

WHERE NATURE HIDES HER GOLD.

Another Contingent of Klondikers Arrive from the Yukon Gold-bearing Valleys on Steamer Tees.

An Indian's Hard Luck Story - The Awful Edmonton Route.

Sickness at Dawson - Meat Supply to Be Cut Off On April 1st.

A Party Bound for the Koyukuk Lost - Dr. Terwayne and His Scheme.

Verily it looked like old times—the times of the first season of the Klondike excitement—when steamer Tees, Captain J. Gosse, tied up at Turner, Beaton & Co.'s wharf last evening. As soon as her gang plank was thrown out a picturesque crowd of bewhiskered and mottled garbed pilgrims, the majority of them "white men's burdens" as big as those of the chief character in Bunyan's book stepped ashore. They came from many places in the big gold-bearing expanse to the northward. Some were a party of Frenchmen from the Northwest Territories led by Charles Brunell, a three-quarter breed Chippewa Indian, were returning from a most arduous journey. They left Edmonton in December, 1887, and were almost a year in reaching Dawson. Brunell is a sturdy worthy of the pen of Remington. He is over six feet tall, and finely proportioned, and his tanned features are as regular and as clean cut as a cameo. He has large, soft brown eyes and wears his thick wavy hair down his back. His costume, too, is most picturesque. With his partners, a number of "shanties" Brunell took in a big herd of cattle. The investment was a failure owing to the terrible difficulties experienced on the arduous Edmonton trail. After reaching Dawson Brunell and his confederates immediately went into the mountains with their prospecting pans, and now have several valuable claims.

Brunell speaks very harshly of the promoters of the Edmonton trail, whom he classifies as being worthy of the brand of Cain as any who ever decorated a gallows. The trail has been a veritable death trap, for besides those who have succumbed to general hardships, many have succumbed in their despair. Of the hardships of his party he refused to talk, saying that their troubles were over and it would be as well to draw the veil over them.

Among the other passengers who came from Dawson were Mr. Riffe, a claim owner on Eldorado, and "French Pete" who comes out to dispose of some property on Bonanza creek, and who is said to be the discoverer of the famous Treadwell mines of Douglas Island. Mr. Riffe's property on Eldorado has been in litigation for over a year. He has also a claim on Henderson creek. Riffe left Dawson on January 19th, and made a stop of four days at Bennett. Up to the time he left the coldest weather experienced was 54 below zero.

Mr. Riffe says that this month will see hundreds leaving Dawson and few of them will come out with any gold to show for their hardships in the country. Many were sick at Dawson when he left, scurvy being the most prevalent disease. "With the approach of the warm weather it is feared the disease will spread." According to Mr. Riffe, Commissioner Ogilvie has given orders that no meat was to be sold after April 1st in order to prevent the spread of scurvy. This order has had the effect of reducing the price of beef. Rough pieces were being sold when Mr. Riffe left for 12 1/2 cents per pound, and only prime parts brought 25 cents per pound.

Mr. Riffe says just previous to his departure a case of great interest was being heard before the gold commissioner at Dawson. Two brothers named Berry, two of the Klondike's richest miners, had worked two claims, 6 and 7 on Eldorado for a considerable time. The claims were very valuable properties, and they were taking out over \$150,000 for the season.

By a mistake in the date they failed to make it until the day after the grace allowed. In the meantime an intimate friend who knew the workings of the claim stepped in and jumped it. The brothers protested, but the court held that this jumping was quite legal and the owners had to pay \$40,000 to get their property back.

Mr. Riffe brings a startling story regarding Big Alce McDonald's properties. If the report brought by him is true, Big Alce is in a fair way to lose some of his millions. When McDonald first went into the country he leased the whole of the water front right in front of Dawson City for which he paid \$5 per foot. Upon this was built wooden structures, which were washed away every year by the backwater when the ice broke. McDonald's desire has now issued orders that the practice of rebuilding is prohibited.

To Be Continued. and when next the buildings are washed away the people will not be allowed to build again, so in December next the whole water front will be open. Mr. Riffe says that McDonald has never recorded one claim the whole time he has been in the Alaska country, but buys up from other miners. Gold King McDonald, who is at present on his honeymoon trip in England, is not aware of the position of his Yukon property.

Mr. Riffe and associates had an exciting adventure while prospecting on the Klondike river. They started with a boat stocked with provisions, and when they got to the Left Fork of the river they landed to camp. By some means the boat got loose and drifted away, leaving with only three guns, ammunition, 30 pounds of flour and 10 pounds of bacon, which they had taken out of the boat. For three months they existed there prospecting the country thoroughly, but did not find any good prospects. Eventually they platted a raft together with willows and managed to reach Dawson safely.

While at Sixty-Mile on his way out Mr. Riffe witnessed a Funny Incident. A wolf was killed and the slayer set it up erect for the benefit of a party of Englishmen who were following. When the Englishmen came and saw the animal they got quite excited and blazed away at it with their revolvers, the excitement continuing until the dead body which they had killed over again was picked up and examined.

At Thirty-Mile two Germans got their feet badly frozen, late in the evening. They were taken by the Mounted Police, where his feet were amputated. The river is now open for seven miles at Thirty-Mile. Another Klondiker, Brumenden, tells of a Rich Strike at the head of the Klondike river. "Gold," he said, "has been coming down the headwaters of the Klondike river quite frequently this winter, and many a miner has pushed back toward the Rockies with a light outfit. Just before we left for the outside some miners came in and reported a rich strike at almost the very source of the stream. It was back in the low mountains where the river that has made so many men rich is hardly as large as some of its branches further down. Nuggets worth \$2 and \$3 were said to be plenty. The miners also told of several rich quartz finds. A small stampede followed the arrival of the men.

"Steam thawing machines are being used in Klondike for the first time this year. The experiment is proving very successful and threatens to change the manner of mining entirely. In the past the miners built a fire in their prospect hole, allowed it to burn out, then dug out the few inches of gravel that had thawed. This made the air in the shafts very smoky and led to a kind of suffocation. Now the steam is kept alive all the time and steam is driven into the hole through a pipe. The miners can work much faster and with less danger along the creeks this winter in spite of the heavy penalties imposed by the Yukon Territory judges. Many a miner has met his end by slipping on a patch of ice on a trip to Dawson. The Mounted Police are doing good work keeping the criminal element in control."

G. T. Howard, who has just reached the coast from Rampart City, which point he left on December 15th, brings a story that a party of ten tenderfeet started out late in October to go from Rampart City to the Koyukuk river. They employed John Folger, an old time miner of the lower Yukon, to guide them. After they had been three days on the trail a snow storm came up and three of them turned back, reaching Rampart City safely. Two days later another storm occurred and the thermometer dropped to 42 below zero. Late in November a party arrived from the Koyukuk and reported that the men under Folger had not arrived. Other parties of prospectors have since been heard nothing of them. Mr. Howard does not know their names.

W. P. McDonald, a United States mail carrier, who left Circle City on January 23, brought sixty pounds of mail to Skagway, which he says, is the first mail from St. Michael since navigation closed last fall. Early in January, he says, there were heavy stampedes from Circle City to McGrath and Wrangell. George Carey, Mrs. Carey and little Eva, Carey, who weighs 48 pounds and is three years old, were also among the arrivals.

The Carey Family attracted quite a lot of attention at Skagway. They arrived with Mr. Carey driving a handsome team of six large dogs. They started from Dawson on February 1st and Mr. Carey says they had a very pleasant trip, and that Eva was never sick, but enjoyed every mile of the long journey over the snow and ice. Mr. Carey went into the mining country for years and has a great many friends in the Klondike country and under the existing mail conditions it is hard to keep informed of their movements. If on Bonanza or Eldorado there is little doubt but that they are doing well. If on some of

the Outside Creeks, however, it all depends on finding the pay streak. The pay streak, if it runs through a Klondike claim at all, is usually rich enough to pay for the mining. A man is considered lucky if he finds one on the new creeks there is generally a great deal of difficulty in locating it. One of the recent arrivals gives the following list of miners—many of whom are well known here—who have recently struck pay dirt, and consequently stand a good chance of coming out with a sack:

Prevozer Bros., Gold Hill, after sinking 72 feet, have 7 1/2 to the pan with 3 feet of pay. Patrick Toner, Victoria, Bench No. 1, \$1.75 per pan with bedrock not in sight. Jack Voss and Dankers, No. 2 off the left fork of Eureka creek. C. S. Lepant and others, from 3 to 9, Last Chance creek. Thomas McKay, 74 A below Hunker, 17 cents per pan. Is working claim alone.

Emil Staaf, 26 Last Chance, averaging 25 cents per pan, after drifting 55 feet. Alex. McDonald and Emil Staaf, 16 B below Hunker, discovery on Dominion, \$1 per pan. Happy Jack, 3 A above upper discovery, \$1.50 per pan by drifting between worthless prospect holes.

T. Hayler, 16 B below Hunker. From the left fork of Eureka creek, \$6.50 to the pan. Dowell, 16 above Hunker, \$4.30 per bucket from shaft. T. A. Peterson, 7 below Bear, 16 C off bedrock. Was six months locating pay streak. Glass Bros., bench opposite 20 below Last Chance, \$10 to the pan off bedrock. Kidd, 36 below Hunker, average 40 cents per pan. Will put 15 men to work. Gold Rag, Nos. 22 to 29, 31, 39, 41 and 59 have rich pay streak. Claims are selling for \$2,000 to \$3,000. W. Tarp, 104 below Dominion, agent feed good pay gravel. J. T. Kelly, 22 below upper discovery Dominion, 60 cents per pan; gravel, but 2 feet deep. John McDonnell, 4 above Gold Bottom, 40 cents to the pan, 5 feet of pay gravel. John Hubbard, bench claim off 1, Fox creek, pay streak running entire length of claim.

P. Flannagan, bench claim No. 2 Fox creek; good pay at bedrock; 75 feet deep. J. A. McKenzie, No. 1 Gay Gulch, shot gold. L. Wheeler and Ed. Buttlinger, 7 Gay Gulch, quartz sprinkled with gold after passing through 6 feet of wash. D. W. Perry, pup No. 11. On the Tees were two gentlemen well known in this city who brought evidence of The Terrible Cold experienced of late on the northern trails in the way of badly frozen feet. The two unfortunates were W. W. Grime, of Amphion street, Oak Bay, who had expected to arrive at Skagway, or Atlin over the Fan Tail trail, and James Wishart, who had both feet frozen while coming out over the Tochee route. Mr. Grime was unable to drag his feet after him by the aid of crutches all he reached a carriage, and made his way home, but the more unfortunate Wishart was taken to the hospital. Several of those who arrived by the Tees say that a number of others are at Bennett and Skagway, who have suffered severely owing to the cold snap, for they say, the thermometer went down to about 58 degrees below zero. A number have frozen feet and hands, and big continents have noses, ears and faces frozen. There have also been some fatalities incident to the awful weather. It is reported that one man has reached Skagway from the Atlin trail by the Tees say that eight miners are reported to have been frozen to death, but none have given any details relating to this wretched disaster.

The men who came out from Atlin say that no building has been done there since the news of the exclusion act reached there, and that in fact Gold Commissioner Graham discouraged it, and ordered some erections to be stopped. The only work now being done is on the bank, which is now nearly completed. It will be occupied by the Canadian Bank of Commerce, and the Bank of Halifax. The number of people in Atlin city is put at between 200 and 300; at Discovery fifty or sixty; and about twenty on Spruce creek. Considerable development work has been done at Skagway since its general opening. Some prospecting their bench claims by tunneling and others by sawing lumber for sluice boxes. On two claims, Snow 93 and 94, the number of people in Atlin city is put at between 200 and 300; at Discovery fifty or sixty; and about twenty on Spruce creek. Considerable development work has been done at Skagway since its general opening. Some prospecting their bench claims by tunneling and others by sawing lumber for sluice boxes. On two claims, Snow 93 and 94, the number of people in Atlin city is put at between 200 and 300; at Discovery fifty or sixty; and about twenty on Spruce creek.

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the packers and rates have been cut down until they are now quoted at from \$100 to \$150 per ton. Bennett. From the railway terminus on the summit there is a splendid two horse trail right to Bennett. The log house, which brings another locomotive and a large of construction material for the railway, arrived at Skagway on Thursday last, and delivered her cargo, and tow in good condition in three days.

Two more miners have reached Skagway from Porcupine with a most rosy report of the promise of that district. They were J. Mack and John Crosswell, both of whom have extensive interests in the majority of creeks and have been in three prospecting since December. They went early and had a good chance to look over the ground before staking and found Bedrock and McKinley to be the most promising, particularly on Bedrock, where, out of a small pan of surface dirt, one hundred colors were found. The weather there according to their statement, is not so very cold, but is made disagreeable by drifting snow and numerous snow slides. They had intended going there two months and had provisions for that length of time, but a snow slide buried their camp under thousands of tons of snow and ice. The men barely escaped with their lives, and were unable to drag their feet after them until they were rescued by the trail crew. Coming out they found the trail in very bad condition, some places in the Chitchee river being open on account of the warm weather about a

month ago. The Terrible Cold experienced of late on the northern trails in the way of badly frozen feet. The two unfortunates were W. W. Grime, of Amphion street, Oak Bay, who had expected to arrive at Skagway, or Atlin over the Fan Tail trail, and James Wishart, who had both feet frozen while coming out over the Tochee route. Mr. Grime was unable to drag his feet after him by the aid of crutches all he reached a carriage, and made his way home, but the more unfortunate Wishart was taken to the hospital. Several of those who arrived by the Tees say that a number of others are at Bennett and Skagway, who have suffered severely owing to the cold snap, for they say, the thermometer went down to about 58 degrees below zero. A number have frozen feet and hands, and big continents have noses, ears and faces frozen. There have also been some fatalities incident to the awful weather. It is reported that one man has reached Skagway from the Atlin trail by the Tees say that eight miners are reported to have been frozen to death, but none have given any details relating to this wretched disaster.

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so much realism about it that gold dust would be scattered about and be washed up in the old fashion, and as far as possible the scenery of the Klondike capital would be duplicated. "Of course," said Dr. Terwayne, "it is all uncertain, it is possible though, and if I can get the ground I shall show the Parisian what Dawson is like." "You can tell the readers of your paper," continued the doctor, "that there will be an Epidemic in Dawson this year. They care for nothing but money, and all the filth is allowed to remain on the streets—it is horrible, and I can also tell you that men in Dawson are not earning the money they were. Many will work for little more than a living, but there is little work doing and this is paying the highest wages to my party of any employer, eight cents per hour. The remedy is made the excuse for suspending work on many claims, men thinking it will be taken off."

Dr. Terwayne says he had an enjoyable trip although it was a "long, long walk," and in the past it was bitterly cold. He was glad to reach civilization again, and said he would hasten back to his "beloved Paris" as quickly as time would allow. He left on the Chitchee last night en route east via the C. P. R.

LOCAL NEWS. Cleanings of City and Provincial News in a Condensed Form. (From Tuesday's Daily.) Speaking of the salmon market a late issue of the London Globe's Gazette says the demand continues somewhat disappointing, but prices are firm, and holders of Alaska are talking of higher rates, to which, however, buyers are not at present disposed to respond.

The funeral of the late Dennis MacPadden took place early this morning. The services were held at the residence of his wife, Mrs. J. O'Donnell, M. Kane, J. Macneil, P. Corr, J. Fullam and Ben. Finerty. The Rev. Father Althoff officiated at the chapel and graveside.

D. Caldwell, who has just arrived on the Willapa, brings news of a rich strike being made on Princess Royal Island at the southern end of the Skeena river. Mr. Caldwell has some sample ore with him which goes 30 per cent copper, \$16 in gold, and \$3 in silver. The island is very favorable for mining pursuits and the ground is easy to work.

Mr. Price Ellison, M.P.P. for East Yale, last evening entertained the members of the legislative party at a dinner at the Hotel Driard, when a most enjoyable repast was furnished by the management. Mr. Ellison's graceful remembrance of the close of the session was much appreciated by his guests, who took occasion to express to the general representative from the agricultural district of Okanagan their hearty wishes for his future welfare.

Mr. H. McDowell, the druggist of Vancouver, has entered into negotiations with Messrs. W. & J. Wilson of this town for the lease of the property situated at the corner of Cambie and Cordova streets. Mr. McDowell expresses his intention of erecting a large business building on the site, and has leased it for 40 years at a large yearly rental. The property, on Yates street, is also being leased for business purposes, and the shacks now standing there will be replaced by a fine modern building.

Capt. J. G. Cox, who has been looking after the interests of the Victoria school at the joint high commission held at Washington, returned home last evening. He says that all the subjects submitted to the commissioners have been amicably settled, except the Alaska boundary question, and the captain thought this question, which the commissioners met again, would be submitted to arbitration. As already stated in these columns, an agreement was arranged at in connection with the sealing industry to sell the school property to the United States. Some arrangement had also been made in respect to the national rights preserved.

The Presbytery of Victoria resumed business this morning. Grants due mission fields for the past six months were passed and ordered to be paid. Grants to the following fields for the ensuing six months were agreed upon: Alberni, Cedar Hill and the city East End Missions, Sooke and Colwood, Denman Island, Pender Island, Northfeld, Englishman's River, Chemainus and Extension Mine. Extension Mine being a new station it was agreed to apply to the church and manse building board for a grant of \$200 to be applied to the erection of a church there. The reports by the missionaries in all the fields throughout the Presbytery were very encouraging, and showed that considerable progress is being made in church extension in the bounds.

From Wednesday's Daily. Provincial Constable Adkins and Jailer Hunter went to West Westminster this morning in charge of the four young men sentenced yesterday for burglary.

The funeral of the late Richard Chamberlain, aged 42 years, who died on Sunday last, took place from Hayward's parlors this afternoon. Rev. Canon Paddon officiated at the grave side.

The building trade in Victoria is going ahead, and two more structures are to be erected here shortly, one on the De Cosme estate on the southwest corner of Government and Cormoran streets, and another by a Celestial firm at the corner of Fisguard and Government streets.

The customs returns for the month just closed are as follows: Duties \$5,725.81, Other revenues 10,408.80. Total \$16,134.61. Imports free \$7,490.00, Imports dutiable \$148,861.00. Total \$156,351.00. Exports, produce of Canada \$29,435.00, Exports, not produce of Canada 3,051.00. Total \$32,486.00.

Now that the remains of Andre have been found, Dr. Terwayne, the French scientist who came here some time ago on his way to the Klondike to search for the lost Swedish explorer in a bal-

loon, has a new scheme. Terwayne said to be on his way out from Dawson to the Paris exposition, Dawson in miniature. As a feature he proposed to construct \$200,000 worth of gold dust in the Old Country to carry out his idea. He proposes to be loaded with 1000 Chinese men to carry out his idea. Notable places in the mines and in Dawson will be portrayed, and in fact every sort possible made to get an accurate idea of the mining country.

An appeal has come across the Pacific for aid for thousands and thousands of starving Chinese. The committee at Chefoo and other cities are appealing to the boards of trade in coast cities and the mandarin in the little Chinese ports of the coast. They ask that a shipment of corn and breadstuffs and some other suffering Chinese. The great famine was caused by the overflowing of the Yellow river, China's sorrow, which has again overflowed and has flooded the lands on either side of the main channel, and laid the rice fields waste. As the flood receded, famine and pestilence came to millions who lived on the lands tributary to the great river. From the circular sent on the subject, it is learned that the floods of the Yellow river this year, or more properly last year and this winter, have been more extensive than ever before.

Elwood V. Turner, who was committed for trial some time ago for arson was brought before Mr. Justice Falkner this morning and elected for speedy trial on Wednesday next.

The street railway company are extending their electric light service to Esquimalt. The navy yard canteen hospital and the barracks at Work Point are among the places which will be illuminated from the new circuit.

The Yukon and White Pass companies have issued a new schedule of freight rates as follows: Skagway to Summit, \$2 per 100 lbs; Skagway to Log Cabin, \$2.50 per 100 lbs; Skagway to Lake Bennett, \$3 per 100 lbs. At these rates the company is prepared to meet all legitimate competitors.

John Jones, of Jones & McKell, well known in mining circles, and brother to popular Steve, of the Dominion hotel, writes that the prospecting plans for the Dominion creek, is showing good prospects. They are not down to bed rock yet, but in the drifts they are working they are obtaining from 20c to \$300 to the pan, and the wash up is expected to be tip top.

A letter to a Victorian from Log Cabin, dated February 22nd, states that a terrific snowstorm was raging there at the time of writing. The writer says that the thermometer had fallen to 30 degrees below zero, while at the same time very intense cold could not be bought for less than \$20 a cord. Almost the entire population is housed in tents, there being only three huts, and these occupied by the police. Meats are \$1. A number of Victorians are at Log Cabin, and all of them are reported as in good health and doing well.

Attention is called to the real estate sale to be held on the 9th March by Joshua Davies, auctioneer. The property is located in the North Ward and is easily reached by the Douglas street car line. Lithographs have been distributed, furnishing particulars and the terms of sale are liberal. To those engaged in industrial work in the northern part of the city an excellent opportunity is now presented to purchase desirable residences near to their work. Investors should examine the property for the reason that if suitable buildings were erected on the land to be sold they would readily rent on favorable terms.

Two well known residents of the city died yesterday. Capt. J. A. W. Wilson was a native of Balga, East Prussia, and was 40 years of age. The other was Wm. Veitch, came with his husband, who was in the employ of the Hudson's Bay Co. to Victoria in 1853, when the city was little more than a company trading post. His wife was a native of a native of Bigger, Scotland. Her husband and six children survive her. The funeral will take place on Friday at 1.30 from her late residence, Craigflower road, Colwood cemetery. The funeral of Capt. Wilson will take place tomorrow afternoon from Hayward's parlors.

The mail service to Dawson, which has been so unsatisfactory ever since the rivers became frozen, seems to be again effective, and letters are now being regularly received. By the Tees last night Mr. W. Wolfenden received a letter dated January 24th from J. H. Duncan, of that Klondike metropolis. He stated that the late newspapers received had been copies of a Victoria semi-weekly, which Mr. Wolfenden enclosed in an envelope and forwarded, and which were in great demand by the Nugget and Miner editors. The Victorian colony he reports prosperous and states that some of the working on the Gold Pan are getting \$2.50 per pan. This creek is turning out very well.

THE BERT INQUIRY. Washington, March 1.—At today's session of the court of inquiry into the beef charges representatives of Western meat firms were examined. Mr. Arthur McClellan, general manager for Armour & Co., described in a general way the process of purchasing, slaughtering and packing meats prepared by his firm. He said his firm had sold a great many millions of pounds of canned beef to the British government by whom it was used in India, Egypt and South Africa. No complaints had been received; France had used the beef as a regular ration for years under a three-year contract. Japan and Germany also used the canned meat with good results. A certified copy of a letter from Lord Wolsey of the British army was presented to the court, in which he spoke in very favorable terms of "tinned meats and vegetables" for use in tropical campaigning.

A CARD. Reverend A. H. Macfarlane, Frankton, Ont., advises all men who are weak and who desire a speedy and perfect cure to write to DR. G. N. ROBERTZ, 252 Woodward Ave., Detroit, Mich.

Letter From Lillooet. Winds That Penetrated where and Cold That Be Felt There. The Mines of the District Prospects of Cayoosh Creek. (Special Correspondence of the Lillooet Feb 27.—The weather of the young man playing all sorts of vagaries, wrote you, finding all our prophets in fine shape. Plough to start at once, with roses big leaves, or "I hope I don't think" westerly gales, then easterly, finishing with cyclonic northern did I see or hear it blow as it was? I have not had any sleep, and I hope those artists of fellows who make pictures, I know is a kind of a boy, bigger than Cupid, without a bow with other cheeks. I don't know if he is the same fellow that the aviad on lately here is now! Nothing wrong with it, you can hear a mile off; never and never strength and fierceness that on the house must go. Shingle walls, the flooring, a strong, red, inquisitive wind, through the closed door, three walls, the roof, the flooring, permission, no such thing as a strong, red, inquisitive wind, through your nose and freezing at your own fire-side.

The weather is again mild and is again to start next week. M.P.P. who sits in the chilly shades of the opposition is a lot of food for thought. I, the old gentleman's hair stands at the celebrity and dispatch of the first time in the history of the province we have a government proved that they have the in the people and the province. Their programme was to prove laws and interests against monopolists. Who can say or deny have not carried out their duties to the country? M.P.P. who sits in the chilly shades of the opposition is a lot of food for thought. I, the old gentleman's hair stands at the celebrity and dispatch of the first time in the history of the province we have a government proved that they have the in the people and the province. Their programme was to prove laws and interests against monopolists. Who can say or deny have not carried out their duties to the country? M.P.P. who sits in the chilly shades of the opposition is a lot of food for thought. 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