

ON BOARD THE BLAKE.

HOW JACK AND HIS MASTERS MONOPOLIZED THE LADIES.

The Reporters Learn how Her Booms are Reefed—The Gallant Lieutenant—Why the Blake's Fighting Editor was Fired—Death of the "Progress" Representative.

All St. John and his best girl were there.

The Blake was here a year ago, and everybody took everybody else to see her then, but that didn't make any difference. It rained on Sunday, and no visitors were allowed on her. But that didn't make any difference. They went on Monday.

The Tartar was here too—but the Tartar was to the Blake as the card on Horace Greeley's coat-tail which announced the name of his candidate for vice-president was to Horace Greeley in Nast's old campaign cartoons. The Telegraph had a picture of the Blake—but none of the Tartar. Still the crowd that couldn't go on board the Blake on Sunday, and so went on the Tartar, was a goodly company.

The tars on the Tartar call that tired feeling which sometimes comes over them when at sea "Tartar emetic." London Punch please copy.

The sailors on the Blake are of the class that are never, never sick at sea. They are a fine lot of tars, and St. John wished that he'd left his girl behind him. The daily papers have told all about the Blake's capstan, which waves gently to and fro in the summer breeze whenever the wind is a-lee; of her starboard watch, which is a stem-winder, with English lever attachment; and of her sparker boom, with which the boat-swin tight chastises the gay little midship-mite. The Sun reporter climbed aloft to garboardstrake in search of Admiral Hopkins; the Telegraph man borrowed the sextant, with which he took an excellent photograph of Admiral Hopkins; the Globe sent a man to find out what the tariff was on the cargo stowed beneath her protective deck; and the Gazette scribe and the Record news-gatherer got the sixty-five marines to tell them all they knew about how she was headin', and how far below freezing point the quadrant fell on Tuesday morning. So many people are sent to tell things to the marines, that any one who interviews them cannot fail to acquire a large amount of valuable misinformation. There is no trouble in getting genuine interesting information, however, if one follows the handsome lieutenant who has six young ladies in tow.

"In Bermuda we have had ten pieces like that cut out of the armor, not so very thick, you see, and less than two feet wide and deep, to get in the new guns. Well, they said they could do it in eight days!"

"Eight days?" asks the young lady in the pale pink chalice, in a tone which shows that she thinks eight hours was what he meant to say.

"It took them six weeks," says the lieutenant calmly.

"Oh my!" said the six young ladies.

"And . . . (the reporter could not get near enough to hear the next bit of information)."

"Oh my!" say five young ladies. But the girl in the chalice says, "I wouldn't have believed it if you hadn't told me—never!"

It is not only the lieutenants that delight in giving the young ladies on board the vessel pointers on how to scatter any invincible Armadas that might happen along.

The Blake's armament would sink her, if she had not a mascot. It is a goat. The Tartar has an old hen named Bridget.

Nearly all the rooms have been written up by representatives of the indelible dailies; but no one has mentioned the printing office, which is near one of the engine rooms, and is fitted up with a primitive press and several tons of type. The programmes of Blake concerts are printed on board. The man who was distributing the type of a programme was approached by the Progress representative, and was asked, "Are you the foreman?"

"No," said the sailor, smiling and pointing to the instruments of war that guarded the printing office, "I'm the fighting head-tor."

"Where did you learn to print?" In England?"

"In the United States," said the sailor-printer. "I didn't work in a printing office long though I lost my situation from an un'appy accident."

"What was it they fired you for?"

"Droppin' hatches," said the fighting editor, and commenced singing the sea-song:—

"A sea-orse is a sea-orse
If you see 'im in the sea-ee,
But if you see 'im in a bay,
Away 'orse 'e will be-ee!"

The Progress representative expired to slow music.

On Monday night, the Blake searched with her five search lights for about an hour. The lights are 25,000 candle-power, and make quite a flicker.

The Blake and Tartar left for Halifax on Tuesday morning. And if they come another year, the people of St. John will be just as glad to see them.

Nova Scotia's Exhibition.

Nova Scotia's provincial exhibition will be held at Halifax this year on September 25, 26, 27 and 28, under the patronage of General Montgomery Moore, Admiral

Hopkins and Governor Daly. His worship the Mayor of Halifax is chairman of the board of commissioners. No charge is made for the entry of exhibits, and every care will be taken to make this exhibition a most successful one. The most thorough arrangements have been made to guard against fire, the grounds being connected by telephone with the different fire-halls. Special attention will be given to having a good horse show.

MR. SCHOFIELD WAS ANGRY.

And Stopped Painters From Placing a Hawker "Ad" on His Building.

There was "bloody war" on South wharf a few days ago. The last building on that wharf overlooks the harbor and its broad front would be a rare place to display an advertisement.

Manager Russell, of the Hawker Medicine Company, has had his eye on it for a long time. He wanted to get a big "ad" for the Hawker remedies painted thereon in big letters.

The building is known as the West End hotel. Manager Russell secured the consent of the proprietor of the hotel to place his company's advertisement there, on condition that he also take down the hotel sign from its old position, paint it newly and fasten it up again with iron bars.

The work was begun. The hotel sign was taken down, carted to the paint shop, and the work of repainting it was about finished. Two painters were also busy on the end of the building and the words "Do not gripe, says Hawker's Pills," were taking shape in striking colors across its broadside when Mr. S. Schofield, the well known steamship man, who is the owner of the building in question, appeared on the scene.

Mr. Schofield was not there to contradict the statement made by Hawker's pills about themselves. But however high an opinion he might have of the pills, he did not want them to use his building as a medium of making their merits known.

Mr. Schofield politely requested the painters to get down. One of them at once telephoned to manager Russell, who promptly ordered him to go on with the job, as he (Russell) had made all arrangements with the proprietor of the hotel. But Mr. Schofield insisted that they should not go on, hence Manager Russell himself appeared on the scene.

Mr. Schofield issued his mandate that the remark of the pills about themselves must be scored out forthwith, or there would be trouble. Manager Russell explained his position, and declared that if it were done it would not be at the expense of his company. He also issued orders to his painters that before delivering up the hotel sign they should collect from its proprietor the cost incurred in connection therewith.

The words "Do not gripe, says Hawker's Pills" were also obliterated at the hotel man's expense.

The little controversy attracted quite a crowd on the end of South wharf and there was much laughter as the pill advertisement was scored out.

Manager Russell was not one of those who laughed, but consoled himself with the reflection that Hawker's pills do not gripe.

Preston Pellet Co's Stereopticon.

The Preston Pellet Co., who advertise largely in newspapers and by means of sign boards throughout the provinces have just added a very effective method of keeping their homeopathic pellets before the public. An excellent stereopticon made specially for them is now in working order and they are showing a large number of views of various subjects. Exhibits made at McKinnens drug store on Wednesday and Thursday evenings attracted a great deal of attention. New views are being continually added to the stock, and when the people through the maritime provinces have an opportunity of seeing them as they are shown in various towns they will not only be delighted with the exhibition, but cannot fail to remember that the company manufacture 44 kinds of pellets for the cure of 44 diseases. By sending a coupon this week a bottle of their headache pellets will be forwarded. See advertisement on the ninth page.

Secured the Berth.

The merchant had arrived at the office as early as eight o'clock, and five minutes after he got down to his desk, a foxy-looking, bright-faced boy came in. The merchant was reading, and the boy, with his hat off, stood there expectantly, but saying nothing. At the end of two minutes he coughed slightly and said—

"Excuse me, sir, but I'm in a hurry."

The merchant looked up.

"What do you want?" he asked.

"I want a job, if you've got one for me," replied the boy.

"Oh, do you?" snorted the merchant.

"Well, what are you in such a hurry about?"

"I've got to be, that's why," was the sharp response. "I left school yesterday evening to go to work, and I haven't got a place yet, and I can't afford to be wasting time. If you can't do anything for me say so and I'll go. The only place where I can stop long is in the place where they pay me for it."

The merchant looked at the clock.

"When can you come?" he asked.

"I don't have to come," replied the youngster. "I'm here now, and I'd have been at work before this if you'd said so."

Half an hour later he was at it, and he's likely to have a job as long as he wants it.

The katydid illustrates that a pretty name does not always have a sweet voice.

DON'TS FOR A HOSTESS.

Don't fail to meet your guest. It is not pleasant to wait, either at a windy little country station or a crowded city one, harrowed by doubts as to whether you have arrived on the right day and how you will reach your destination.

However intimate you may be, always treat your friend as an honored guest, don't make her "at home" to such an extent as to acquaint her with all your little economies and the seamy side of your domestic life.

Don't forget to exercise forethought, so that when the cat steals the meat, or the milk turns sour, these accidents can be remedied quietly, instead of by profuse apologies or the cool remark, "Oh, I don't mind you at all." No one likes to give unnecessary trouble, but every one likes to be "minded."

Don't go into your guest's room during her toilet, and remark on the thinness of her arms, and ask if the trimming on her underclothes was expensive; and don't allow her room to be a playground for the children. A guest's room should be as sacred to herself as the innermost shrine of a temple.

Don't impose upon her good nature by inviting stupid people to spend the day, relying on her assistance to help you through with a disagreeable job.

Don't expect her to love and admire all your friends and relations. People's tastes differ greatly.

Don't, after achieving a masterpiece of cookery, be offended if your guest declines it. She knows much better than you do, what agrees with her. An irate hostess and the pangs of indigestion are the Scylla and Charybdis between which many an unhappy visitor has to steer.

And above all, don't go into her room on retiring and stay till all hours, talking on every imaginable subject. You will most likely tell her something you will afterwards regret speaking of, and in all probability she has had all she wishes of your society during the day and is longing to be alone.

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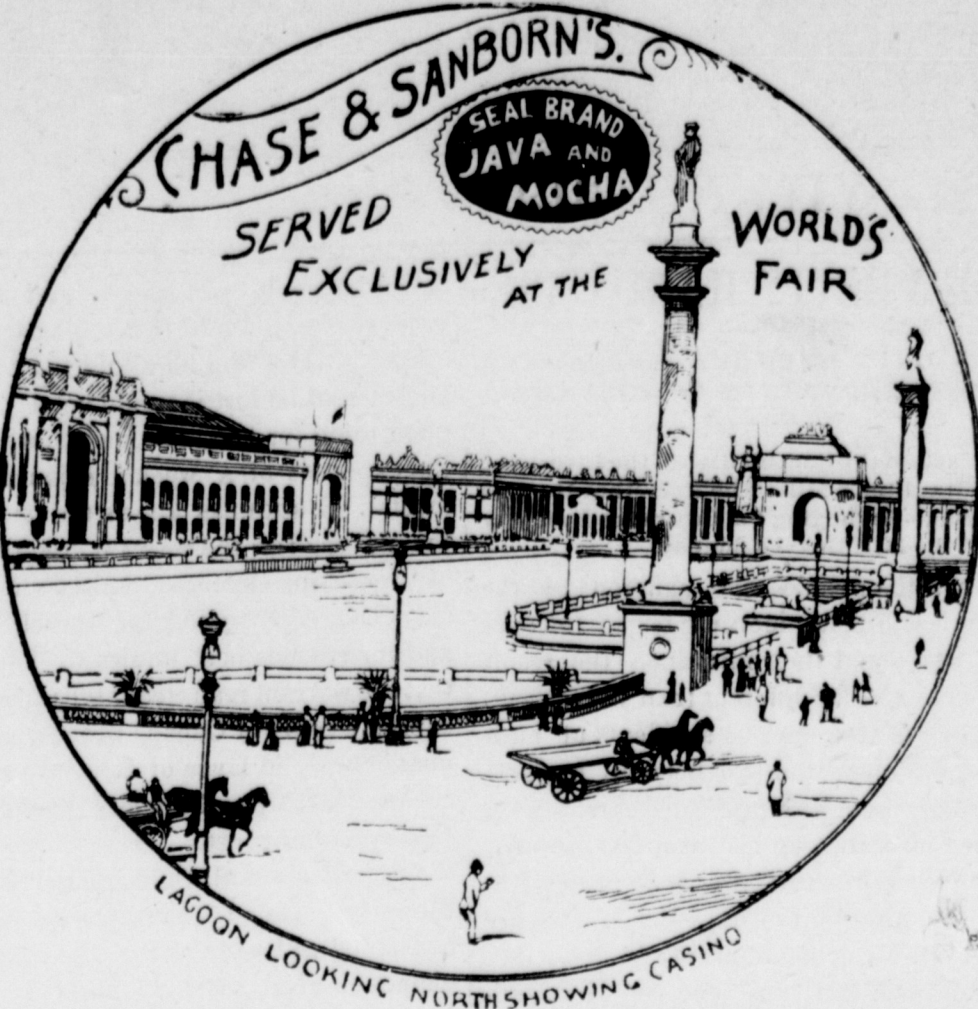
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