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IN MOOSELAND.

THE BEAR IS NOW ONE OF THE MOST VALUABLE FUR BEARING ANIMALS.

(By Old Sport.)

de testh, of which the incisors and canines closely resemble those of the purely carnivorous mammals; while the molars, and especially that known as the "carnascial" have their surfaces tuberculated so as to adapt them for inding hard substances. As might have been supposed from their dentition, the bears are truly omaily seem to prefer vegetable sood. Bears are five toed, and are provided with formidable claws, but these are not retractile as in the cats, and are

can see, or become covered with hair.

As the bear has young only once in two years, a great many mistakes are made about a "year old" bear, as the young generally stay with the mother till the next pair are born, so what is called a year old is in reality a two year old. The bear in New Brunswick, a good specimen, measures four feet in length and two and a half feet high. He is known as the American Black Bear (ursus Americanus), and is found in all parts of the province.

parts of the province. difficult to trap and is seldom encountered in the woods. His senses of hearing and smell are remarkably acute and the presence of man is noted when the hunt-er is many rods away. The bear does not depend very much on sight; in fact, the organs of vision are not at all sharp and well developed, and, as the bear pends most of his time in the low under-

rush of the forests, sight is not so neces-iry to him as hearing and smell.

The head for such a large animal is extremely small, this becoming very evident when the skin is removed and the skull laid bare.

The bear in anger distends the skin

and the hair of the head stands erect, and then the head assumes fair proportions. Firing a bullet point blank at a bear's face, if we can use the term, is a hazardous shot, as, ten chances to one the skull will not be penetrated, though the bullet may have apparently gone al-most between the eyes. In this as in many other cases when taking a snap

shot aim low.

Does a bear ever attack a man, may be asked. The answer is no, decidedly no—if the animal has had the least A bear with cubs will not attack a man unless she fights for the defence of her young, and then the tiger of the Indian jungle is not more flerce and determined. But the mother bear would rather escape question: Will a bear attack a man?
"Who has the rifle?" he asked in re-

The bear is timid and supplications, as has been said, and very much prefers to be let alone.

When September comes and truits and nuts have about disappeared, and the leaves are turning yellow, the bear is as "fat as a pig," and is then inclined to spend considerable of the time basking in the warm sunshine, stretched out full length in some little open nook in the forest, somewhat after the position of a large dog before the kitchen fire.

But a fresty morning, when he is out But a fresty morning, when he is out for an early lunch, tells kim that winter coming, and that he had better be

about getting his bed ready for the long winter sleep. All bears will sleep the cold menths of December, January and February through and well into March been disturbed after they have denned, or before they got their den ready. In either case they will roam all winter, perhaps taking a nap of a week or more under some blow-down. If disturbed in their home making they are not appar-

Visits a cedar swamp, and, after he has selected a secinded hole under a fallen log, or tree top, a hollow tree that has blown down, or a standup hellow tree of good dimensions, he begins to make it ready. This he does by stripping the codar trees of their outer bark, which when combed out with the bears claws is exceedingly soft and feathery, well adapted for a couch. He is careful not to gather bark in the immediate vicinity of his den, for this would tell of his whereabouts; the goen a considerable distance though there may be the best of bark just at hand. Some fine morning when the ground during the night and the froat is making the trees crackle in its iey embrace, the bear is late for the Prince of two over the remained and the ice with a police guard. The Chikkat Indians are terrorising the white inhabitants of Pyramid harbor, near Skaggay, and have threatened to massacre them.

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and eyes covered up by his paws, and it may be that he sucks his paws all through the winter and I do not like to destroy old traditions, but I do not be-lieve a word of the story. I watched one through the winter in captivity, and though be took his nap and became almost as stiff and dead as a frezen hake or codfish, yet he did not turn to his

paws for comfort.
When the spring comes, a few days o balmy breezes and warm sunshine that set the snow trickling away in tiny brooks down the hillside, talls the bear Because of the change of faction and that he has slept long enough, that the table decided partiality for black furs the days of summer will soon be upon him the decided partiality for black furs the bear of New Brunswick has become a very valuable animal, and as such it is fully the right of the Surveyor General and Chief Game Commissioner Knight to enforce the laws that have been made to protect this animal at certain seasons.

The Bear, the common name of the Uraidæ, a typical family of Plantigrade Mammals, are distinguished by their massive bodies, short limbs and almost rudimentary tails. All the species have 42 teeth, of which the incisors and canines closely resemble those of the purely carnivorous mammals; while

v.ded with formidable claws, but these are not retractile as in the cats, and are thus better adapted for digging and climbing than for tearing. Most of the bears climb trees, which they do in a slow, lumbering fashion, and in descending always come hind quarters first. The female produces her young in the spring. They are born naked and blind and it is about five weeks before they can see, or become covered with hair.

As the bear has young only once in how much he enjoyed the feast.

But the bear investigates very carefully before he enters a comp, and even

then he goes very slowly, because he knows well he is an uninvited guest, and that there may be a man somewhere

While the bear is omnivorous, and well while the bear is omnivorous, and went adapted to a fissh diet, yet no sooner does vegetable food become abundant than the bear ceases to eat fissh. When berries are plentiful it is a question kill sheep in July, but in the great majority of cases the bear is credited with meat that the farmer's dog assisted in butchering The bear has become one of our most valuable wild anima's—a good one carrying a pelt that is ready value for \$25, and as they are quite plentiful they represent a fair amount of

forest wealth J H Carnall, the well-known taxidermist, has received some very nice skin this year, which he has made up into beautiful rugs or prepared for the furrier.

THE BEAVER LINE.

ALL THE VESSELS NOT SOLD TO ELDER-DEMPSTERS.

HALIFAX, Jan 4-An interesting bit of shipping gossip in reference to the transfer of the Beaver line to the Elder-Dempeter Company comes from Liverpool. A gentleman who came out in the mail steamer told a reporter that the Elder-Dempster people had not secured all the boats. When the transfer was made it was found that only the "lake" with her young to the woods than be a partner in a duel to the death. This is very well illustrated by the remark of an old trapper when asked a similar desirable steamers operated by the steamers constituted the Beaver line. The Gallia and Tongariro were the most Beaver line, but the story goes they were "Who has the rifle?" he asked in return.

"The hunter, of course," said his questioner.

"Then," said the trapper, "the bear will not fight. If the bear had the rifle it would be different."

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Dawson People Wild Over a New Gold Discovery.

SEATTLE, Wash., Jan. 4-The steamer Alki arrived here yesterday with 20 Klondikers who had made their way out over the ice and who bring news to

December 1. The people in Dawson learned of a new find on Steamboat Crack the last week in November, and 500 men stampeded 100 miles up the Yukon. The tempera ently able to settle down for a regular ture was 42 deg below zero, and many three months' stests.

But about 8-pt mber 25 or 30 the bear were stoked at night with the aid of

lighted candles.

There are hundreds of destitute men at Dawson, who may be sent out over the ice with a police guard.

The Chikrat Indians are terrorising

IMPORTANT EVENTS

Which Will Make the Year 1898 Legitimate Sports of All Kinds.

The sporting outlook for the incoming vear is exceptionally bright in every respect, but more especially so in the matter of track and field sports and vachting. In the turf world there will be a marked revival of interest, the pro-tween Yale, Harvard and Cornell, while bability of a still further reduction of the triangular affair between Cornell, bability of a still further reduction of records and the probable addition of Joe Patchen to the list of 2-minute pacers. In the running brigade the offers of purse es and stakes for high grade horses are even greater than those of the past, and altogether the outlook is encouraging to altogether the outlook is encouraging to

although the military tournament to be will eclipse this in point of magnitude, but not of interest, for among the visitors is the great Newburn, the most phenomiate been a postponement because of the weather, and that was when a thunder and less than the control of the is the great Newburn, the most phenomenal jumper of all times, a man who is credited with the ability to cover over twenty-five feet, and who still believes that with the better climatic conditions existing here he can jump twenty-six leet a performance that seems surgesson. feet, a performance that seems unreasonable, but which those who know this wonderful man's powers say he can ac-complish if pushed. The fact that he has already jumped within a few inches of this distance under fair conditions would indicate that his confidence is no misplaced. Accompanying Newbern will be such men as McNamara, Horgan, will be such men as McNamara, Horgan, Kiely, Leaily and others, whose feats in the arena and on the track have been included among the world's amateur records. Against them the pick of the American athletes will be sent, and in a series of events it would appear as though a team could be chosen which could defeat the visitors, who would overshadow us in jumping and shotputting, but our men are faster in the sprints, and on this score the Americans would at least break even with the old world wonders.

The dual a. reement between Yale and Harvard will have much to do with a sterily sense was so little known where she was so little known where she

Harvard will have much to do with a renewal of interest in college athletics, while among such institutions of learning as the University of Pennsylvania, Cornell, Princeton, Columbia and minor colleges a revival is already manifest in the number of applicants for places on the track and field teams.

Little is expected of the professional athletes, unless the American runners

athletes unless the American runners now in England are successful in their attempt to capture British track honors. Many of the best American sprinters are in England at present, and have been entered in the annual handicaps. At this writing the results of the Christmastide handicaps have not been received, but the excellence of the men entered and the liberal marks given them by the handicapper leads one to feel that some of them will be among the leaders at the finish. Non-success will send them back to this country, and would leave them in a financial condition where they would be glad to accept a chance to compete at the vari-

cessfully defended against all comers since that time.

The thoroughly sportsmanlike conduct of Sir Thomas Lipton has already won for him admiration, and the advent of his vessel will be well received by the American public, which seems to have a marked fondness for anything and everything Irish in the matter of sports. It seems peculiar, but it is a fact nevertheless, that a great many persons believe that the loss of the cup to a foreign yacht would have a beneficial effect on this brauch of sport, and would mean renewed efforts to recapture it.

went adrift and was reported to have sunk with all aboard. This recurred off sunk with all aboard. This recurred of sunk with all aboard. This recurred of sunk with all aboard. This recurred of sunk with all aboard. This recurred off sunk with all aboard. This recurred of the sunk with all aboard. This recurred off sunk with all aboard. This recurred off sunk with all aboard. The scule will be seed whe will be seed that the crew was rescued by an English vessel and taken to Holland.

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The running turf promises great things for the coming year. The advent of such thorough sportsmen as William C Whitney and Sidney Paget, with their splendid string of racers, will inspire the public with a confidence which has been missed from this branch of sport for some time past. The three-year-old division is especially strong, judging the antmals by their performances as youngsters, while a number of fast yearlings sters, while a number of fast yearlings are to be developed, many of whom are high bred and of whom great things are

expected.

Ted Slean will probably again invade
England, and will ride for the Prince of
Wales. This may have much to do with

of Sloan, if given mounts of equal speed

The turf classics, such as the Metropolitan, the Brooklyn, Futurity and Sub-urban handicaps have been well patronized, and their value will be as great, if not greater, than ever before in their history. This will encourage other owners and breeders to subscribe to these events, in the hope of securing fature fortunes so that, everything considered,

the outlook for ture events may be said to be the brightest for years.

As usual, it is too early to figure with any degree of certainty whether the big 'varsity boat races will be rowed at New London or Ploughkeepsie. The chances favor the Thames course for the race between Value Harvard and Carnell while altogether the outlook is encouraging to owner and breeder.

In the athletic world the invasion of the team of crack Irish amateurs will probably overshadow all other events, elthough the military tournament to be seen to traver, which will peculiar bend of the river, which will be river be reconstructed bend of the river bend of the river. although the military tournament to be force the crews to traverse a course held in Madison Square Garden in March shaped like the letter S. Good water can

Alice Sullivan Attempts to Kill Herself While Melancholy.

Boston, Jan 4—Alice Sullivan, a 17-year-old girl, attempted suicide Sunday afternoon by taking two teaspoonful of carbolic acid. She burned her mouth

She obtained the carbolic acid some weeks ago and kept it near her all the time. Finally when alone in a room of a friend's house on Kneeland street Sunday, she took a glass of jelly from the table, mixed some of the acid with it and swallowed two teaspoonsful. The pair in her stomach made her cry out, and her friend coming in grabbed the remainder of the poisoned jelly and called for assistance.

Alice says she is sorry.

Crews Sent Home.

New York, Jan 4-The steamer Massdam, Capt Polger, of the Holland-Americondition where they would be glad to accept a chance to compete at the varied and accept a chance to compete at the varied of accept a chance to compete at the varied of accept a chance to compete at the varied of accept and the country during the summer months, besides entering in the many picules where cash prizes are offered.

They achting world is all agog over the American challenge or the American N White and the coal carrying to coptain and crew or the Bertram N White and the coal carrying to the unnamed defender now in course for the Seawanhaka challenge cup, now held by the Royal St. Lawrence Y acht of the Seawanhaka challenge cup, now held by the Royal St. Lawrence Y acht of the Crans brothers and other American challenge for the little yachts has been forwarced and accepted, and there is almost an equal interest in the struggle between this class as there is netwen the big single-stickers for the much to veted emblem which was brought to this country as far back as 1851, and successfully defended against all comers inner that owns, and her home port was Joneember 2nd the big single-stickers for the much covered emblem which was brought to this country as far back as 1851, and successfully defended against all comers inner that the covered was reported to have a manufactured to can line, which arrived today from

The annual meeting of the Carleton branch of the British and Foreign Bible Society was held Wednesday in Carleton Free Baptist church, the president, Mr. D. W. Clark, in the chair, and the attendance being good. The meeting was an interesting one and included addresses and music by a choir led by Mr W O Slipp. Rev Dr Hartley, Rev Wm Penna, Rev M C Higgins and Rav James Burgas delivered addresses as also did President Clark.

The georetary treasurer. Mr. Enoch

The recretary treasurer, Mr. Enoch Thompson, read some figures as to the society's work. The parent society, he said, had issued 4,380,000 copies of the Bible last year, while the total income including sales was over a million dollars. The Carleton branch had contributed \$106.32. The collections were \$95.90, being Miss Beatteay \$59.50, Mrs. Thompson \$21.35 and Miss Sinelair \$15.05.

Officers were elected as follows:-

D W Clark, president.
The resident clergymen
Jarvis Wilson
Beni H Appleby
W O 41 pp
A C Smith
G 5 Mayes
Chas oster
W J Baskin
D W J Cornfield
Miss Beattay

SHORTEST ROUTE.

THE BANQUET AT MILFORD HAVEN - SPEECHES BY SIR ROBERT HEAD AND MR. C. N. ARMSTRONG.

(Montreal Herald)

The shortest route to Canada has naturally attracted great interest in England, where it is expected that the new service to Paspebiac will prove another strong link in the chain which binds Canada and Great Britain. First came the modification of the tariff, next the Anglo-American Commission, and now the establishment of a new line of ocean steamers-all operating in the same di- girl !" question, which has been such a rection—cementing the feelings of good- prolific subject of discussion among will between the two countries. The Canadian Steamship Company certainly deserves the highest credit for its efforts tion of the sterner sex at times anxious in instituting the new service; but the to take a hand in the argument with public will feel the greater confidence in clubs of a different nature, has sprung the success of the new enterprise from up again in a new guise. This time, the fact that the hearty 'co-operation of the Great Western Railway Company has been secured. The Great Western surpassed itself in the initial trip to Milford—in a word, it accomplished a record which, being against inclement weather, gives an excellent indication of what may be expected when the year. what may be expected when the new branch line—the Chipp-Sudbary—is completed. This little line, recently sanctioned by Parliament, and now in course of construction, will reduce the journey from London to Milford by somejourney from London to Milford by something like forty minutes. The journey from Paddington to Milford at the present time is 270 miles, and this distance was covered in five hours and thirty-five minutes—nearly half an hour under the best time previously made. Milford Haven has been endeavoring to attract attention as a desirable port for transatlantic traffic, for it is claimed that next to Sydney, New South Wales, it is the finest natural harbor in the world. Montreal would probably rank before Milford were it not for the fact that this port is ice-bound for several months in the year, and that fact impels shippers to change their port twice a year. Paspebiac is their port twice a year. Paspebiac is absolutely free from ice, and hence it is that the promoters of the new route have the greatest confidence in it. Pasters and depth.

road, direct communication will be established with Montreal and Quebec, and in short every part of Canada. A LUNCHBON ON BOARD. Before the Gaspesia left England a large company was invited by the owners to lunch on board and inspect the vessel. The party, as already stated, was conveyed from London in little more than five and a half hours—a performance which augurs well for the future success of the line, for a rapid service is practically certain to secure support. practically certain to secure support. The party of invited guests included Sir Robert Head, the chairman of the company; Mr Fraser, one of the directore; promise of bringing them a larger share of that business. Naturally they wished Mr Byrne, the agent of the Canadian government in London; Mr Brockleburk, secretary of the Milford Docks Company;

After loyal tossts had been honored Sir Robert Head proposed Prosperity to the Great Western Railway Company, who said he had done much for the prosperity of the new enterprise. He regretted the absence of the directors of that company, but he received a telegram from Mr J L Wilkinson, the general manager of the company, who said: "I congratulate you upon the satisfactory passenger list and manifest for the initial voyage, and beg you to accept our best wishes for the success of the Canadian Steamship Company." That telegram Sir Robert remarked, would show that they were working in hearty accord with the railway company; and, as had been proved by the run of the special train that brought them down, the company would do for them more than they said, for they had promised to bring them to Milford in six hours, and had landed them there in five and a half hours. The importance of the Great Western among British railways, its great extent and enormous treasures, its progressive policy, and the high character and repu-

The importance of the Great Western among British railways, its great extent and enormous treasures, its progressive policy, and the high character and reputation of its management—all these gave bright promise to the steamship company in its association with them. It was a line which the country could be proud of; and great as it was already, it had a greater future before it.

Mr. Duester replied, first observing that the absence of Mr. Wilkinson, the general manager, was due to urgent business. That gentleman was very much interested in the new steamship venture, and was desirous of encouraging it in every way. The distributing area of the Great Western was immense from London to Penzance in the west of England, to Southampton in the south, to Birkenhead in the north, and to Milford in the west—no less than 2,600 miles of line, with branches diverging in all directions. The management of the line felt that they had not enjoyed their fair share of over sea traffic in this country; and, as men of bosiness, they had device the content of the country if it annexed children cry for the moon. Men want and stations in the Balearic islands and other strategical points so as to render Gibralts in the Balearic islands and other strategical points so as to render Gibralts unassallable. The negotia-tions on the subject have been in abey-suce owing to Premier Sagasta's illness, but it is believed that Spain, influenced by France and Russia, will resist the demands of Great Britain.

American Imperialism.

Chicago, Jan 4—At the 67th convocation of the University of Chicago here tongth thou can be subject being area of the Great Western was immense from London to Penzance in the west of England, to Southampton in the south, to Birkenhead in the north, and to Milford in the vest—no less than 2,600 miles of line, with branches diverging in all directions. The management of the line felt that they had not enjoyed their fair share of over sea traffic in this country; and, as men of bosiness, they had deshare of over sea traffic in this country; and, as men of business, they had de-cided to encourage every effort that had every prosperity to the undertaking of

the Canadian Steamship Company, a company which, as they understood, was not so much intended to compete with existing undertakings as to provide facilities to develop new business from districts somewhat remote from existing norts. Paspebiac was much nearer to England than some of those ports, and it was ice-free all the year round. The enterprise of the Canadian Steamship Company was a bold one, and so far as the Great Western was concerned they might rely upon everything possible be-ing done to assist and support them.

A SERVANT GIRLS' UNION.

Those in New York Organize and

Formulate Demands. NEW YORK, Dec. 31.-The "servant women clubs, from Sorosis down, and has undoubtedly made a large proposhowever, it is the servant girls who propose to do the talking, and they have formed themselves into an organization called the Servant Girls' Union, by which they hope to fix things so as to do about as they like. In an obscure room, in the vicinity of Broadway and Fiftieth atreet, the organization holds weekly meetings with a constantly increasing membership end a great deal of enthusiasm. Already there is a quaking in the hearts of the mistresses of many howeverly agree expecially as they have households more especially as they have learned of the following rules laid down

by the new trusts.

Work to commence at 6.30 a m and to end at 9 a m. One afternoon free each week and the whole of Sunday every alternate week.

Light, warm and well-ventilated

Each servant to have her own bed.

Nothing of course is said in the above about a maid, music teacher, dancing professor, etc; but these may be demanded later by the rulers of the

DERVISHES AGAIN DEFEATED

Anglo-Egyptian Army Wins a Sig of water for ships of the largest ton-nage, and when the railway is completed from New Carlisle to the terminal point of the Atlantic and Lake Superior Railnal Victory Up the Blue Wile.

CAIRD, Dec 31-Information has reached here that the Anglo-Egyptian troop a under command of Colonel Lewis have defeated the dervishes under Emir Fedil Colonel Lewis has been pursuing Fedi and his followers, who comprise the remnants of the dervish army, up the Blue Nile ever since the defeat and rout of the Khalifa at Omdurman. It is be-lieved that Fedil's defeat is the final

Boodling on Shipboard.

SAVANNAH, Ga., Jan. 4-Two weeks ago Hugh McClair, steward on the transport Roumanian, was discharged by the ship's quartermaster. McClair said it was because he had demanded of the was because he had demanded of the quartermaster his share of profits made from the ship's store room. Depot Quartermaster Bellinger and Depot Commissary Ruthers have been making an investigation and have sent an official report to Washington. It is stated that the report recommends that Quartermaster Wrigley of the Roumanian and the quartermasters in charge of the Manitoba be discharged from the service. The sale of liquors at one time must have come close to the verge of a scandal. Nearly every one of the transports was running a bar and selling considerable liquor to the soldiers. It was alleged that exorbitant prices were charged on some of

Coal Mine Shaft on Fire.

CARLINVILLE, Ill., Jan 2-The shaft o the Carlinville coal company caught fire today by a can of lubricating oil being heated on a stove in the top of the tip-ple. A strong southwest wind fauned the flames to all of the wooden part which covered an acre of ground. The which covered an acre of ground. The fire company was powerless, as there was no water in the mains. The burning timbers and fired coal tumbled down into the shaft. One hundred men were encased below. The air shaft engine being seldom used could not be worked.

Spain May Resist Britain.

MADRID, Jan. 2-Official circles hereare warmly discussing the attitude of Great Britain, owing to her pressing demands that Spain sell her coaling stations in the Balearic islands and

Children cry for the moon. Men want