HAUNTS OF THE POLAR BEAR.

Habits of the Great Animal in Its Icy Northern House.

From the San Francisco Chronicle.

Sustenance of life forms the chief care of the Mute race of Alaska; the struggle to obtain a food supply is the absorbing thought throughout the entire cycle of their existence. Nature seems to have provided certain animals peculiarly adapted to the hyperborean region, and eminently fitted to afford sustenance to the race which has to withstand the exigencies and severe climatic changes of an arctic zone. The principal animals inhabiting the waters of Northwestern Alaska are the various members of the seal family. Seal meat as cooked by the natives is of a dirty brick-red tint, owing to the fact that when killed the seal is simply skinned, the blood remaining in the carcass, acting as a coloring matter to the meat. To unaccustomed stomachs seal meat is unpalatable, its taste resembling fish more than flesh, while the oily odor is of course prevalent. But if when newly caught a seal is bled and the flesh allowed to soak for a few hours the meat, either fried or baked, becomes palatable. When frozen there is scarcely any flavor perceptible in the meat.

Ursus Americanus, or the white polar bear, is also a food supplier for the Mutes. The extent of bruin's travels in the arctic region are far and wide. Observations by Capt. Healy of the United States revenue marine prove the fact that the polar bear's southern limit of range is St. Matthew Island in the Behring Sea. I believe that a few of these bears were seen some years ago near the Seal Islands. Probably the season was a late one, and they were seen upon a large ice floe drifting. At St. Matthew the polar bears have lairs and dens among the rocky glens that diversify that island. There, it is presumed, the young bears are born, or at least a proportion of the cubs. The Point Belcher natives told me that in December, when the sun goes away entirely, the she bears make a snow house out upon the sea ice, and there give birth to their young. There is some evidence of the truth of this statement, as it is a rare thing to obtain the skin of a female bear shot during the winter. The Ursus Americanus feeds upon seal and walrus and dead drift whales. Although disdaining to devour the blubber, the flesh is pre dilly consumed. A carcase upon which a bear has passed his gastronomic judgment reveals the skin and its fatty lining torn asunder, while the flesh is cut up into strips and shreds by the powerful claws and teeth. One single blow of a bear's claws alighting upon a seal's head suffices to kill him, and, dragged upon the ice, a meal is soon dispatched.

The largest white bear I ever saw was shot in November, 1885. His measurements were 12 feet 2 inches from tip of tail to nose, 6 feet 3 inches girth, 15 inches across from ear to ear and 7-inch skull, while the track of his paws measured 11½ inches. Generally the average measurement is 8 feet in length. In summer the hairy coat of the polar bear turns to a dingy yellow, and its pelt then becomes useless. These bears are arrant cowards, and will not attack any one unless there are two or three in company. As soon as they scent a man approaching they run away as fast as they can. There are but few records of a bear killing any native along the northwestern coast. The Mutes are very partial to white bear meat, but the blubber they reject, and even the dogs, unless they are very hungry, turn up their noses at the oily mass. It is almost an impossibility to obtain an entire skin of any kind of bear. The Mutes throughout the territory cut off the head and claws and either throw them into the sea or running water or else bury them in the ground. This is done to enable the hunters to kill more bears, and the idea is that if the other bears see the heads or claws of their dead friends they will leave the district.

Brown bears frequent the mountainous regions of the arctic coast. They follow the herds of deer in their summer migration, but are seldom seen in the winter, that season being the hibernating period. Their pelts are disposed of to the traders and whalers.

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Prussia Upholds the Army Bill.

BERLIN, Jan. 16.—Baron Schlemacher, supported by forty-six members, will propose in the Upper House of the Prussian Diet that an address be presented to Emperor William stating in effect that the Reichstag, in rejecting the Army Bill, sought prerogatives to which it originally had no title, and that "the Oberhaus assures the Emperor of unswerving loyalty, and expresses its conviction that Prussia will make any sacrifice to maintain the army at the strength necessary for the safety of the Fatherland."

Four Years of Suffering.

—Mrs. Torrance McNish of Smith's Falls, Ont., after four years of intense suffering with scrofula, from which her head became bald, was cured by Burdock Blood Bitters after the best medical aid had failed. 246

"Will you go tobogganing?" asked Charley. "I'm afraid you want to let me slide," replied Clara, archly. "Well, if you go you will be sure to win a breach-of-promise suit; you will have so many witnesses to prove I was after you."

—Mr. C. E. Riggins, Beamsville, writes: "A customer who tried a bottle of Northrop & Lyman's Vegetable Discovery says it is the best thing he ever used; to quote his own words, 'It just seemed to touch the spot affected.' About a year ago he had an attack of bilious fever, and was afraid he was in for another, when I recommended this valuable medicine with such happy results."

At a dinner party in Boston a young man, who was visiting from the west, was asked if he was fond of ethnology. "Well, ye-es," he replied at a venture, "but I don't think I'll take any to-night."

—When the eyes become weak or the lids inflammed or sore, a disordered system or a scrofulous condition of the blood is indicated, for which Ayer's Sarsaparilla is the best remedy. It invigorates and vitalizes the blood and expels all humors. d

Wife—"I don't see how you can say that Mr. Whitechoker has an effeminate way of talking; he has a very loud voice." Husband—"I mean by an effeminate way of talking, my dear, that he talks all the time."

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Washington Barber—"Stranger in these parts?" Customer—"Yes, I've been here two days, and all I've got left is $1.53; how much do I owe you?" "Shave, hair cut, boot black; just $1.53, sir."

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"Do you know why a toboggan slide is bound to be a grand success?" asked the snake editor. "No," replied the horse editor; "why?" "Because there is no slipping up on it."

—Messrs. Parker & Laird of Hillsdale, write: Our Mr. Laird having occasion to visit Scotland, and knowing the excellent qualities of Dr. Thomas' Eclectric Oil, concluded to take some with him, and the result has been very astonishing. We may say that in several instances it has effected cures when ailments have been pronounced incurable by eminent practitioners.

"You are picturing rather a gloomy future for me, madame," he said to the fortune teller. "Yes, sir," she replied, "but it's the best I can do for half a dollar."

—Ayer's Hair Vigor improves the beauty of the hair and promotes its growth. It prevents the accumulation of dandruff, cleanses the scalp and restores a natural color to gray hair. Have you received Ayer's Almanac for the new year?

A compositor in the United States is supposed to have died a violent death on the day before Christmas. The editor wrote "Old Gifts in New Lights," and it appeared in print "Old Girls in New Tights." The compositor is supposed to have mistaken the editorial for an article on the ballet.

He was about to propose, but was somewhat nervous. He didn't know how to begin. At last he stammered out: "I'm very uneasy." "Uneasy!" she echoed. Then she added emphatically: "I'll bet it's a flea off my dog. I've been there." He didn't propose.

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Jay Gould's pew in church cost him $1800 a year. His opponents in the stock market say that, considering how expensive Mr. Gould's religion is, it is astonishing how little good it does him.

Friday night the steamer Della, of Pittsburg, was struck by a large pointed cake of ice near Monongahela City and sunk. Her crew all reached the shore in safety.

—Mother Graves' Worm Exterminator is pleasant to take; sure and effectual in destroying worms. Many have tried it with best results.

Advices from Darjeeling, India, say that trade with Thibet has been suspended and that hundreds of merchants are collected at the entrance of the passes, the Thibetans refusing to permit them to advance.

When the small boy reaches the dentist's to have a tooth removed his toothache departs. Would that a woman's ache for a bonnet would fly as quickly and positively on reaching the modiste's.

—Why go limping and whining about your corns, when a 25 cent bottle of Holloway's Corn Cure will remove them? Give it a trial, and you will not regret it.

Bismarck is said to have drunk nine glasses of brandy and water while making his war speech before the Reichstag.

Miss Georgia Cayvan, the actress, has written an interesting article for the February Brooklyn Magazine, on "Young Women and the Stage." The paper, which is Miss Cayvan's first literary effort, is in answer to the question: "Can you advise young girls to adopt the stage as a profession?" x

What Will it Matter?

From the New York Mercury.

Oh! Fate is cruel and fate is cold,
And only giveth a grave at last,
And what is glory, or love, or gold
When this brief hour is overpast?

What doth it matter us how we live?
What doth it matter us how we die?
What can all of the future give
When under the grassy clods we lie?

What will it matter to you or me—
Insensate there in immortal calm—
Whether our funeral dirge shall be
A reptile's hiss or a nation's psalm?

What will it matter us then, I say,
Whether a kingly crown we wore,
Whether we toiled from day to day
Or begged a pittance from door to door?

What will it matter us then if we
Kept our garments from things impure,
Scattered our gold with a glad hand free
And walked in the strength of our worth secure?

Or whether we wallowed in lies and lust
And washed our hands in the blood of men,
And proved a traitor to every trust
What will it matter unto us then?

Whether our friends were false or true,
Whether our foes were strong or weak,
What will it matter to me or you,
After our candle is out? Oh, speak!

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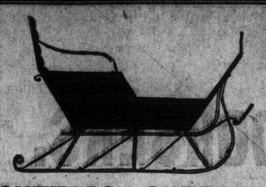

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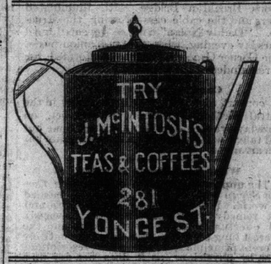

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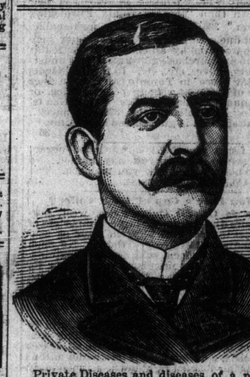

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