

A LAND OF PROMISE

When Alaska was purchased for \$7,200,000, under the administration of Andrew Johnson, it was generally supposed that we had bought a barren land. Twenty years of possession have not brought us as accurate information concerning our new acquisition as we might have expected in that time, but we know enough to assure us that we have made a good bargain with Russia. During the last three or four years astonishing discoveries have been made in Alaska by government exploring parties and by private enterprise. The fisheries are far more valuable than had been supposed. Already a large business has been built up in canning fish. Fortunes have been made in furs, and the prospects of that business are excellent. But the mineral resources of Alaska constitute its chief attraction. Iron of fine grade and coal in great abundance are found. Of course there are great quantities of petroleum. Just enough prospecting has been done to show that the country is very rich in mineral deposits. At present a gold fever is carrying capitalists and adventurers to this land of promise. One plant has been established at a cost of \$500,000 on Douglas Island, where rich gold deposits have been found. Gold mining is active in the vicinity of Sitka. Fabulous tales are told of the essays of ore in that region. Population is flowing in. Towns are building up, and evidences of civilization are visible in almost all parts of the country. The government has established two schools at Sitka. Several other schools are kept up by different missionary societies. The development of Alaska is at a most interesting stage. It is impossible to predict what that country may be in the next ten years. The climate in some parts of the country is very pleasant for a great part of the year and is never so severe as persons who have not been there are apt to think.—*Atlanta Constitution.*

NATIVES OF SIBERIA

Dr. Lansdell, the well-known Anglican clergyman and explorer, contributes to one of the current magazines a remarkable paper on the natives of Siberia. He informs us that the Khirgese of the Steppe live in the summer almost entirely on milk, variously prepared, whilst the rich eat of mutton as their staple food, with the addition of beef, and occasionally camel's flesh. In the north the Yakuts are fond of horse flesh. A Yakute bride on her wedding day sets before her lord and master, as the greatest of delicacies, horse-flesh sausages, with a boiled horse's head, of which the brains are the most dainty morsel. The quantity of horse-flesh they eat is appalling. They have an adage that "to eat much meat, and grow fat upon it, is the highest destiny of man." Dr. Lansdell was not present at one of their orgies, but as far back as the days of Strahlenberg it was said that four Yakutes would eat a horse. The Gilyaks, on the other hand, live chiefly on fish. Salmon is their principal article of diet. This fish comes up the Amur in such numbers that they can be tossed out with a pitch-fork. Even the dogs go into the stream and catch for themselves; and salmon equal to the finest seen in London may be purchased among the Gilyaks, in the season, for a penny apiece. The fish, cut up and dried, without further cooking, are eaten, a piece of similar size per day, serving alike for Gilyak and one of his dogs. Dr. Lansdell says he went to Lower Amur disposed to confide in the theory that fish diet, by reason of its phosphorous, was calculated to give brain power to students; but after seeing the miserable specimens of humanity in the Gilyaks, his belief in this theory has been rudely shaken.

HOW TO BECOME HAPPY.

Some good things are heard now and then in the elevated railroad cars, and the advice of a noted physician to a young man who complained of nervousness, loss of vision, night sweats, and a poor appetite, the other morning is one of them. "Throw away your cigarettes and eat a good bowl of mush and milk for your breakfast," said the learned doctor, "and you will not need any medicine. Indian corn is essentially an American institution. As the staple food of our daddies, it can really be said to have helped to lay the foundation of this great American Republic. With its product, the hog, it was in the not very remote past almost the sole food supply of the rural districts, and the dishes that can be prepared from its various forms are much greater variety than can be prepared from wheat. Like Sambo's rabbit, it is good to roast, to bake or boil, and can be fermented and turned into whiskey, but its stimulating qualities are best procured by making it into a mush. It contains a large amount of nitrogen, has qualities anti-constipating and is easily assimilated. Though originally the poor man's luxury. It is cheap and has great nutritive properties. A course of Indian meal in the shape of Johnny-cake, hoe-cake, corn or pone bread, and mush relieved by copious draughts of pure cow's milk, to which if inclined to dyspepsia a little lime-water may be added, will make a life now a burden well worth the living, and you need no other treatment to correct your nervousness, brighten your vision, and give you sweet and peaceful sleep."

The Barrymore Repartee

A very neat bit of repartee fell from the lips of Actor Maurice Barrymore recently, says the N. Y. Sun. It was just after the production of his play, "Nadjesda," in London. Clement Scott the dramatic critic, pronounced it the best play that had been written in England or France during the present century. Another critical conferee of Scott, damned the play as beneath contempt, and nearly the entire press of London jumped upon it, heels down. It got a tremendous deal of blasting, and an enormous amount of praise, all of which were echoed more or less resonantly in this country. The night after the production, Barrymore, who had been badgered and abused, "and had "Nadjesda" dinned into his ears till he did not know which way he stood, was approached by a man of eminence, who stopped him abruptly and said:— "I am amazed sir—I took my wife to see 'Nadjesda' last night, sir, and, upon my word, sir, I am astonished." "Very likely, sir, said Mr. Barrymore, wearily, but suavely. 'Nadjesda' is a play you are expected to take some other man's wife to see."

SCOTCH TROUT.

The Anglican season at Lochlevin, which has just closed, has been the most successful for many years past. The total capture of trout has been 17,892, and their total weight 17,244 pounds. Last year 11,938 trout were taken and 16,558 in 1885. The most productive month was August, with 6,688 trout, and next came June with 3,285. The heaviest trout of the season weighed 4 pounds, and the best basket was taken by a Yorkshire angler on July 23. It contained 59 trout, which weighed 58 pounds. Lochlevin, which belongs to Sir Graham Montgomery, is open to the public on very reasonable terms, and since netting was abolished, it has become one of the best angling lochs in Scotland, and the trout not only afford good sport, but they are of excellent flavor.

Colonist Xmas Number for 1887.

THE COLONIST PRINTING AND PUBLISHING COMPANY, encouraged by the success which attended the DAILY COLONIST CHRISTMAS NUMBER last year, feel warranted in issuing a similar publication for 1887, which they will endeavour to make even still more worthy of the public favor. The next CHRISTMAS NUMBER of the DAILY COLONIST will contain twenty-eight pages, printed from new type, on the finest rose-tinted book paper, and will be profusely illustrated with engravings of prominent citizens, public edifices, local sketches, and other works of art, which, together with literary contributions of talented writers, will, it is hoped, inspire faith in our country, at home, and command respect for it abroad. Though the time for competition last year was brief, yet the prizes then offered were, at least, a beginning in the way of doing something to encourage local talent; and the result was even more satisfactory than the most sanguine could have anticipated. With the expectation that our young men and women will again try their skill in describing the scenes, customs, or memorable events of their country in prose or verse, we will offer, this year, a prize of \$20.00 for the best poem, and \$20.00 for the best story. Rates of advertising will be placed at a reasonable figure; and the publication will be sold at 10 cents per copy, with special rates to agents. For further particulars, rates of advertising, etc., address—P. R. BOWERS, Colonist office, St. John's, N.F.

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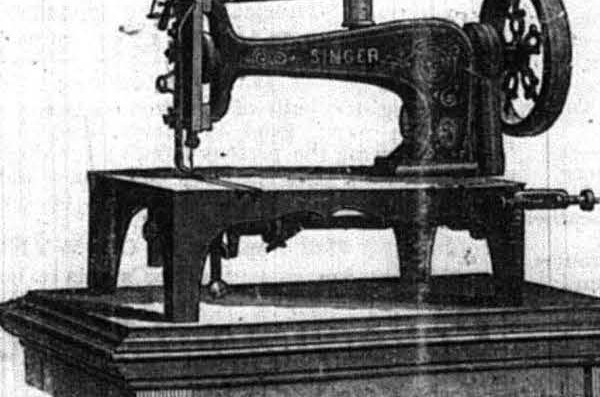
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Wedded and Doomed!

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CHAPTER XLVII—(Continued.)

"I will not be to-morrow," she said, with a smile as bright and sweet as that of a child.

Then she left him she went to her own magnificent room, where her lady's-maid, and every possible luxury, awaited her.

Alas! Alas! of what avail to lay her head on that white, embroidered pillow, to her it was stuffed with stones, and when she was alone at last she could not sleep, she could not rest.

CHAPTER XLVIII.

THE morning sunlight, the breath of roses, the song of birds, the rustle of the great branches, the music of the river, brought no peace or comfort to Lady Chandos.

But for this, dear Heaven, but for this, and she stretched out her white arms. Oh, for the husband who loved her, oh, for the fair, little children who were to her as the very light of her eyes.

"The wicked shall flourish like the bay tree." "I have been wicked," she said to herself. "I am wicked now, but I have not flourished."

It might be but a shadowy fear. The man who called himself L' Etrange—who avowed so freely his fierce detestation of women—might not be the man she had— And then she paused.

Then came her maid with a fragrant cup of tea, bringing with her the fresh, sweet flowers that Undine loved. She started back at the sight of her lady's face, so white, so wan that years seemed to have passed over her head since her the sun set last night.

"You are ill, my lady," she cried. "I am not well," replied Lady Chandos. "I have not slept, the air seemed stifling; do you think there is a thunder-storm brooding?"

She drank the tea, and it seemed to send grateful warmth through the limbs

that were chilled by fear rather than by cold, but she looked so ill that the maid prayed for her to remain where she was and not attempt to rise.

"I felt sure last evening," he said, "that you were not well, Una," and again the words gave her a terrible panic of fear.

How foolish she had been not to control herself better—not to show more self-command, and the words simple as they were, left her colorless and trembling.

He cooled her brow and hands with fragrant waters, he whispered loving words to her, he kissed with passionate eagerness the pale, lovely face.

So they did the worst thing possible for her—they left her alone with her wild despairing thoughts, her weird fancies, her despair.

The hours passed, and she came to this decision. She could not go down to luncheon, she would not see him, this man whose coming had been to her as the coming of doom.

At noon she sent a message to Lord Chandos to say that she did not feel well enough to come down to lunch, would he excuse her?

"I shall be but a poor substitute for you, after all, Una," he said: "but I must do my best. I will see to the dinner engagement. I will write myself. Now rest in peace, darling; nothing shall disturb you to-day."

The kind, trusting words pierced her heart. What rest could there be for her again? She heard the great clock in the stables strike one; she heard the three-quarters chime; she heard the quick ring of a horse's gallop, and then she knew that he was here.

Here, under her roof; here, where her husband and children dwelt, the man who had been the very embodiment of a night-mare to her; here, under the same roof, breathing the same air; and the words of her old despairing prayer rose to her lips—

Lord Chandos made an elaborate apology for the absence of his wife. Mr. L'Estrange seemed perfectly indifferent to it. It was a relief to him rather than not.

He rather pitied and despised his host for having a wife. He seemed pleased and interested when the children were, according to the usual custom of Herne Manor, brought in when luncheon was over.

"What is her name?" he asked, and Lord Chandos answered— "Lina."

He looked into the limpid blue eyes, so clear, so bright, so sweet; and another pair of eyes rose before him, as blue and sweet as these. He looked at the rings of golden curls, and another fair head rose before him.

Lord Chandos looked at him wondering, and Raoul L'Estrange felt his face grow hot and flushed. "You will think it strange," he said, "but I believe this is the first time I have nursed a child."

Ah, Heaven help him! what thrilled his heart?—what sent that sudden pain, that was yet so sweet?—what made his very soul thrill, as the clear, childlike eyes met his?

(to be continued.)

LATEST MAGAZINES.

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