

AN INCURABLE FEVER.

IF ONCE CONTRACTED THE GOLD FEVER CAN'T BE CURED.

Tales of Men Who Have Sacrificed Home, Health and Happiness in the Search for Gold—The Fever can Never be Shaken Off—The Klondike's Victims.

Two men familiar with the history of the mining regions of the Rockies, this Alaska madness is no new thing, and of this the "White Cement Mine of Arizona" is a pertinent illustration.

In 1866 a tall old man, nearly naked and evidently mad, wandered into a mining camp at Nephi, in Utah, and was recognized as 'Old Tom White,' supposed long ago to have perished among the canyons of the Colorado. His wants were relieved, and then he produced a lump of what looked like white clay, flecked with gold, but it was hard as porphyry. A portion of it was crushed, and gave the startling essay of \$6000 per ton, and the entire camp took on a fit of lunacy. White was very feeble, but, kindly nursed, got strength enough to tell this story:

Six days' journey south he was prospecting on Virgin river. He camped for the night at the mouth of a small canyon, which he explored next morning and found that one side had fallen in disclosing a vast mass of this white cement. He had loaded himself with it, but lost his way, provisions gave out, and he could only pack this one lump into camp.

And now there came to his hearers, like a fever, a devouring greed for gold. White had been a successful adventurer in his time, and was well acquainted with the southern gold diggings; and this inspired confidence, and inside of five days 3000 men, led by a madman, struck out for the deserts of Arizona. Some had outfits, others carried nothing but the shovel and pan which were to secure the bonanza. The way led across a tireless, waterless desert under the fiery rays of an August sun. The most fortunate dropped out first. On the fifth day the survivors found themselves in a canyon, whose walls must have been shattered in some vast convulsion of primeval time. Huge blocks of stone lay heaped in wild confusion, and over these, crazed with thirst, they climbed until night. White seemed impervious to fatigue, but the others sunk to the ground to sleep, only to be awakened at daybreak by the crack of rifles. The deadly Apache had cut their trail, their guide had disappeared, never to be seen again among men, and a wild panic came to the others, and none could ever tell how they escaped. One Philadelphia, Thomas Caywood, made his way out. He died a few years ago, a watchman at Bromley's mills in Kensington, and he always asserted that for three days he was out of his mind, and wandered to safety by blind chance only.

Next came the 'Cœur d'Alene' boom in 1886, and this was the precursor of the opening of the northern diggings. In this year there came into a mining camp west of Bannock City, Montana, three men nearly exhausted. Three days before their food had given out, and they told a tale of frightful toil and suffering. Of course the resources of the camp were taxed to relieve them. They were reticent as to the region they came from, but when the leader McPherson, opened a deerskin bag that he had packed on his shoulders and displayed 40 pounds of shot gold, the camp went crazy, especially when it was found that the other two had 60 pounds between them.

McPherson said: 'Men, you have been good to us, and I'll tell all I know, but we went through hell to get this, and I would not go through it again for all the gold between this and Quebec. We three came from the Fraser river, south, and wintered in the Bitter Root mountains last year. The country is terrible. Narrow ravines with no outlet make travel almost impossible, for there are sometimes 40 in a mile, and you must go down one side and up the other. In winter the snow falls 50 feet, and so light and fleecy that one goes over head in it, and the least wind makes a blizzard, and this often lasts for weeks. We were 41 days getting out. But there is gold in the bottoms of the ravines to be shoveled up. It is \$500 a pan, and you don't need water, for there are more nuggets than gravel. We left 400 pounds behind that we could not pack.'

Mining had been poor for two years, the smelter making all the money, but here was an El Dorado to be won by strong arms and brave hearts, and every one went wild. The storekeepers lost their heads and sold outfits on credit and any reputable miner could get a 'grub stake' partner but it was significant that no inducement could tempt McPherson or his companions to get back in the winter. 'Wait till spring,' but there was no reason in the crowd, and soon there were thousands of men tramping through Helena bound for the Cœur d'Alene. Puny white-faced clerks, broad shouldered hardy '49ers' all frenzied by the thought of millions to be won.

When the summer came and the snow melted, the Bitter Root trail was a Golgotha graced with the bones of the gold

seekers. Those who survived came back broken down in health, but all won gold. But so rugged was the way that they could bring home only what they could carry. Orvil Pinney of Denver sent six parties of three each, men chosen for their hardihood and knowledge. Not one of these came back, nor was their fate ever known. It was estimated that not less than 4500 men perished on the Cœur d'Alene trail in the winter of 1887.

A year hence we shall have the record of the Klondike gold-seekers "to point a moral or adorn a tale."—Philadelphia Times.

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A Tragedy of the Lightning.

It has been an extraordinary year for thunderstorms in England as well as here, and a most unusual number of fatalities have resulted.

One of the most pathetic of them happened in Birkenhead, where a young man and his sweetheart, taking shelter under a great lime tree in a violent shower, were killed by a thunderbolt. The tree was curiously marked with a white, spear-like stroke pointing straight down to the spot where the young people stood. So great was the popular interest in the sad tragedy that it was found necessary, after the news got abroad, to station a policeman at the foot of the tree. Otherwise it would have been totally stripped of its bark—in spite of its great size—by the morbidly curious relic hunters.

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Blue Blood.

The origin of the term 'blue blood' is most suggestive. After the black Moors were driven out of Spain, the aristocracy of Spain was held to consist of those who traced their lineage back to the time before the Moorish conquest. These people were whiter than those who had been mixed with Moorish blood. The veins upon their hands were blue, while the blood of the masses, contaminated by the Moorish infusion, showed black upon their hands and faces. So the white Spaniards of the old race came to declare that their blood was 'blue,' while that of the common people was black. The phrase passed to France,

where it had no such significance, and was, in fact, quite arbitrary, and thence it came to England and America.

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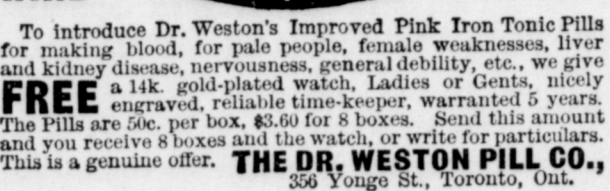
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There is not in this whole collection of quacking birds a single one which can claim a dark feather. Ten thousand strong they are, all as white as the driven snow, a remarkable circumstance considering the fact that not one of them ever had a bath. This duck farm at the south end of Chicago is not yet a single season old, and it bears the distinction of being the only rearing place for ducks in the United States which accomplishes its object without a pond filled with the birds' natural element. The ducks quack and grow fat and bring 25 cents a pound in the market, which is double the price at which water reared quackers are quoted. It is only fair to say, however, that no claim is made that absence of water increases the price of the bird. Their value is due to the fact that the ducks are of a peculiar strain and are sold when only ten weeks old.

There are at the farm several scores of old ducks which supply the eggs from which the young are raised. A few of the most likely of the offspring are set aside occasionally to be kept until maturity for egg-laying purposes. A corresponding number of the old ducks are disposed of. In about five years' time there will be ducks whose ancestors for ten generations have not known what it is to take a swim. The youngsters will then be taken to the vicinity of a pond of water to see it years of dry land habitation have changed the nature of the bird. If they flop their wings, quack and dig for the water like ducks of the present day scientists will or will not be disappointed, in accordance with the theories which they hold.—Chicago Times-Herald.

Do it Heartily.

The attentive services and helpful errands which boys can always find a chance for can be made doubly pleasing by a kind and loving manner. There is a grudging way of performing a service which spoils its value; and there is a gracious way of doing the same thing which has the heart in it. Help heartily like the gentleman in the incident given here.

A well-known gentleman of Boston was also visited by agents of benevolent causes for the reason that he was always ready to give. The writer once had occasion to call on him for a contribution to a college at the West. He was feeling discouraged from previous disappointments and, when he learned that the rich man was sick in his room, he was ready to leave. But he was invited to the sick room immediately. He found the gentleman propped up by cushions with his pocket-book in his hand. He greeted the agent with a smile.

'I saw that you were here for your good object, by a notice in the papers,' he said. I have been expecting you and have planned to give you a hundred dollars. When you can come another time, if I am alive, call again.'

When the agent left that room he was another man. The graceful way in which the gift had been made gave him courage to meet other men all the day. Let us do kindness heartily, boys!

A Pertinent Question.

If I had my life to live over' said the man who adopts a solemn tone, 'there are lots of mistakes that I wouldn't have made.'

'That's just like a man,' his wife rejoined 'Always discontented. Suppose you didn't make the same mistakes; have you any reason for supposing those you made in place of 'em would be a bit more satisfactory?'—Washington Star.

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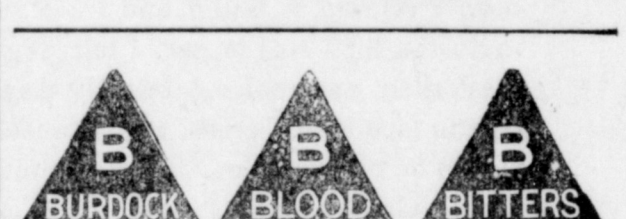


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