

"Among the mass of narratives," says a San Francisco paper, "with which we have been favoured relative to the Frazer River mines, since the arrival of the Panama, we select the subjoined account from Mr. Henry Etting, a young gentleman of this city, who has been for some time mining on that river at Hill's Bar, one hundred and sixty miles above the mouth, and the same place known by some persons here as Kennison's Bar. There were about seventy American miners on the Bar, and, previously to the late rise in the river, they were averaging on the ounce a day to the hand, but since the freshet they have not made more than two dollars and a half to the hand daily. Mr. Etting and his partner had never mined before, and were, consequently, green at the business. Nevertheless they realised together six ounces in the five days. Being unsupplied with a rocker they cut down a tree, made a rough substitute for a rocker, and perforated the holes with an iron spoon. The miners on the river appear to be well satisfied with their operations. Frazer River undergoes two falls each year, the first occurring in June, and the second in August. The freshet between June and August is caused by the melting of the snow in the Rocky Mountains, and pouring down through Thompson River. Provisions were not to be purchased at the mines, except from those who were about leaving for California to obtain supplies, and they disposed of their flour at the rate of fifty dollars a barrel. Mr. Etting represents the Indians as quite peaceable, but exceedingly troublesome. As soon as a miner lays down his pick an Indian stands by to make use of it for himself, and when he lays down his shovel for the pick the Indian takes the shovel and relinquishes the other implement. They are all engaged in mining—even to children four and five years of age—and are as well posted on the value of gold as the whites. Mr. Etting saw one Indian who had two hundred dollars in a buckskin purse, dug out by himself in one week. Mr. Etting and his partner purchased a canoe at Port Townsend for fifty dollars, and navigated from there to Hill's Bar in it. He was three days from Port Townsend to the mouth of the river, and seven days from thence to Hill's Bar, one hundred and six miles above. Wild ducks and geese were plentiful at the mouth, but no game had been seen beyond that point. Salmon, however, was abundant in the river, and was easily taken. Boots, shoes, clothing, tea, coffee, sugar, rice, &c., could be purchased at Forts Langley and Hope, but no meat. In returning, he came from Hill's Bar to within five miles of the river's mouth in a day and a half, showing the great rapidity of the current. He saw two men weigh the proceeds of one day's labour, which amounted to forty-two dollars and fifty cents. The British war steamer Satellite was anchored off the mouth of Frazer River, and no canoe was allowed to land anywhere that had liquor on board. The river is too high to be worked at this time, and Mr. Etting advises those wishing to go to delay till the middle or end of July, and recommends the Bellingham Bay route, and thence in canoes. He says, also, that it is by all means advisable to learn the Chinook language, or Indian jargon, in general use among the Oregon, Puget Sound, and Northern Indians. The natives represent the winters as being excessively bitter and cold; but the weather was very warm when Mr. Etting

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