINGS COACH.

Ghastly Legend Attached to the House of the Earl of London.

Mr. T. P. O'Connor tells the following in his Mainly About People: To many prominent Scottish families there is, as is well known, attached some ghastly legend or other, generally taking the form of weird music or a similar manifestation, which is believed to forewarn death of some member of the house. Of such a nature is the famous "Hastings coach," which is said to be heard (although not seen) driving to the door, when the death is imminent of any member of the ancient family of which the Earl of London and Lord Grey de Ruthyn are now the heads. Lady Victoria Kirwan, mother of the lady who has for some years past devoted herself to further the material and moral welfare of the working shop girls of the West End, had good reason, she used to tell her intimate friends, for believing in the truth of this legend. Her brother was the fourth and last Marquis of Hastings, who died in 1868, in his twenty-seventh year, after a career on the turf alike brief, brilliant and disastrous.

Lady Victoria's story was that she was dining in her brother's company (I think in his own house) in the autumn of 1868, soon after the Newmarket October meeting, when Lord Hastings was seen on a race course for the last time. In the middle of dinner she heard the grinding of carriage wheels on the gravel outside, and immediately afterwards a loud ring at the door bell. The servants apparently heard nothing, but the young Marquis instantly rose from the table, and said he would go himself and see who had arrived. A few moments later he returned to the dining-room with a white face and a strange smile, and, looking around on the assembled company, offered to wager a large sum that there would be a funeral from the house within a month. Three weeks later he himself was lying dead in an upper chamber. The ghastly warning had come to no one in the room except his sister and himself—for it is heard only by those of the Hastings blood.

An English School. Etc.

There is probably no old English custom so rich in interesting memories as the pancake-tossing ceremony of which the hall of Westminster School was recently the scene. The custom, which is known to the boys by the unattractive name of "Grease," has an unbroken history which takes us back to the days of Queen Bess, when as many as 300 boys would scramble in one tumultuous heap for the possession of a solitary pancake. Hence, Finch, Earl of Nottingham, groveled with the rest long years before he subsided into the no less coveted Woolstock. John Dryden, the parson's boy from Northamptonshire, struggled on the floor with young Christopher Wren; and from the crowd of pancake-snatchers in 1743 you might have picked out William Cowper, Wren Hastings and Charles Churchill, all very small boys, to whom the pancake loomed much larger than the laurels they later won. And among the scrambling crowds of other years were John Locke, Charles Longley (destined to be Prime of all England), Edward Gibbon, Lord Raglan and many another boy who was to win much greater trophies in the big world outside the school walls.

Then think of the stories those walls could tell had they but tongues. Edward the Confessor watched the building of the arches on which the "school" rests; King John was signing Magna Charta when the very walls which re-echoed the boys' shouts this morning began to rise on the site of the dormitory in which generations of Benedictine monks had slumbered. Boys were learning their lessons in the same hall years before Oliver Cromwell was born, and for three centuries all the classes of Westminster School were held where the pancake was tossed to-day.—Westminster Gazette.

When Lord Minto Was Press

"One of the Crowd," writing to The New York Sun, upon the contradictions in the news from the seat of war, says: "I remember once reading in a magazine article, written, I believe, by the present Governor-General of Canada, of a correspondent in the last Afghan war, who submitted to the press censor with the British army a letter intended for transmission to his paper, in which a picturesque description of Afghan scenery was given, with crocodiles in the rivers, and palm trees along their banks. The censor sent for the writer, and pointed out to him the absurdity of putting crocodiles into the icy waters of the rivers, and palm trees where none could flourish, but the correspondent insisted that the British public would be satisfied with nothing less; and so, as there were no military secrets to be extracted from the saurians and palm trees, the letter went forward."

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