

THE FELLER ON MY KNEE.

"Ef the country goes ter fightin',
Says the feller on my knee,
"Would you go and be a sojer,
Like they say you used ter be?"
(I wuz erlong with Jackson,
An' I faced the figh with Lee).
"I think I would," I answers
Ter the feller on my knee.

Then my mind went back a minute
Ter the days o' Sixty-one;
I saw the bayonets bristle—
Heard the thunder o' the gun.
(I wuz mixed up in the fightin'
Fore Sherman struck the sea).
"I think I'd go," I answers
Ter the feller on my knee.

"Would you go an' leave my mother—
Would you kiss good by to me
An' go marchin' with the sojers?"
Says the feller on my knee.
An' I feel a teardrop trickle
(For I'm techous as kin be!)
"I think I would," I answers
Ter the feller on my knee.

"But I hope the wars air over—
That we'll dwell upon the sod
Forever an' forever
In the loving peace o' God!"
But—s'pose they went ter fightin'—
Would you help 'em out?" says he.
"I'm shore I would!" I answers
Ter the feller on my knee.

Chicago Times-Herald.

SEVEN DAYS TO DAWSON.

Just a Week From Vancouver After the Railroad is Built.

The railroad which is to be built from the Stickeen river in British Columbia to Teslin lake, 150 miles, is expected to cost \$5,000,000. It is stipulated that the contractors shall open a good trail from the mouth of the Stickeen river to Teslin lake, providing stopping places at intervals of twenty-five miles, this road to be ready for use within six weeks while the railroad is to be in operation by September next. The contractors must also establish steamboat service between Teslin lake and Dawson City. Many capitalists have sought the franchise for this road, but nearly all, including the English syndicate, withdrew when they learned of the difficulties of such an enterprise. The country is wild and almost impenetrable, and the government insisted on rapid construction. The work, as already announced, has been undertaken by Mackenzie & Mann, who have been highly successful in Canadian railway construction. The contractors deposit \$250,000 as a guarantee of good faith, and, instead of receiving a cash subsidy, will secure what will amount to about 3,750,000 acres of mineral lands. These lands are to be selected from the Klondike district and from that region, known to be rich in precious minerals, west of the Mackenzie and Liard rivers and north of the sixtieth parallel. A royalty of one per cent. is levied on minerals produced from these lands. Mining claims already recorded within these blocks of land are expected from the grant. The railway rates are to be fixed by the governor-general in council, subject to a reduction after four years of 25 per cent., and a similar reduction after seven years.

Practically a monopoly is granted the contractors, as no line of railroad from Lynn canal or any point near the international boundary between Canada and Alaska will be authorized by parliament for five years from Sept. 1, 1898, and for ten years these contractors will have the preference in constructing any other lines of railroad from Stickeen river to an ocean port. Subject to the approval of parliament, the contract virtually provides a quick and easy route to the Yukon, and there is no doubt that the monopoly clause will be the subject of hot controversy between the two political parties.

Upon the completion of this line the trip to Dawson City may be made throughout by railroad and steamers. From Victoria, B. C., ocean steamers run to Fort Wrangell. River steamers will ply up the Stickeen from Fort Wrangell to connect with the railroad to Lake Teslin, and from Teslin to Dawson City the Yukon and its tributaries are navigable. The distances are as follows: Vancouver or Victoria to Fort Wrangell, 700 miles; Fort Wrangell to Glenora, 125 miles; Glenora to Lake Teslin, 145 miles; Teslin to Fort Selkirk, 400 miles; Fort Selkirk to Stewart river, 105 miles; Stewart river to Dawson City, 67 miles. Total distance, 1542 miles.

Fort Wrangell is in Alaska. At Fort Wrangell baggage and freight will be transhipped in bond to river steamers. The Stickeen is navigable for flat-bottom river steamboats to Glenora, and when the water is high they can reach Telegraph creek, twelve miles further up the stream. The trip from Wrangell to Glenora occupies thirty-six hours.

There is clear navigation from the head of Lake Teslin to Dawson, with but one rapid—that of Five Fingers—along the entire distance, and this, with care, is reported to be easily navigable on the northern or right-hand channel. Out of Teslin flows the Teslin river, which, after being joined by the Salmon river, is known as the Lewes, which is followed to Fort Selkirk, where, with the Pelly, it forms the Yukon, of which it is the principal source and the greatest feeder.

The contractors will begin work within a few weeks, getting in supplies by sledges. The right of way will be cleared up as soon as the snow disappears, and a wagon trail will be fixed up to facilitate the work of construction. A daily service will be put on, if necessary, and passengers, when everything is well under way, are to be put into Dawson City in seven days from Vancouver.—Ex.

OLDEST OF INSECTS.

The Festive Cockroach is King of All His Kind.

There is doubtless many a good housewife in this world wonders, as she chases about the kitchen and the pantry, poking into dark nooks and crannies, with her pail of hot water or box of poison, whatever the little pests called cockroaches are here for, anyway, and what good they do. These questions would be rather difficult to answer, for, like most of nature's scavengers—and they, or most of their varieties, at least, have certainly been such in the past—they have obtruded, in these times of advanced sanitary arrangements and "modern improvements," where their services might well be dispensed with. But there is no doubt, however much we may begrudge the little insects a few tiny, warm crevices in our homes, or an occasional burial place in our puddings and cuisine at the summer hotel, that, by all recognized laws of priority, they have at least as much right here as we have, for their very, very great-grand-sires were settlers upon this earth many ages before our progenitors were even thought of, says the New York Sun.

In Bible times their presence was far more disagreeably felt than in our own, both on account of the different and more slovenly mode of living that prevailed among those people and of the warm climate of the countries of which the Bible tells. And it is probable, although no distinct mention is made of the cockroach in the Scriptures as among the animals of Noah, that it was, nevertheless, in the very vanguard of the procession that so placidly wended its way into the ark. Even the first of her kind, the wife of Adam, was unquestionably acquainted with the little six-footed creatures. But Eve was a very happy-go-lucky sort of dame, and was as little troubled with household cares and vicissitudes as she was with fashion, and it is likely that the fact of their existence did not weigh heavily upon her mind.

The antiquity of the cockroach, however, is not reckoned by the thousands of years with which we commonly compute our vast stretches of historic time, but by the millions and millions upon millions. Its beginning takes us back through misty and unfeared ages, past the epochs of the gigantic mastodon and the tremendous glaciers that swept over the northern part of this land, to disappear beneath a warmer southern sun; past the epoch of the huge and horrible reptiles that wandered over the universal marshlands and bogs, and flitted through the air with their strange, flapping wings, like the fiends in Dante's "Inferno;" past the long period of the luxuriant solitudes of the carboniferous forests, when the great forces of nature were at work storing away the rich beds of coal; into which we delve today; past the time when whales and giant sharks and sea monsters lashed the waters into foam, the monarchs of the oceans. Their origin carries us back to the very commencement of things. They were one of the earliest of the forms of life and the pioneers of insect life. As some one has said "they are the true aristocrats of insects," the kings of their kind.

Learned savants and researchers tell us that the most primitive of cockroaches are found deep down in what are known as the silurian rocks, which were formed such countless ages ago that they don't attempt to count them at all. They were not very unlike their lineal descendants of today, the principal difference being as to their wings, and it is probable that should one of these ancient creatures be in some way resurrected and go scurrying across the kitchen floor it would be stepped on with as little thought and compunction as its modern kindred. As these wings constitute the chief and often the only means of studying their species—the bodies having in most cases been wholly dissolved by putrefaction—it is, perhaps, worthy of note that their development was more perfect than in the present varieties—excepting the hind or under wings, which are almost identical—and that they are preserved in the fossils to the minutest reticulation of the membrane.

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Woman Suffrage.

The effect of the organization of the anti-suffrage sentiment among the women of this country has made itself felt not only in New England, but in the western states as well. A short time ago the Iowa Legislature had before it the question of whether the word "male" should be stricken from the constitution of that State. At the general hearing given upon the subject the women advocates of suffrage were met for the first time by members of their own sex opposed to this political change. The latter professed that they could hardly expect to meet and compete in what was, in effect, a public arena with women who had spent years in discussing and making speeches on this subject, as a species of professional pursuit. The suffragists seemed desirous, on the occasion of the committee hearing, to enter into a joint debate; but from this ordeal the anti-suffragists excused themselves on the ground of inexperience. They came, they said, to represent the homes, the contented family life, of the country, and could not be expected to have that fluency and readiness in debate acquired by long practice in the art of public speaking. None the less, it must be said that in their addresses the anti-suffragists exhibited no slight amount of mental ability, and it is evident that they made an impression, by the fact that the Iowa Legislature voted against the proposition of the suffragists. Commenting upon this, the Chicago Tribune has remarked with not a little force, that the incoming of the women anti-suffragists into this movement is a most important change, and promises to put an arrest to the political success of the suffrage agitation. So long as it appeared that the sentiment of the women, as publicly expressed, was altogether in favor of having the suffrage granted to their sex, it was possible that a kindly and chivalrous regard for them would lead the men to favor this extension of the voting privilege; but now that it is publicly obvious that female opinion is divided, the legislators have the best possible excuse, and one which they are certain to use before taking any action whatsoever. The suggestion will be made that, before the woman suffragists attempt to convert the male voters to a belief in their cause, they should convert the members of their own sex. To carry on missionary work in this direction will, doubtless, tend to take them out of the regular political field.—Boston Herald.

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Teacher: "What is the meaning of the word 'excavate'?" Scholar: "To hollow out."
Teacher: "Give me a sentence in which the word is properly used." Scholar: "The small boy excavates when his papa licks him."

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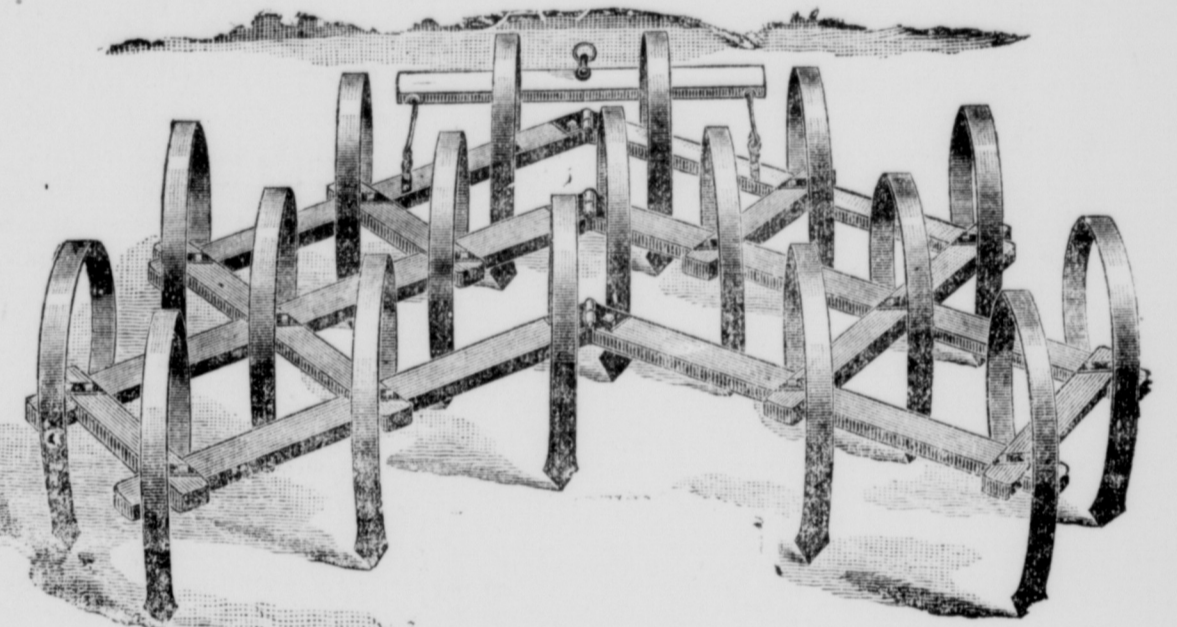
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