

Miscellaneous.

AN ARTIST'S SPRING.

Captain Markham, R. N., of the "Alert" gives in "Good Words" an idea of the temperature experienced by the late expedition, which our readers will find interesting.

The year 1876 brought with it very changeable weather. The cold was of greater severity, whilst the temperature fluctuated in an extraordinary manner. Sharp squalls or wind, generally from the south-west, were prevalent, and snow fell more or less in intervals. All our outdoor establishments were completely covered with snow, the result of drift, compelling us to dig down for the purpose of effecting an entrance into the various observatories. The accumulation of drift outside the ship took the form of a perfectly solid snow-drift. This was caused by the eddying wind drifting from the side of the vessel to a distance of about four or five feet, where it settled, resembling a great frozen wave whose curling crest was fully exposed to the wind.

"It cracked and growled, and roared and howled, like millions of a sound." The young ice, in the vicinity of the ship, cracked in an alarming manner, leaving great fissures, and an uneven and rugged surface. The most intense cold that we experienced was during the first week of March, strange to say, immediately after the return of the sun. The lowest temperature recorded was -7.8 or 10.6 below freezing point. During this severe cold several experiments were tried by exposing different substances to its influence. Amongst others were rum and whiskey, which proved so hard that we were able to break off portions and eat them. We have since been in consequence, very naturally accused of hard drinking—an accusation we are unable to refute.

Owing to the severity of the cold, superficial frost-bites were of constant occurrence, and check-bone living in the parts most affected. Solitary walks were prohibited; none were supposed to leave the ship without a companion, whose duty it was carefully to watch his comrade's face in order to detect quickly any frost-bite, and restore circulation before permanent injury could be sustained. Face-covers were occasionally worn, but not in great favor. They not only had the disadvantage of freezing to the face, but they also concealed it so as to prevent anybody from seeing and reporting a frost-bite. This cold, though very intense, was by no means unpleasant so long as the body was kept in constant motion, although exposure to it for many hours would, in all probability, prove fatal. On first emerging into the open air a slight difficulty of breathing was experienced, and the tears would be forcibly brought to the eyes, where they immediately froze and were extracted as small nodules of ice. This is not to be wondered at when it is remembered that we had undergone a transition of temperature from our living room of 50° to the air -70°, a difference of 120°.

Approes of frost-bites, it is related that one of the members of the expedition, on rising one morning to dress, discovered one of his toes and a portion of his foot perfectly black. Concluding it was severely frost-bitten, and wishing to assure himself of the fact, he set a pin and made a furious dig at the supposed injured part. He quickly found that although discolored it was not deprived of all sensation, and eventually discovered that his servant, on the previous day, having patched up one of his stocks with a piece of fawn-skin, had, in order to assimilate the color, inked it over; this, staining his face, fully accounted for the terrible frost-bite.

The hair, especially that growing on the face, was always kept close. In spite of this precaution, however, it was impossible to prevent the breath from freezing on the short stubble beard and moustache, which were soon converted into a sheet of ice, making it decidedly unpleasant and uncomfortable. Frequently were the cap, comforter, and collar of the coat frozen into one solid mass. The first indication we had of returning life was towards the end of January, when on a bright clear day at noon, a faint tinge of red appeared, blended with a silvery streak of twilight along the southern horizon. Anxiously were these bright harbingers of returning light watched, and gladly were they welcomed as they assumed a more decided appearance. The monotony of the long dark night was beginning to be felt, which produced, from its impenetrable darkness and the solemn stillness that reigned supreme, and uncanny sensations; and the time when the rays from our bright, though long absent suns should again light up the summits of the distant hills was eagerly looked forward to.

The 29th of February was the day on which, according to astronomical rules, the reappearance of the glorious luminary was to rejoice the hearts and gladden the eyes of our little party. Longingly was it looked forward to by the sledge travellers, because its return would bring light and heat to cheer the hearts of the southern lonesome and arduous journeys. The sportsman regarded it as the precursor of game, whilst all hailed with delight the symbol of returning day and the assurance of the termination of their long dark night. Shortly before noon on that day, little knots of men assembled on the summits of the adjacent hills in order to obtain a glimpse of the rising sun; but it was feared at the outset, as there was no clear sea horizon to the southward, we should fall in seeing it rise above the distant land; these fears proved only too true. The anxiety, however, was intense, as shortly before noon a bright ray shot up vertically from the sun's position and continued to the tips of the surrounding ranges, whilst a bright lustrous light was shed around. Hopes grew high as moon rapidly drew near, but we were doomed to disappointment, and compelled to return to the ship, defeated in our object of welcoming back the "prodigal sun."

The next day was cloudy, but on the following one we had the satisfaction, on going aloft, of announcing that about one-third of the sun's disc was visible, as it crept slowly along the southern horizon. In color it was of a deep orange-red, and its shape so distorted by refraction that it resembled more a truncated cone than a spherical body. All assembled to greet the first glimpse of the sun, and the glow of color it could be seen, still that little was bright and appeared warm. Romeo's words— "Night's candles are burnt out, And jocund day stands tip-toe on the misty mountain-tops," flashed across us as we beheld the beautiful sun in the northern sky, the rosette tints blended with the violet seeming to belong more to southern climes than to those sterile mountain regions. The

summits of the hills, the "misty mountain tops," were bathed in its glorious rays, whilst its luminous beams danced and glistened along the distant ice floes. It was a bright and glorious sight, and we remained long looking at and reveling in its rays—in fact until warmed by a peculiar sensation in our feet that the temperature was actually 100° below freezing point; and however ecstatic we might feel at the reappearance of the sun, Jack Frost still retained supreme, exacting implicit obedience to his will, making those who disregarded his injunctions suffer for their heedlessness.

GREAT STORMS OF PAST CENTURIES.

It is certainly a singular fact that, if we look back over the records of past centuries, we shall find that about once in every hundred years the whole surface of the world is swept by gales and tempests. The greatest storm in England was, as we have said, in 1703. On that occasion the damage done in London alone was estimated at two millions sterling. The number of persons drowned in the floods of the Severn and the Thames, or lost on the coast of Holland, or in ships blown from their anchors and never afterwards heard of, is believed to have amounted to eight thousand. Twelve hundred men, with two thousand men on board were lost within sight of the shore. In Kent, twenty-five thousand large trees were torn up by the roots. The Edystone lighthouse was carried away, and Winstanley, its ingenious constructor, perished with it. The Bishop of Bath and Wells was killed in his bed by the fall of a stack of chimneys which crushed through the roof of his palace. All over the country the damage was enormous, and in one sea level alone 15,000 sheep were drowned in a single night. Since this great storm various gales have ravaged our shores. In 1824, on the 13th and 14th of January, a violent hurricane swept up the Channel from the Lisard, driving all the shipping before it, and in Plymouth thirteen large vessels were wrecked. On the 6th and 7th of January, 1828, a hurricane passed over Chebich, Staffordshire and Warwick. In Liverpool twenty people were killed by the falling of houses, and a hundred were drowned in the floods, while the coast and harbors on the western shores were strewn with wrecks. About twenty years afterwards, on the 25th of October, a storm—almost equally violent—wrecked the Royal Charter and did other havoc among our shipping.

"HARD TIMES" IN RUSSIA.

A letter from St. Petersburg in the Vienna "Tagblatt" says that the distress among the lower classes in Russia is a daily increasing. The commercial crisis, which caused the failure of numerous banking and mercantile houses, has been followed by an industrial crisis some of the largest factories have been closed, and thousands of men and women are out of work. In St. Petersburg and its vicinity no fewer than 90,000 artisans depend on the Government for private employment. In consequence of the closing of banks and mercantile offices. The general distress has been much increased by the inundation which occurred in various parts of the empire last month. Scarcely a village on the river Bug have been completely destroyed, and even the fortifications of Brest, in Lithuania, have been greatly damaged by the inundations. The railway from Warsaw to Teresopol is in such dangerous state, parts of the line having been almost washed away, that traffic has been suspended. In the town of Teresopol itself there are only three houses uninjured; and the inhabitants had to ascend the roofs to save their lives.

ENOCH ARDEN NOWHERE.

A tale of true love comes from Lanesboro, Mass. Half a century ago there lived in the town a rich farmer with a pretty daughter, and a young blacksmith and for her hand. Though not acceptable to the girl, the father had higher aims for her, and refused the young blacksmith's offer, and he at once left New England and went to the West. Meanwhile, the girl married, lost her husband, married again, and was again bereaved. Lately her father died, and now the blacksmith, who has nearly reached the age of threescore and ten, returns, his suit is accepted, and another wedding soon takes place.

PUZZLES.

We intend giving a puzzle or two each week for our little readers, and shall be pleased to publish the names of those who send us answers to them. We also invite correspondents, puzzles, charades, &c., from old or young. Write plain, be sure you are correct, and send them sealed.

SQUARE WORDS.

Without my first a ship would stay;  
My second grows in a field;  
My third is something very small;  
My fourth is heavier than all.

ARITHMETICAL QUESTIONS.

Prize money to the amount of £250 was to be divided amongst five of a ship's crew comprising the captain, the first, second, and third mates, and the steward. The captain claimed £100 as his share, the first mate £75, the second mate £50, and the third mate £25. It was then found that nothing remained for the steward. They therefore agreed that each one should receive in proportion to his claim, but that the steward's share should be half that of the third mate's. Required the steward's share.

Answers to puzzles in last issue have been received from M. C. S. Paradise, O. P., Bridgetown.

Answer to puzzle in former issue received from E. L. D. Clarence.

The puzzle sent by E. L. D. is good and ingeniously done, but would require illustrations to make it comprehensible. Try again and send name.

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Jokers' Corner.

A dentist's sign—Drawing, music and dancing. A Joint Committee—Two doctors working over a sprain. Sweets in adversity—A sugar house failure.

A smart schoolboy says it takes 13 letters to spell cow, and proves it thus: "See O I double cow."

Said a man in a street car: "Don't forget the baby; give my love to him."

Said the other man, evidently a Londoner: "Eain't 'm; e's 'er."

Two acquaintances meeting on a wet day, one greeted the other with: "Beautiful rain, this. Fetching things out of the ground."

"Hope not, sir; hope not. Got two wives there."

Jennie (looking in a milliner's window)—Don't you think they are very pretty?"

Edna (whose thoughts are on the other side of the street)—"Very, especially the one with the long, black side-whiskers."

"Johnny, have you learned anything during the week?" asked a teacher of a five-year-old pupil.

"Well, what is it?" "Never to lead a small trump when you hold both bowers."

"Do you reside in this city?" asked a masked man of a masked lady at a masquerade party the other evening.

He felt sick when she said to him in a low voice: "Don't be a fool, John; I know you by that wart on your thumb."

It was his wife. "Did I not give you a flogging the other day?" asked a schoolmaster to a trembling boy.

"Yes, sir," answered the boy. "Well, what do the scriptures say on that subject?"

"I don't know, sir," said the boy, "except it is that passage which says, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'"

Bowing and smiling, she crossed the street. With a love of a tie-back on. A melon rind glided from under her feet.

And then her tie-back was gone. She rose from her seat with a martyred air. And gathered the things she wore; She looked like one that was willing to swear, But then, she never swore.

ALL RED. A wealthy resident falls ill and the doctor is called in. He feels the invalid's pulse, examines his lungs, and writes a prescription.

In the drawing room, as he is going out, he meets the invalid's wife. "Doctor, how is he?"

"Madam, very ill, indeed." "Of what disease?"

"Scarlatina." "At his age? How do you know it?"

By his hands. The fever has broken out on them, and they are all red."

"But, doctor, they always are." "Always are? How?"

"Oh, it is dye." "Dye? Then your husband is a dyer?"

"At your service." "Why did you not tell me so at first?"

AGRICULTURAL. FIGS. Sows that are bred this month, will have pigs in September, an excellent time for those who can make small pork for Christmas. Those animals that come to market young, are the most profitable, and a sixty to eighty pounds 3 months pig is good to have for sale at the holidays.

MACHINES. Mowers should be looked after; old ones put in good order at once, and new ones ordered. In buying, look carefully into the claims of the leading kinds. It must not be forgotten that while novelties are worth close attention, an old reputation for undoubted excellence should not be lightly ignored in the search for new things. No farmer with more than five acres of grass, can afford to go without a mower and a horse-rake at least, and perhaps a horse-fork should be included.

BROOD MARES. There is no need to keep brood mares idle when nesting their time. Slow farm work and gentle driving, will be useful rather than otherwise. Watch the mare well, and see that her health is kept perfect; give her a roomy loose stall, where there is no possibility of injury, and she may be worked up to a day or two of foaling. Laxative food, such as bran ground oats, with some linseed oil cake meal, or a few chopped rutabagas, will be healthful. If a gentle purgative is needed, give one pint of raw linseed oil, but no salts.

ROOTS. Sow mangels this month. Mr. Harris "Talks" about this crop this month, and recommends 8 lbs. of seed per acre. This is very heavy seeding; 4 lbs. will give a good stand if the seed is good. The cost of the extra four pounds saved, will buy 50 lbs. of nitrate of soda, or 70 lbs. of guano, and the saving of labor in sowing a few thousand plants on an acre, will buy more fertilizers. Some farmer favor heavy, others light seeding, and very few who grow roots thin the crop enough. If 8 lbs. of seed is sown, the plants must be thinned vigorously. Those who have grown roots will follow their own method; those who have not had better try both quantities of seed, and decide by their success which is best. The points essential to success with corn, apply to root crops as well.

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