

## THE TRAMP BOULDER.

Remarkable Evidence of Glacial Influence in New Jersey.

Countless thousands of years ago vast stretches of glacial deposits came sliding across the State of New Jersey, mounted the Palisades, pushed their way across the Hudson River, scoured over Manhattan Island and slid into the Atlantic Ocean, whither they disintegrated and sank into the deep or perhaps glided on to the other ocean shore.

But in their onward march these glaciers left indestructible evidence of their grinding stride and to-day, all along the Palisades the trap rocks and boulders are worn smooth where the mountains of ice and sand passed them. In some rocks are deep scratches, all pointing eastward, and showing which way the glacial deposits drifted. There is the evidence mute but indisputable.

To the careful observer there are numberless other evidences of the presence of glacial influences in the past, but none are more convincing than the tramp boulder that has finally settled down in the woods in the heart of Englewood borough. There it sits, a towering mass of rock weighing perhaps two hundred tons, and resting upon three points which in themselves find a purchase on a flat rock that is part of and common to the character of rock which composes the Palisades. But, strangely enough, and to the wonderment of geologists, the tramp-boulder is red sandstone from the Jersey hills twenty-five miles inland, and the pedestal is metamorphic or soft granite.

Around this marvelous monument have grown trees that may, perhaps be a century old, and they have completely hedged it in; while the rock itself has stood where it stands today for thousands of years. On the pedestal, or that part of which is protected from the action of the elements, can be seen the deep ridges and scars made across the flat surface by the great grinding pressure of the body of ice and sand that passed over it countless years ago, when New York was ice and snow clad, and the world was a desolate waste in a state of chaos.

This tramp boulder has caused geologists much wonderment, and is regarded today as one of the finest specimens ever left in the wake of a glacier. It is equally astounding as though an explorer should find the hull of a steamboat in the Sahara desert. The only way it could get there would be through some great convulsion had landed it from the sea to the heart of the inland sands.—New York Journal.

## PAID HIS BILLS IN FIGHTS.

Whipped a Landlord and a Lawyer Until They Called It Even.

In relating a fight he once had with a man from Illinois, Mr. S. H. Piles, of Paducah, says: "At that time I lived in Smithland. W. P. Fowler was judge; I was sheriff; J. W. Code was clerk; Blount Hodge was there, Ben Barnes, Dr. Sanders, T. C. Leech, Judge Bennet, J. W. Bush, and many others of the old timers lived there then. I kept a hotel called the Waverly House. This man from Illinois put up with me. I gave him one of the best rooms. He stayed several days. I got uneasy about my bill and asked him for it. He said that I was in a h—l of a hurry, and that he would pay it whenever he got ready. I very foolishly told him that if he did not pay me right then I would take it out of his hide. He pulled off his coat and said he was ready to settle, and we went at it. We fought for some time, and I thought I had whipped him, but I am sorry to say that I was mistaken. He rested a short time and jumped on me again. When we fought out this round I again thought that I had him whipped, but alas! I was again mistaken, for he rested for a time and came at me again. By this time I was very tired of the fight. He got me down on the floor, and, after thinking about it for years, I think I was whipped. When he let me get up I told him he did not owe me a cent, and could stay at the Waverly House free of charge as long as he wanted to. This man from Illinois had a law-suit in our court, and David Greer was his lawyer. David had the suit in nice shape, and expected a big fee, but alas for David! This man from Illinois, flushed with victory after getting through with me, concluded to settle with David as he had with me. He went to David's office and told him he had settled his bill with Sam Piles, and now he was ready to pay him his fee in the same way. David got up out of his

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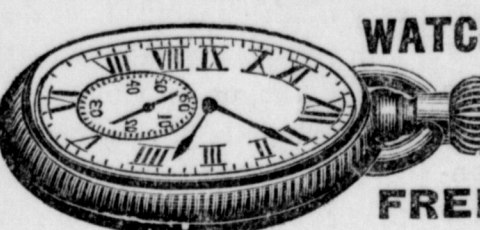
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## PROFITABLE POLITENESS.

Why it Paid to be Polite to a returned Klondyke man.

One of the best Klondyke stories thus far received comes from Seattle by way of the Post-Intelligencer. It is interesting, not to say exciting, and has the further merit of conveying an excellent lesson. The hero of it is Jimmy Brennan, ten years old, and son of Police-officer Brennan of Seattle. Here follows the story:

With several companions, Jimmy was standing on Yesler Way, when a stranger came along. He looked like a man who had just returned from a logging-camp.

"Boys," he said, "where is the Butler Hotel?"

"I'll tell you for a quarter," said one of Jimmy's companions.

"I'll show you where it is for ten cents," chimed in another.

"Say, I'll do it for five cents," remarked a third.

"Miester," said Jimmy, "I will point out the Butler to you for nothing."

"You're my man," said the rough looking stranger, and the two went down Yesler Way together, while Jimmy's companions stayed behind to call him a chump. Jimmy led the stranger to the Butler.

"Come in here," said the man, and he led the boy into a clothing store. "Give this boy the best suit of clothes in the house," said the stranger. Jimmy simply opened his mouth. Soon he had on a fine suit.

"Now give him an overcoat," said the stranger, and Jimmy's eyes tried to pop out of their sockets. The clerk adorned Jimmy with an overcoat.

"Now a hat," said the stranger, Jimmy wanted to cry. He thought it was Christmas time, and that he was by the side of a grate fire reading one of Anderson's fairy tales.

Soon he was arrayed in new hat, new suit, new overcoat. The stranger paid for all. Jimmy started out of the store. He was so bewildered that if several goblins had put in their appearance, he would have joined them in their fairyland festivities. "Just wait a minute," said the stranger Jimmy waited. If the stranger had said, "Go roll in the dust of the street," Jimmy would have done it.

The stranger went down in his pockets and closed his dealings with Jimmy by giving him a five-dollar gold-piece and a gold nugget worth about five dollars.

Then Jimmy thanked the stranger, and went off to tell his companions about the man to whom he showed the Hotel Butler for nothing.

The stranger was a Klondiker, supposed to be Patrick Galvin, who returned on the Rosalie Saturday night with a fortune estimated at about twenty thousand dollars. It pays to be polite. If you don't think so, ask Jimmy Brennan.

## OPHIR'S CHRISTMAS MAIL.

Why the Mail was so Long Delayed—a Patriotic Tale.

Recently, writes a letter from Denver, I was looking over the old mail pouches stored in the inspector's department of the Denver post-office, and on one of them I noticed a card tied near the rusty lock. On it was written, "This pouch was in a snow-slide on the dead carrier's back for twenty months, near Ophir."

Swan Nilson, a Swedish mail-carrier was the man who bore that pouch to his death. His route was from Silverton to Ophir, and on December 23, 1863, a terrible storm was raging in that part of the Rocky Mountains. Nilson's friends advised him not to attempt the trip, but he would not listen to their warnings.

"I mus' go he said. I haf many Christmas things in my pouch, and I not disappoint the good friends at Ophir. It will not be Christmas there unless Swan Nilson bring the mail."

So the brave carrier set forth, his mail-sack tightly strapped to his back, Norwegian snowshoes on his feet, and a long guiding-pole in his hand.

At Ophir the miners of the camp were waiting and longing for his appearance. Christmas eve came and went, while the storm raged fiercely in the mountains. The morning dawned clear and bright, but the faithful mail carrier did not come. Impatience changed to anxiety; search parties were organized and went out among the trails. There was nothing to be seen or heard of Nilson. The winter passed, and with the coming of summer the search for the lost carrier was renewed, and nothing could be learned of his fate. Another year rolled round, and during the summer another search party was organized.

On August 13, 1865, at the bottom of a snowslide, the picks and shovels of the searching party uncovered the body of Swan Nilson, and still strapped to his back was the old pouch with the Ophir Christmas mail.

## Could not run the Risk.

The Squire—By the way, Giles, I haven't seen you at church for some time; anything the matter?

Giles—Well, sir, it is like this: Last time I went I 'ad a penny an' a two shilling piece in my pocket; by mistake I put the two-shilling piece in the plate; and, wull, I shouldn't like it to happen again, sir.—London Sketch.



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