

# Stroller's Column.

Dawson, July 23.

of vindication to his friend, but the latter said he would prefer defeat to having a trail of gore follow him to Ottawa. However, he said there are a few here who are jealous of him and if he had them out one at a time in a plowed field he would let them know that massive brain does not always indicate entire absence of brawn.

And again assuring him of his hearty support, the Stroller left the prospective candidate who wants vindication to meet another who is certain of election, with whom he had a date in a dark room further along in the block.

When the Stroller met Chief Isaac yesterday the latter wore a look that betokened that while the chief was present in body his mind was off gallivanting around in the realms of space.

Questioned as to the cause of his abstraction Isaac replied:

"Ever since I visited Seattle's beach one morning at low tide a lovely vision of a barefooted goddess has been before my eyes. She is a daughter of the Muckleshoot tribe and being lithe of form and straight of limb she was pleasing to mine eyes. To behold her delving in the ambient beach mud for the elusive clam was well worth the long trip I have just completed even if I had not seen Jack McQuesten and Puyallup."

And the sign that Isaac heaved as his face again assumed a faraway, dim and distant look came from below the belt.

### Chance for Sour Doughs.

A respectable widow, aged 39, good cook, neat and jolly, would like to come to the Yukon and grow up with the country, but being poor will have to have a position. Would like to keep house for gentlemen. No objections to country or children. Can do any kind of work. Address, MRS. BELLE McDONALD, Clancy, Mont.

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### Nome Steamer

Seattle, July 17.—The Globe Navigation Company's steamship Meteor arrived yesterday afternoon from Nome. She made the voyage in nine days and seventeen hours, rather better time than that of the average vessel plying between this port and the metropolis of the far northern gold fields.

The Meteor, which is commanded by Capt. John Roberts, so long master of Lynn canal steamers, sailed July 6. On that date she reports that the Northwestern Commercial Company's steamship Manauense left for Plover bay, on the Siberian coast in execution of the concession contract held by the company for the development and exploration of that section of Russia's far northern possessions. The Manauense took 150 Nome miners, all Americans. The steamer Discovery, Capt. Roberts reports, was scheduled to sail July 9 for the same destination. Steamer Newsboy was daily expected from Candle creek.

When the Meteor left St. Michael there were then in port the steam whalers Belvidere, Alexander, Bowhead, Karluk, Jeanette, Baylies and Seal.

Capt. Roberts says there is great activity in a mining way at Nome. Candle creek was attracting much attention by reason of favorable reports received from that district.

Returning the Meteor has foggy weather nearly the entire voyage. From Unimak pass she encountered westerly winds almost to the north end of Vancouver island.

### Nice to Look at

New York, July 14.—John Prisani, a chubby-faced boy 10 years old, has been arrested on a charge of arson. If the boy's statements in a confession said to have been made to the police are to be believed, the boy is a member of a dangerous gang of youthful firebugs who have caused large loss of property, and possibly the death of a woman.

For some time fires of a suspicious origin have been prevalent in the Leonard and Oak street precincts, and recently Capt. O'Brien issued orders that a strict watch be kept for the boy, who had repeatedly been described as seen running away when these fires were discovered. Finally a cry of fire was heard coming from 89 Franklin street, and two boys were seen rushing from the building. The detectives captured one of the boys after a long chase. At the station the prisoner is said to have confessed that he and his companion who escaped had set fire to the place by breaking out a window and throwing a stick saturated with turpentine and blazing oil into the room.

In confessing other fires, Prisani is alleged to have told of one started

March 5 last in Canal street which destroyed two buildings and cost a woman her life. The fire was supposed to have been started by an explosion.

As Prisani related the details of many fires he is said to have become deeply interested in his subject and to have admitted that he liked to see the fire department run to a fire and was imbued with the desire to witness a large conflagration.

### Through a Slip of Paper.

New York, July 14.—Ten days ago, a poorly clad man, apparently a tramp, applied to Sheriff Johnson at Mincola, L.I., for lodging. He was paralyzed on the right side from the shoulder down, and was unable to speak or write. In his clothing a slip of paper was found bearing the name of Mrs. Eva Johnson, Newark, Ohio.

The sheriff wrote to Mrs. Johnson and asked for information concerning the man and has received a reply saying he is Adolf Miller. Last November he had a stroke of paralysis and was sent to the hospital, from where he disappeared. Soon after notice was received that a sum of several thousand dollars had been left in trust for Miller's maintenance by a relative in Germany.

Upon receipt of this news a deputy sheriff was sent to Jersey City with Miller, who was put on a train for Newark, Ohio.

### Will Reopen Shops

Sydney, Neb., July 12.—The Union Pacific is preparing to reopen its shops and round house here, which were closed a year ago. A large force of machinists and boiler-makers have arrived and a large amount of machinery has been received for installation.

The Missouri undertaker had become rich and had retired from business.

His first use of his leisure was to start with his wife on a tour of the country in the capacity of a leisurely person of wealth.

On the morning of the second day they arrived at a big city.

"Planters' House," yelled a hotel runner, as they walked out of the railway station.

"Dang their hides, Maria!" exclaimed the retired undertaker, turning to his wife. "They've found me out already!"

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## Courtship in Spain.

"The men are fire and the women are tow, Puff—comes the devil—away they go."

Thus runs an old Sevillian proverb. Small wonder is it then that Andalusian man and maid must woo through iron bars.

He would be a brave American gallant who, day after day, night after night, would court a lady from beneath her window, in sight of all the world as it passed by, and shrugged its shoulders with that mockery, half tenderness, which youthful love excites.

The Spanish swain is less easily discouraged. He will "eat iron" the whole year through if necessary, enjoying an artistic pleasure in thus murmuring to a charmer quite beyond his reach the gentle platitudes of love's devotion, "pelando la pava," "plucking the turkey," as the Spaniards say, reminded of the subdued, monotonous chatter of the poultry women in the market.

A touch of Orientalism enlivens the discomforts of this mediaeval romance for its sentimental actors.

Behold the first meeting of the lover and his lady. In front of his favorite cafe on the Sierpes the young beau stands twirling his cigarette, as he ogles carelessly the senoras and the senoritas promenading back and forth. He rearranges now and then the glossy folds of his long black cloak to give a better glimpse of its quilted, shish lining to passersby. Suddenly an earthly vision of delight breaks on his view, a girl, young, tall, with eyes like those of a sultan's favorite, and lips full blown and red as the rose with in the masses of her mantilla. She glides along behind her mother, glancing demurely out from the folds of her mantilla. She coquets with her fan audaciously, deliciously, and her swelling bosom flutters lightly the black lace draped about her throat.

The dandy strikes a jaunty air and concentrates his admiration in his gaze. Rapture! She has caught sight of him! Her eyes, lustrous and not too spiritual, look into his intently for an instant.

With superb nonchalance she has glanced away. Though she passes and repasses her admirer many times in the next half hour she does not favor him again with a single regard.

Lured on by her indifference he follows at a respectful distance when she turns homeward with her duenna.

Another rapture! She resides in the second street from his own; in that skyblue house he has noticed many times, the one decorated with garlands of painted roses; better yet, lives on the ground floor, and a man need not strain his neck and lungs to woo her while she leans from a lofty balcony rail above.

He haunts the spot. Next day he sees her at her window. From his place across the street he gazes upon her ardently. She looks the other way and flirts her fan with a grace fascinating enough to drive men mad. In this manner for several days she strives to keep alive the flame she has kindled. When she things that it is strong enough to burn of itself she deigns to glance at her conquest, at first shyly, and then without reserve.

By this time the young lady's mother has looked up pretty thoroughly the antecedents and prospects of her daughter's wooer. From the moment that she heard his smothered "Ole, ole!" of admiration the first time he saw her Doña she has been weighing his credentials with expert judgment. So that when her daughter begins to sing his praises she has entirely made up her mind about the expediency of encouraging his suit.

If there are no natural obstacles, if the marriage settlements on his side are likely to be satisfactory, the suitor will henceforth be admitted to the house to see his sweetheart in the presence of her family. He will, however, get no chance to talk with her alone until she is his wife. At any rate, he has this much gratification that he is her recognized fiance. Preparations begin for the wedding, and presently he will be united to his bride by civil and ecclesiastical ceremony. The marriage will be a solemn affair, performed at night, with little ostentation. Only members of both families will be present. The bridal party and the guests will be attired in black, as elaborately as their means will permit.

A Spanish wooing is not so serious provided it is smiled upon. Should the lady frown and continue to look away when you salute her with passionate glances, you have, of course, no hope at all. If she consents, and her parents oppose, the case is not so difficult, for if your eloquence and that of your true love fails to move their obduracy, you may gain your rights by law. You have only to make a full statement on paper of the situation, and to deposit it, signed and attested, with the mayor of the township in which your lady's parents dwell. The mayor will send an officer to the house to ascertain the facts. If he finds all correct and just as you have sworn he will make out an order giving you free right of entry into the house in question for a certain number of days for the purpose of becoming acquainted with and carrying off your sweetheart. If her parents still refuse their consent to the match nothing remains but to make their daughter a ward of the court, to put her in the charge of some suitable person, and pay her expenses during the six months which must by law intervene before you may wed her.

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