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THE AUSTRALIAN BARS KLONDYKE OF THE CLAY

BARMAIDS OF ADELAIDE LIKE A DROP

Prettier and More Stylish Than Young Wo Australia-How a Jewess "Planted" the and Spirit Circular's Sociologist

The expert inset Driaks.

The expert investigator and indefatigable sociologist who illuminates the pages of Bonfort's Wine and Spirit Circular with accounts of the bars of many peoples has reached the land of the laughing jackass in his travels. Adelaide pleases him. American beers may be bought there, but the stronger waters familiar to all observers of dead walls and bill boards are not to be had. In Adelaide the sociologist reached the decision that the barmaids there are, as a class, prettier and more stylish cision that the barmaids there are, as a class, prettier and more stylish than the young women in similar occupations in West Australia. In Adelaide the barmaids do not drink spirits, but "few will refuse a drop of fizz, for they not only like it, but to sell 'wine' redounds to the glory and profit of a barmaiden." The wages are law. The observer writes: Their boys (to them every male human being from 17 to 70 is spoken of as a "boy") suffer in proportion to provide flowers, gloves, theatre tickets, silk blouses, shoes and occasionally coats, costumes or bits of

tickets, silk blouses, shoes and occa-sionally coats, costumes or bits of jewelry for their particular fancies among those fascinating females. Even the earnest student from abroad is lured to extravagance. The Circular's hero spent an hour or two each evening in one bar, "swapping tales with the barmaids." Hear his story:

tales with the barmaids. Hear his story:

Of these one was a Jewess of great beauty, who always called me "Doctor," because, she said, I resembled one who had cured her mother of some dreadful eye frouble. Well, Rene asked me to take her to the circus on her next night off, and said she would bring her mother, "who adored the circus." We consented, and at the time fixed met Rene "and her mother mother." the circus." We consented, and at the time fixed met Rene "and her mother," and her father and married sister, and two brothers as well! Not bad for a plant, but we took our medicine smilingly, for cleverness ought always to be appreciated, even when it is displayed at one's expense. The philosopher victimized keeps his temper. The circus was a great success. One evening the "largest Bengal tiger in existence' mouthed his trainer, "the great Mexican Lion King," a native of Jamaica.

The management reported the trainer's injuries as "slight," but he died before morning, and in twenty-four hours the circus management had an offer of £1,000 for the tiger, which previous to this incident had been held at £200. Advertising pays.

been held at £200. Advertising pays. The circus is not unduly prosperous, but the "earnings almost paid their gas bills." But the business situation demands attention. The brewers con-trol most of the bars. Great in-ducements are necessary to obtain a footbold in the market. The outlook is by no means hopeless, however:
With a smooth, sound rye, not less
than five years of age, a man versed
in gentlemanly salesmanship (no
"hustler" would succeed here), with

"hustler" would succeed here), with tact and a little patience might pick his brewer—as he would have practically no competition from similar lines—and with some missionary work of his own, and conversion—by tips—of a few of the most popular of barmaids, a trade would be created in very short order, with profit to the exporter from this side whose whiskey could be made to net him at least \$1.50 per gallon in bond, f.o.b., Atlantic or Pacific ports.

Given a sound, mature rye, a good man, a liberal allowance, capital and patience enough to wait a reasonable

man, a liberal allowance, capital and patience enough to wait a reasonable time for the adventure to become profitable, and we can get into that trade to stay; but success will be due mainly to eternal vigilance that no shipment be ever sent whose standard of quality, strength, color and flavor is not in all respects equal to that of the first shipment.

A pleasing future for the man versed in "gentlemanly salesmanship" to whom the Adelaide mission falls. "Adelaide, as to temperature, is delightful during the Antipodean autumn, winter and spring, say, from

lightful during the Antipodean autumn, winter and spring, say, from May to September; but during the other seven months it is what Gen. Sherman called war!" The barmaids are "deft and smiling, and at times even frivolous"—but not so the thrifty Rene. Adelaide is "the city of churches," and the best Scotch and brandy is sold at 12c. a drink and pour your own poison.

pour your own poison.

There is a good band, the closing hours "are punctually observed." and Sundays are dry days, except in the big hotels. "Proprietors wax rich." for the "Australians are no believers in soft drinks."

"The Thread of the Season." It was recently stated in Canadian Associated Press despatches that the Hen. Mrs. Alfred Lyttelton, the wife of the Colonial Secretary, has lately completed a drama which Mrs. Patcompleted a drama which Mrs. Patrick Campbell will produce at the Camden Theatre on June 6. It appears that the piece at present bears no title, but it may be called "The Thread of the Season." an appropriate phrase, in that it aptly describes the story. It is a society play in three acts, and deals with one of the social problems, namely, the arduous task imposed on dressmakers assistants during the season by fashionable dames. Mrs. Patrick Campbell will take the part of one of these humble workers, and she will wear the same dress throughout the performance. Among the other twenty-two speaking parts, however, there are numerous female characters who will wear dainty confections.

The Naming of Port Arthur. Port Arthur was named after Lieutenant Commander Arthur of the British Navy, who anchored his ship in the bay one day about fifty years ago. He was the first foreign ship that had visited the bay.

A COMMON BLUE CLAY THAT RIVALS GOLD AS A TREASURE

ships-Clay Deposits Which Are Simply Inexhaustible-Depths of 115 Feet of

Machinery.

There is a district in Peterboro which is called Klondyke. That is its postal address, and it is aptly chosen, for the ancient city has found hidden in the earth on which it stands a treasure inestimable. It is not gold or diamonds, merely a common blue clay; but by the alchemy of modern science it is transmuted into the precious metal of our currency, and the wealth of the gold-fields has come to Peterboro without the hardships.

This ancient city has witnessed the making of England, and taken an active part throughout the centuries in events which stirred the nation's life. But it was virtually saved from obscurity in modern times by a foolish Marquis of Exeter, who, when it was proposed to run a great line of railway through Stamford, set his face against such a desecration of his broad acres. Peterboro had no such prejudices, and it gained what Stamford lost, and became a busy centre of trade. Two thousand railwaymen live in Peterboro at this day in a colony of their own, and, with the aptness for nomenclature which seems native to the district, it has been called New England.

But even better fortune was in store for the city. In the regions round about Oxford clay approaches the surface, and lies in great beds covering a wide area. It is grey and blue in shade, and has a certain oiliness, as of shale. Over it a layer of plastic clay was found, which was made into bricks, and lumps of this substance appear in the Oxford clay, giving the semblance of knots in wood. So at this day hole where

made into bricks, and lumps of this substance appear in the Oxford clay, giving the semblance of knots in wood. So at this day a hole whence the clay is out is a "knot-hole."

Fletton, on the outskirts of the clay fields, and "Fletton" is the tradoname of the Peterboro brick. The clay deposits are literally inexhaustible. Their superficial area is of many square miles, and the depth varies, but is always great. Depths of 115 feet of clay have been proved, and the local feeling is that men may dig for ever in these regions, and still find the pay dirt. It is soft and easily workable; the oil in it facilitates combustion, and lessens the coal bill in firing; it can be made by the dry process, very simply and ex-

coal bill in firing; it can be made by the dry process, very simply and expeditiously. The London stock brick, so called, is made laboriously, and is weather-dried; and the process is slow. The Peterboro brick is made more cheaply, with less labor, and has the advantage of being absolutely true and regular in shape, so that setting can be done more quickly.

About 20 years ago machinery to deal with this clay came into use, and Peterboro has grown because of the possibilities thus opened out. To-day there are some 30 brickyards in the district, and 2,000 men are employed in the industry. Klondyke is the name of the newly built district in which many of them live. Eighty tall smoke shafts raise their heads, and if they were set on end they would ascend over two miles into the sky. One of them alone contains sky. One of them alone contains 140,000 bricks, and they stand to all travelers in the east as an indication and advertisement of the astonishing growth of an industry which now commands an invested capital of a million sterling.

Estimates of the product of this

industry vary, and it is impossible to decide between them. One puts the annual produce of the 30 yards at 500,000,000 bricks, or a million and a half a day; others say that the produce is probably \$00,000,000 bricks, and that 500,000,000 of them go to the London market alone. For the new War Office in Whitehall 25,-000,000 of these bricks have bee

The work is very simple and easily described. The clay makes an uninterrupted and rapid process from the described. The clay makes an uninterrupted and rapid process from the knot-holes to the wagons in the railway sidings at the doors of the kilns. In many yards the steam digger tears the clay from the beds 150 pounds at a time; the filled trucks are drawn by power to the mill, where the clay arrives in soft lumps. One steam digger does the work of twelve men; each of the machines for manufacture does the work of hundreds of men. No hand touching it, the clay is tipped into a mill, where it is reduced to powder; then it passes by an endless traveling belt to the floor above the presses, where it falls into the hoppers of the machines. The mould is filled, a pressure of 100 tons is applied, and each revolution of the machine produces one or more bricks, truly and regularly shaped. In this way a machine makes iron 30,000 to 50,000 bricks a week. Thence they pass to the kilns, which hold some 350,000 to 400,000 bricks for the firing. Twenty days pass in this delicate process, and each brick loses in that time two pounds in weight.

weight.

And thus the work goes on contin-

And thus the work goes on continuously, and Peterboro now claims to have the busiest and biggest brickfield in the world.

Nor is this merely a passing boom. One acre of clay 100 feet deep will yield 80,000,000 bricks; so that at the higher estimate only ten acres of clay are consumed in a year. There is clay are consumed in a year. There is clay enough to serve many generations, and enhance Peterboro's prosperity. Having made great progress in the last two decades, the clay Klondyke of the Fens looks forward confidently to a bright and smiling future.—London Chronicle.

England's Only Woman Grave Digger Dead.
By the death of Mrs. Elizabeth
Geese at Lewes, England loses its
only woman gravedigger. On the
death of her husband in 1879 she
was appointed to carry, on his duties
at the Lewes Cemetery, She was 76
years of age,—London Daily Mail,

15 STRONGER THAN HIS STOMACH

D'PIERCE'S MAKES WEAK STOMACHS STRONG

Fashions among the native tribes of South Africa are thus described by a recent writer: "During one season the people are all wearing safety pins as earrings; the next season no one will look at them, for pins are 'out' and buttons are 'in.' In one tribe blue spotted cotton handkerchiefs are all the rage, but fifty miles away no one will look at such things—they want cotton shirts. The only universal ornament, perhaps, consists in beadwork. Some tribes, such as the Fingoes and Zulus, take to beadwork more than others; the one thing they are all consistent in is a strangely good taste for color combination. They never indulge in a combination of gaudy colors, never affect an inharmonious color scheme thus bearing out Ruskin's statement that bad taste in color does not arise in people who are left to themselves and nature." Hairdressing is a prodigious business among them. The process is assisted by a liberal use of red clay, and as the perfected work of art is expected to last a month the head is permitted to rest on the nape of the neck only when the owner sleeps.

Berlin Through English Speciacles. An Englishman writes of Berlin: "It is the only modern city I know of that has managed to escape looking artificial. The labor of building greater Berlin has been most dexterously hidden. There is very little of the deadly uniformity, the Euclidian lines, the prosaic precision, one notices in New York. Berlin is something considerably better than a mere chessboard of brick and stone and mortar. The streets have a curved and enticing spaciousless; they are shaded with avenues of trees, faultlessly asphalted and clean with a cleanliness surpassing that of Paris. The architecture is rather too florid for English tastes, but for all that de-cidedly effective, and a drive from Un-

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so, are by no means among the peor and destitute, as might perhaps, he supposed, but are people eccupying an averagely high niche in society, young and, of course, absolutely healthy.

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There is one young lady from whom we have bought from time to time over £200 worth of cuticle, and who manages to make a very respectable income by disposing of her fair skin, for she supplies other surgeons besides ourselves.

Only the other day we had to perform an operation on the throat of a young and beautiful leader of society, which was bound to leave an ugly scar unless we could obtain three square inches of absolutely healthy cuticle. Without our knowledge our patient advertised in a medical paper for the required amount of skin, offering £20 per square inch. She received between 400 to 500 replies from men and women in all classes of life, and, for men in all classes of life, and, for-tunately, brought them to me to select from.

left on the youth's cheek by the lad's cheek has been built up with the skin obtained from six dif-

man brought in who had met with a curious accident, whereby he had lost his left eyelid. The eyeball, of course, was exposed, and besides being very unsightly caused the patient considerable pain.

The work of grafting an eyelid is not easy and is very seldom attempted in England. However, Dr. Toeswall a well-known ever species. Tosswell, a well-known eye specia ist in the west of England, determined to make the attempt, an taking various minute portions taking various minute portions of skin from the patient's arm stitched them to what remained of the eye-lid. The operation was a fearfully painful one, but the patient stood it excellently, and in eight weeks' time sufficient skin had been grafted to enable the sufferer to close and open his eye with considerable feetleopen his eye with considerable facil-ity.

the influence of ether it desired, though, curiously enough, it is better that the patient on whom the flesh tissue is to be grafted should be operated on while awake. The after-effects amount to very little, the place from which the skin has been taken being about as sore as a vaccination mark immediately after the operation.

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Of course, some patients who enter the hospital for the purpose of undergoing skin-grafting have many friends who are only too willing to supply the needful material, and when they are healthy we allow them to make the sacrifice. No one, however, need ever find any difficulty in obtaining as much cuticle as he or she requires so long as they can pay for it, for there are thousands of people who would gladly part with as much skin as is consistent with safety at prices as low as one shilling the square inch.

Our Ancestors.

A Disraeli Celebration.

London Surgeon Has Bought Over £200 Worth From Her for Grafting-And There Are Other

It may not be generally known that there is at the present time a regular traffic in the selling and buying of human skin, said a surgeon in one of the big hospitals to a writer in Tit-Bits. We have on our books the names and addresses of many men and women on whom we can rely for several square inches of cuticle when the necessity arises. These patients, if one may call them so, are by no means among the peor

Curiously enough I had not opened Curiously enough I had not opened half a dozen before I recognized the handwriting of the young lady from whom we had already obtained so much cuticle, and I at once advised our patient to accept her offer, which she did. The operation of skin-grafting was a perfect success, and no one, to look at the fair throat of the beautiful woman we had onerated on, would believe that

throat of the beautiful woman we had operated on, would believe that a knife had ever been near it.

Sometimes, of course, the necessary amount of fiesh tissue required cannot be obtained from one person, and there have been occasions when we have had to requisition every man and woman on our books before man and woman on our books before securing the needful quantity of cuticle. A month ago a young man was brought into the hospital with half his face terribly scalded. When it was healed we knew there would be a very disfiguring scar unless skingrafting was resorted to, and although the patient was far too poor to pay for the tissue, we were fortunately able to draw on a special fund which provides for such cases. Six of our regular "cuticle merchants" were summoned, and from the arms of each we took a certain amount of skin, the half-dozen supplying sufficient to cover the wound left on the youth's cheek by the man and woman on our books before scald. The operation was a tedious one, but perfectly successful, and there is now nothing to indicate that

derent people.

Sometimes, of course, we can obtain the skin from the patient him-self. I remember such a case when I was in attendance at the Exeter Eye Infirmary. There was a young man brought in who had met with a

To give a few inches of skin does not require very much courage—the idea being far worse than the actual cutting. Besides, there is no object-ion to the victim being placed under the influence of ether if desired, the titch curiously enough it is bet-

Our Ancestors.

For the benefit of those who may feel "exclusive," or "stuck up," or who prate about blue blood, etc., it will be well to remember that if we go back but twenty generations, or 700 years, each one of us has 1,084,576 ancestors, and is related more or less closely to at least 270,000,000 of our fellows.

Going back but a couple of hundred years further, and tracing down our genealogy, we should find that we have more cousins than there are people in the world, and that on the basis of but two children per family. The discrepancy is accounted for by the fact that there have been so many cousins as there are people in the world to-day, but are related to a great number many times over.

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