

Miscellaneous

Now Scotia Gold. Hon. J. W. Langley talks to a Montreal paper...

Hon. J. W. Langley was interviewed by a Montreal Star reporter while in that city last week. The Star says:

"Hon. J. W. Langley, attorney general of Nova Scotia, was in Montreal last evening, and returned to Halifax this morning. Mr. Langley is not much of a politician at present as a lieutenant and man of business, and when seen by a reporter at the convention at the Windsor last night the conversation turned upon other matters than politics.

The gold fields of Nova Scotia have recently attracted Mr. Langley's attention, and he has become actively interested in the development of this industry in his province. There have been over twelve million dollars in gold taken from the mines in Nova Scotia so far, yet Mr. Langley says that the gold has been carried on by a haphazard and unsystematic manner. He is therefore led to believe that a great future awaits the more systematic working of the deposits which are about to follow: recent investments of considerable capital.

"According to Mr. Langley all of the mines at present in operation in Nova Scotia, are paying substantial returns of from 10 to 25 per cent. This is every mine known, not altogether the usual thing with gold mines or any other mines. Mr. Langley believes the Nova Scotia deposits will turn out to be more lasting and consequently more valuable than those of British Columbia.

"The principal mines now being worked in Nova Scotia are the Whycomough, in Cape Breton; the Richardson, in Guysboro county; the Libby, in Queens county; the old Duffin mine, on the Salmon River, in Nova Scotia, which already there have been over \$300,000 taken, and the Golden Lode, in Halifax county. With the exception of the Duffin mine, little but surface working has been done as yet of these mines.

Mr. Langley says that English capital is now becoming interested in Nova Scotia gold, and a number of valuable properties have recently been either bonded or acquired by English companies. Sir James Grant, of Ottawa, last week succeeded in bonding a Nova Scotia mine to an English syndicate for a good price, and the probabilities were that the deal would be consummated.

"The Klondike excitement, Mr. Langley said, did not have the effect of diverting attention from the Nova Scotia deposits. On the contrary, although only a number of Nova Scotians have been stricken with the fever and have gone north, the general interest in Canadian gold has been aroused by the Klondike discoveries had operated to stimulate the interest in Nova Scotia deposits as well. There is little place mining Nova Scotia, the gold being found in the quartz. In the Whycomough district, however, some placer deposits have been found.

To Walk Across the Ocean. Most men would think it a very great task indeed to walk 3,000 on land, not to think of walking that distance on the water.

And yet a Boston man named Capt. Odrivie is said to be planning to walk across the Atlantic Ocean from Boston to Havre, France, next summer. He will begin his journey on July 4, and Capt. W. A. Andrews will accompany him with a small boat.

The shoes that Capt. Odrivie will wear are very wonderful indeed. At first thought they seem as fabulous as the seven-league boots of the fairy books, but in reality they are very simple and very comfortable. They are a pair of cork boxes five feet long, with fins on the bottoms and sides. They are very light, but strong enough to sustain a man's weight.

Into each of these wooden shoes the water-walker's feet are thrust and a rubber garter like affair is fastened to his leg, thus keeping on the water. Rubber boots reaching to the thigh are also worn. When this equipped Odrivie is able to walk many miles and to travel over choppy seas and even the heavy swell of the ocean.

Capt. Odrivie is 29 years of age, and for many years he has been practicing water-walking.

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Cancer. There are few diseases that afflict the human family that are more to be dreaded than cancer. It is a cancerous growth, and its proper is a most appalling foe to life. Whether it can be cured is and always has been a debatable question. Cases are cited where alleged marvelous cures have been effected. It is this disease that has caused the most extensive and the most successful cancer hospital in the world to be established in the city of New York.

Lincoln. A story is told of a gentleman who visited President Lincoln, and was in the habit of making promises more freely than he kept them. In order to induce one of Mr. Lincoln's boys to sit on his lap, the gentleman offered to give him a chain which he wore on his watch chain. The boy climbed up on his lap.

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God and Man. In the great art of life we infuse into the process something we absorb with God. There are only two words in all the language that command our highest homage—God and man. The right to life is a gift from God to man and the right to life is a gift from man to God.

Removing Moles. One who has tried it repeatedly says that moles may be removed by the following method: Soak the patient in a clear, strong sunlight. With a powerful sun-glass bring the concentrated rays of the sun to bear on the excrescence five or ten minutes. In three or four weeks the mole will wash off, and a new skin come on. If the mole should not be entirely removed by the first application, repeat. No scar will be left.—New York Medical Journal.

Fighting Forces of the World.

The latest addition to the military census of the world presents some queer figures. At the present time Europe has 2,500,000 men under arms. The following are the figures of the different armies on a peace footing, says the New York Sun:

Table with columns: Country, Men. Denmark: 100,000; Serbia: 200,000; Holland: 22,000; Greece: 25,000; Portugal: 36,000; Romania: 47,000; Belgium: 52,000; Sweden and Norway: 57,000; France: 300,000; Switzerland: 125,000; Turkey: 180,000; Great Britain: 200,000; Italy: 240,000; Austria: 300,000; Prussia: 370,000; Germany: 580,000; Russia: 800,000.

The above armies employ 550,000 horses in the time of peace. In Asia there are about 800,000 men under arms, divided as follows: Persia, 25,000; Japan, 100,000; India, 200,000; China, 270,000; and the remainder in the other Asiatic countries.

North and South America are set down as the least protected, considering the extent of territory. They foot up on a peace footing of course only 100,000 regular soldiers, scattered as follows: Mexico, 40,000; the United States, 30,000; and 90,000 in Brazil, the Argentine Republic, Chili, Paraguay, Peru, Venezuela, and Colombia.

The standing armies of all civilized nations amount to 4,610,000 soldiers, with 700,000 horses. The cost of keeping this military population amounts to about \$5,000,000,000 a year. So much for the armies in time of peace. Now let us take a look at the figures in war time. Here they are:

Table with columns: Country, Men. Turkey: 700,000; Spain: 190,000; France: 210,000; Sweden and Norway: 430,000; Romania: 160,000; Denmark: 80,000; Belgium: 167,000; Austria (including all reserves): 5,000,000; Italy: 3,000,000; Germany: 4,500,000; Prussia: 4,380,000; England: 860,000; Japan: 600,000; South American Republics: 800,000; China: 850,000; United States: 200,000.

No doubt the statistician, while wading through the above flood of figures, forgot one of the National Guard of the United States, but one can easily afford to forgive him. His discoveries are interesting all the same.—Scientific American.

How to Preserve Cut Flowers.

Flowers with sufficient stems and those with hard wooded stems require very different treatment. Of the former the iris is a good example. Notice how quickly its stems decay and slough away and how the color of this is so powerful that it soon dispels the delicate fragrance of the flower. To remedy this put a little disinfecting fluid in the water, change it once in 24 hours and each time cut a new stem from the plant. If the stems are in bud they will open day after day, lasting from a week to ten days.

Mignonette is particularly malodorous and must be careful attention. It should always be put into water by itself, as should heliotropes, which turn brown quickly and kills almost any other flower it may be put with. Primroses, lilies, poppies and all flowers with succulent stems have a double life of life if picked in bud and treated as above.

The long stems of hollyhocks studded with bright rosettes make most effective decorations, but to avoid any appearance of a faded life in the cut flowers, the slender top buds with tiny buds which no treatment can keep from drooping after their own time, or two, in one or two of the lower leaves touch the water. As fast as leaves are cut they should be cut off, and the water should be changed every few days.

Hard wooded plants do not decay in the water, so that cutting their stems is of no avail, neither do they absorb moisture through their hard, brittle stems. It is the tender leaf which here acts as a conductor, nourishing the blossom from the water, so that with camellias, azaleas and like flowers, the secret lies in having the lower leaves cut, and the stems cut in the middle of the lower leaves. At all times put flowers in water as quickly as possible after picking.

One time during a prolonged illness I received a box of flowers from a friend in New Orleans. They were carefully packed in wet cotton and moss but were in a rather dilapidated condition, notwithstanding. I plunged them at once in hot water containing a little ammonia and many of them revived and graced my room for several days. If you wish to wear flowers, sealing with the ends and they will keep fresh throughout an entire evening.

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Agricultural.

Bacteria and the Milk Dealer. The bacteria which cause ordinary sour milk are the most common kind and in the milk at the animal temperature they are the first and most rapid to grow and multiply.

Under the head of "Town and City Milk Supply" a recent bulletin of the U. S. Department of Agriculture, says: "The bacterium which causes sour milk is so common that it is with them chiefly that he has to contend.

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