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Oil Cheaper Than Coal.

The high price of coal and the prospects of it becoming dearer still has resulted in a big demand for oil fuel. It is now cheaper to use oil fuel in ships and factories than it is to use coal. Perhaps before long we shall be using it in our homes, too.

The great coal strikes of 1911 and 1912 made hundreds of big firms turn towards oil, and it is a remarkable fact that once oil fuel has been used coal is abandoned forever.

Oil is not only cheaper than coal, but it is cleaner and less trouble. It is ever so much easier to transport and to supply to engines. A few feet of tubing and a main line express engine, for example, can take in 600 gallons of oil fuel in from four to five minutes. Oil, too, has the advantage that there are so many big deposits of it in various parts of the world that it is not affected by strikes so much as coal.

When proper oil-burning machines are used, there is no smoke attached to it at all, and factories using oil have no tall chimneys, no piles of ashes, no tedious shovelling of coal into the furnace. Just a few pipes, that's all. A few taps regulate the oil supply to the boiler furnace, and, in fact, with oil the grimy coal stokers can be replaced by girls in spotless white caps and aprons.

Vet. Could Tell Him.

A member of Parliament called another an ass in the sacred precincts of the House. Unparliamentary language being forbidden, the offending M.P. had to apologize and withdraw his statement. He didn't like doing it. "I withdraw," he said very stiffly; "but I maintain that the honorable member is out of order." "How am I out of order?" asked the other man heatedly. "Probably a veterinary surgeon could tell you," was the retort.

Not So Dull for Prince.

In Western Canada they are telling this story about the Prince of Wales. Some one was complimenting him upon the fact that he had set up his own bachelor establishment in London.

"Yes," said the prince, "it's been quite dull at home in the evening. Father and mother always read, and sister Mary knits."

Point Blank.

Jack—And when I proposed at the dance she asked for time to think it over. What do you suppose she did that?

Bess—Well, a girl naturally hates to think of disagreeable things while enjoying herself.

Two Explorers.

Martin Killin and Adelbert Gumaer, the last two members of Vilhjalmur Stefansson's Canadian Arctic Expedition to leave the Arctic, are reported aboard the trading schooner Anna Alga, which is working its way toward Nome.

Killin and Gumaer were not members of Stefansson's original party. They were members of a party Storker Storkerson, Stefansson's lieutenant, led on to an ice floe last year in the hope that the Arctic drifts would carry the floe westward to Siberia. After spending eight months on the ice the men found themselves about fifty miles from their starting point. They all came ashore and Storkerson and one other member headed overland for the outside world. Killin and Gumaer boarded the Olga and started for Nome.

Storkerson's trip outside was his first in eleven years. He has been an explorer, trader and trapper along the northern rim of the continent ever since 1908. He expects to associate himself with Stefansson in handling the Canadian Government's proposal to stock the northern tundra plains with reindeer.

Dogs Eat Eskimo Church.

In the Hudson Bay country, where the dogs are half wolves, a band of these famished animals actually ate up a church. The Eskimo Christians had built a tiny chapel to hold twenty people. But the poor converts did not long enjoy the little church, of which they were so patriotically proud. The building was of whalebone, an edible substance, and one Sunday the pagan dogs ate every morsel of the sacred edifice.

Belgians Decorate Graves.

For the first time since the war the Belgians were allowed to commemorate the death of their fallen heroes on November 1st. All Saints' Day was celebrated with great pomp in Brussels. Burgomaster Max deposited flowers on the graves of Belgians, Canadians, British, French and Russians. Wreaths were also deposited on the grave of Van Campenhout, the composer of La Brabantonne, the Belgium national anthem.

Old Hats Exported.

Thousands of hats discarded by English women are exported every year to Brazil, where they are eagerly bought by the Indians. The feathers and other ornaments on the hats are taken by the men, and the bare straw shapes given to their women-folk.

Getting Together.

A youth named Beer was arrested the other day for breaking into a public-house. The magistrate decided that the proper place for him was the jug.—London Punch.

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