

The Miners of Gopper Island

Jim O'Connell and I were mates off and on for years. Thus it was that we were gold-miners together at Bendigo, tried silver-mining at Broken Hill, and at a later date worked side by side in the tin mines at Mount Zeehan, in Tasmania...

ough to see their signals. In the meantime, a little work was done—more with a view to passing the time than out of regard for the interests of the employers who had apparently so cruelly abandoned them on this uninhabited and seldom visited isle.

When D— recovered consciousness he was surly, but subdued. Finding that O'Connell was absolutely determined to board the schooner, he sulkily gave way, but he talked the other men into remaining on the island.

Upon the arrival of the schooner at Brisbane, O'Connell was given a friendly welcome by the crew, and he was at once put ashore to take his life. Legal proceedings for breach of contract was also mentioned, but the production of the bullet-perforated hat and the evidence of a friendly witness who had been one of the boat's crew put a very different complexion on the matter, and O'Connell was discharged.

It transpired, however, that D—'s long continued absence from the island—of which his employers were entirely ignorant, and which came so very near having disastrous results—was due to his detention in the receiving house of a lunatic asylum during the continuance of a prolonged attack of delirium tremens.

Having duly landed the men on the island, whose sole inhabitants they were to be, D— left them, promising to return at the beginning of each month with rations, etc. For a time all went well. The men were amply provisioned, and, besides, there was some feathered game to be shot, fish to be caught, and a fair supply of eggs of various kinds.

About the ... House

THE USES OF KEROSENE. Here are some very useful and novel ways in which common kerosene oil may be made to serve the housekeeper who finds her battle with dirt a losing struggle.

lemons are well understood, and they are extensively used in gout and rheumatism. "Throw physic to the dogs," they don't touch it, and if you feel bilious eat lemons or drink the juice in hot or cold water, unless you prefer to fast a few days and so save an illness.

FAST EATING.

Specialist Says It Is Rapidly Increasing. Eating rapidly, according to the testimony of a specialist in the kind of trouble caused by that breach of good table manners, is very much commoner than it used to be. And it is on the increase.

FAITH CURE IN JAPAN.

Buddhist Sect Believes Not in Medicine, But in Prayer. Faith cure as a remedy for the ills of the flesh is by no means confined to Christendom. In Japan one of the numerous sects of the Buddhists has as its distinguishing article of faith that all human ills may be cured by prayer.

AT WATERLOO.

Woman Who Saw Napoleon Leave the Field of Battle. A French newspaper gives an interesting account of a conversation with one of the very few surviving spectators of the battle of Waterloo, a widow named Givron, the 100th anniversary of whose birth is about to be celebrated in the little village of Vieville, Hainault.

SOME MISFIT NAMES.

You must not think that turkeys come from Turkey, for they are natives of America. Nor that Irish potatoes came from Ireland, for they are American. And the Turkish bath originated in Russia.

VERY ARTFUL OF MOSES.

A celebrated physician of Vienna one day received a telegram from Cracow requesting him to repair their with all haste, as Moses Abrahamson was very ill, and required advice. This Moses was known to be one of the richest men of his race.

TESTED RECIPES.

Potatoes and Bacon—The above recipe suggests a very savory potato dish. Slice raw potatoes very thin—enough to fill a granite pie-pan or shallow baking-dish; cover so with a little rub of butter, and bake until both potatoes and bacon are done.

NATURE'S RESTORATIVES.

Honey is wholesome and nourishing. Maple sugar is better than cane sugar, and maple syrup is better than molasses. The juice of pineapple cuts the membrane from the throat in diphtheria.

EXCHANGE—Store and bined, and 1 acre of land, in Salen, ought to be a good one for a lot of hay scales, or buildings in good shape, for cash or will exchange for a 7-acre farm in the same or larger farm. For particulars, apply to O. L. LARN, Real Estate Broker, Aylmer, Ont.

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