

### 53rd Anniversary of a Gigantic Enterprise.

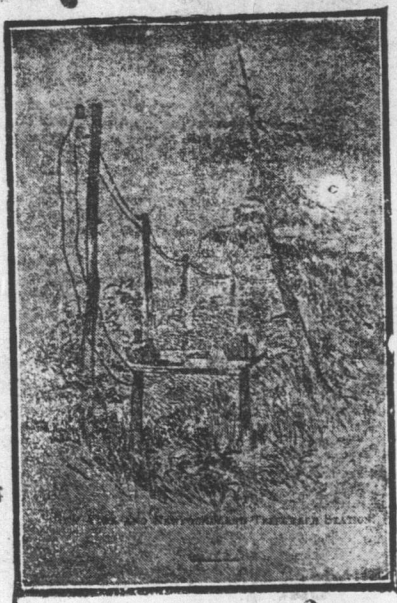
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was disheartening, more especially from the mystery of its cause. Before cutting the cable Mr. Field decided on testing its strength. The brakes were shut down, and the "Niagara" hung upon that slender cord for one hour and forty minutes, notwithstanding a fresh breeze at the time. The ships returned to Queenstown, and Mr. Field hastened to London to meet the Directors. Some resigned—some advised selling the cable, but Mr. Field and Professor Thomson gave their opinion that while it appeared a forlorn hope, still the ships were there, and they still had sufficient cable to cross the Atlantic. Their arguments prevailed, and they decided, like Robert Bruce, to try again. The first expedition was a total failure, but it was the spirit and determination of Cyrus Field that was to pluck victory from defeat, and his bold decision to try again met with encouragement, and not one moment did they delay. The orders came from the Directors that not an hour was to be lost, as it was now the 5th July, and summer would soon be over. Within four days the fleet had been coaled, and the squadron started on the expedition. Nobody cheered—no notice was taken of them—everyone seemed impressed with the belief that they were

engaged in a hopeless enterprise and working on a fool's errand.

#### SUCCESS.

A new experiment was to be made, as instead of working from Valentia to Newfoundland, they started from mid-ocean. The "Niagara" spliced her end of the cable to that of the "Agamemnon's," and the ships started in opposite directions. The "Agamemnon" pursued her course towards Ireland, 813 miles, and the "Niagara" towards Trinity Bay, Nfld., 822 nautical miles. The weather was beautiful—as calm as a millpond and great progress was made. On Wednesday, August 4th, at 8 a.m., land was sighted at the entrance of Trinity Bay. By noon they were in the Bay, and at 7.30 p.m., Capt. Otter, of H.M.S. "Porcupine," went on board to pilot the ship to an anchorage near the telegraph house, and at noon on 6th August, 1858, they were ready to land the cable at Bay Bulls Arm, Trinity Bay. The "Agamemnon," after many trying experiences, head winds and several mishaps to the cable, arrived safely at Valentia, Ireland. Cyrus Field sent his historic message to the Associated Press, New York, announcing the complete success of the work, which created the greatest excitement. In New York, at first the news was received with some incredulity, but when it was confirmed by subsequent messages, the city broke out in tremendous rejoicing. In Boston hundreds of guns were fired from the Common, and the bells rang out for an hour to give utterance to



IN THE WOODS.

The first cable messages in Newfoundland were sent over this cable, with its old-fashioned instruments.

the general joy. Cyrus Field found himself famous, and within twenty-four hours his name was on millions of tongues, and congratulations poured in on him at Bay Bulls Arm from all quarters, from the President of the United States and the Governor General of Canada, and every other dignitary on this side of the water. For three days the people of St. John's (to

which the "Niagara" proceeded for coal), spent in festivities. The "Niagara" then started for New York where the public were devouring every sentence of news that concerned the cable. Despatches from Trinity Bay stated that signals were continually passing over the cable, yet no news reached the other side of the Atlantic. Mr. Field explained that the cable was landed in the woods at Bay Bulls Arm, Nfld., and until the telegraph instruments were all ready and perfectly adjusted, no communications could pass between the two continents. He promised the earliest information, but it might be several days before all was ready. The first through message, he said, would be one from the Queen of Great Britain to the President of the United States, and the second would be his reply. Still the public were not satisfied, and many were beginning to doubt again, when on the 16th August, 1858, it was suddenly announced that the Queen's message was received, and the same day James Buchanan, the President, made his reply.

#### CELEBRATING THE SUCCESS.

The next morning, August 17th, the City of New York was awakened by the thunder of heavy artillery—and flags were flying from all the public buildings. That night the city was illuminated, and such was the blaze of light round the City Hall that the Cupola caught fire and the Hall itself narrowly escaped destruction. The next morning the "Niagara" reached New York, and Cyrus Field was at his home to

receive the congratulations of all his friends. In England, where the enthusiasm did not approach that of the United States, the London "Times" stated on the morning of August 6th, "That nothing since the discovery of Columbus compared with the vast enlargement which had been given to the sphere of human activity." To mark the occasion, Charles T. Bright, was knighted, and Capt. Freedy and Capt. Aldham were both made Companions of the Bath. Thus England showed her appreciation of their services. Alas for human glory! That very day, when every honor was being done for the Atlantic cable and its author, it gave its last throb, and the first cable went to sleep—silent in its ocean grave. "The Atlantic Cable was dead!" What a bitter disappointment to all! Years of labor and millions of capital were swept away in an hour into the bosom of the pitiless sea. People were ashamed of their late enthusiasm, and many hastened to give it a parting kick. There was no longer any dispute as to who was originator of the great achievement. Popular excitement rushed to the other extreme, and many believed it was a gigantic hoax. It was the same in England, where they made merry at the expense of Sir Charles Bright, and one writer endeavored to prove that not only was the Atlantic cable never laid, but such a thing was impossible. Others said it was a "Stock Speculation," and one writer excelled himself with the enquiry, "How many shares of his stock

did Mr. Field sell during the month of August?"

#### "GREAT EASTERN" TAKES THE JOB.

Many efforts were made to reorganize the Company during the next five years, with little or no success. Great improvements were made and hope again revived. The "Great Eastern" was brought into requisition, and it was shown that she could carry the entire cable. Another expedition was started in 1865. Capt. Anderson was in charge of the great ship, with Capt. Halpin (who married Miss Jessie Munn, of Harbor Grace), as chief officer. One thousand two hundred miles of cable were laid out, and they were within 600 miles of Newfoundland when the cable broke. It happened at noon while Capt. Anderson was taking his observation, and with careful figuring he marked the spot upon the chart within half a mile of where the accident occurred. Experiments were made to grapple the cable, and after many attempts they proved successful, and in 1866 the "Great Eastern" arrived at Heart's Content, which was to be the terminus of the cable (July 27th). It proved a complete success, and now my story is told of the history of this great enterprise. The "Great Eastern" was victorious, but it will be Cyrus Field who will be remembered for all time as the prime mover in all this great work.

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### Fishing on Humber.

(Western Star.)

Dr. Parker and Mr. Burgan, of New York, spent two weeks fishing on Upper Humber and secured between fifty and sixty fish, the heaviest weighing 15 lbs., but most of the fish were grilse. They saw numerous fish, many of them very large, in the pools, particularly at Big Falls, but the weather throughout the trip was most unfavourable for fishing, and the continual rains had raised the river some four or five feet. On the 9th considerable snow fell. The party came to Curling on Sunday, and proceeded to North Branch, on the Grand River, by Monday's express. Dr. Parker has a camp at Seventeen-Mile Pool.

### Hospital Project.

A public meeting was held in the Court House last Tuesday night which was addressed by Dr. Grenfell and others on the subject of a hospital. A committee was appointed with L. March, J. P., as chairman, and W. K. Angwin, J. P., secretary. The committee submitted a report to a general meeting the following night. The committee held another meeting last night to formulate a programme for the raising of funds for the establishment of a hospital at Curling. Dr. Grenfell while here went through the government building formerly used as magistrate's residence, and expressed opinion that though not built for a hospital, it might with some alterations be made suitable for same. Miss Maria Bagg and Miss Olive Peley took down the addresses at the public meeting in shorthand.—Western Star, July 23.

### Wedding Bells.

A very pretty wedding took place at North Sydney, on June 24th inst., when Mr. George Guehue led to the altar Miss Margaret White, of Whitebourne. The bride was charmingly attired in a dress of pale blue silk, with hat to match. She was assisted Miss Alma Putt, while Mr. Jack Power acted as best man. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. Father McGinnis. After which the happy couple drove to the home of the bride's brother, where supper was served and an enjoyable evening spent. The presents received were numerous and valuable. The many friends of Mr. and Mrs. Guehue wish them all success and happiness in their wedded life.

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### Ethie From Straits.

BRINGS FISHERY REPORT.

(Western Star-July 23.)

The s.s. Ethie, Capt. E. English, reached Curling at 1.30 Monday afternoon, from Straits and brought us the following report: At St. John's Islands there was from 15 to 25 quintals cod per trap on 11th and 12th, but on 14th there was none. The best trap at Port au Choix has 150 qtls. on shore; some traps however have none to date. At Farrole on 14th some traps had 30 to 40 qtls. There is some cod at times at Darcy's Tickle; best trap has 120 qtls. ashore; there is loose ice about which interfere somewhat in operations. At Current Island and at Flower's Cove all traps were up on 15th owing to ice. Abundance of cod struck in at Bonne Esperance and Salmon Bay on 14th July, and on 16th Whitley had about 600 qtls. At Bradore and Blanc Sablon there was nothing doing on 15th, and much ice about. No cod at Porteau, and on 15th first caplin struck in. No cod along shore to Pleasure Hr. when the Ethie was there. At Bradore Hr. on 19th there was just a sign of cod in traps, good salmon fishing, and caplin plentiful. Nothing at Chateau at present, had a little spurt till the ice came on the shore again. Nothing doing at West St. Modest, Lance au Loup, Porteau. All the traps at Blanc Sablon had to be taken up owing to ice when the Ethie was coming south, one trap was reported with 60 qtls. on 19th. There is good fishing at Flowers Cove, traps getting from 25 to 40 qtls., and on Saturday one trap had 50 quintals; the fish struck in there on Friday, 18th. At Brig Bay there is good fishing since Friday, when the weather is not too rough. At Port au Choix there is no cod in traps, but trawlers are doing well. Cod struck in on 18th from Farrole Point along the shore down to Cape Norman. The schr. Diver Jack was lost at Porteau, the crew came by the Ethie. The ship encountered dense fog with scattered ice throughout the trip. Ice moved off from Red Bay down to Battle Hr. last Thursday.

### Thought Gasoline Was Kero.

Another of those unfortunate cases where the man is not sufficiently careful to separate his engine gasoline from the kerosene, and the dangerous habit of lighting fires with kerosene ended seriously when the house of Joshua Leyte of Samson's Island was burned to the ground with all its contents and his wife badly burned about the arms and body. Mr. Leyte arrived from the fishing grounds just as his wife, a man's flames jumped into the water, while the home itself was in flames. Mrs. Leyte went to light the fire and secured from the stage a can which she thought contained kerosene, but was really gasoline. Igniting it flamed up around her, setting her clothes on fire so that she barely escaped with her life, and is very seriously burnt, while the house was utterly destroyed and nothing was saved from it. Mr. Leyte brought his wife here for medical treatment.—Twillingate Sun, July 19.

### Household Notes.

Mark bath towels individually. Heavy salads make a meal by themselves. Egg yolk in warm water removes coffee stains. Pacifiers cause adenoids and disfigure mouths. Borax is excellent to use for household cleaning. Rub a little soap on the hinges of a creaking door. Always wash varnished floors with cold water.

### Betrayed by a Button.

How Murderers Are Brought to Justice.

In the majority of cases it is some trivial thing which leads to the discovery of the most flagrant crimes. A constable at Southampton recently noticed breath marks on the window of a jeweller's shop. This caused him to stop and listen, and ultimately led to the arrest of two burglars.

Even smaller clues than this have been responsible for bringing criminals to justice. A cigarette of a peculiar brand, left behind by a burglar named Fitzpatrick in a city warehouse, earned for him a long term of penal servitude. Another burglar, at Middleborough, was run to earth after a long chase with only a broken cigar band as a clue.

Pierre Jaume, the famous French detective, who died in 1915, once traced a murderer within forty-eight hours with no clue save a trowsers button. Suspicion was first aroused in the Crippen case by the spelling of the victim's name, "Elmore," with two "l's" on a forged letter.

The mysterious murder of a little girl in Devonshire was solved owing to the accidental finding of some of her hair in a bird's nest. A single word, "Cudham," overheard by chance at the Penge post-office, was the starting point of the inquiry which brought to light the shocking murder by starvation and ill-use of Mrs. Louis Stanton in a house rented by her unnatural husband near that remote village.

The chance of a shutter falling upon a passer-by was the chief means of convicting a Liverpool youth, George Sumner, of the murder of Miss Bradford some few years back. Orrock, who murdered a constable at Daleton in 1884, was brought to the scaffold by a single initial hastily scratched upon the blade of a chisel.

Early last year a girl named Nellie Trew was brutally done to death on Eltham Common. In trying to defend herself she had torn a button from her assailant's overcoat. A tiny clue! But it sufficed.

In the case of a similar murder at Bodmin some time back, perpetrated by a man named Ollison, the girl victim tore a handful of hair from her assailant's beard. The day following a constable was waiting his turn in a barber's shop when a man came in to get his beard trimmed. It was Ollison. He was hanged.

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