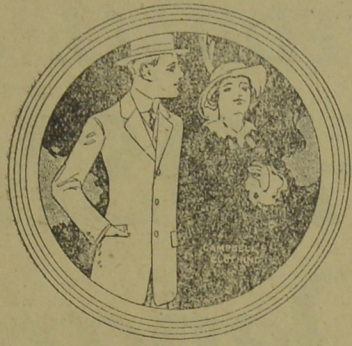




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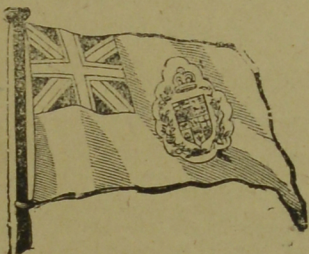
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Thousands of walrus used to be killed in Behring Sea and the Arctic Ocean every season for their oil and ivory, but owing to the abundance of oil now being produced from other sources, the walrus has not been hunted so much for that purpose as they were in former years. In years gone by the Eskimos delighted in adorning their weapons and shoeing their sleds with ivory before iron was introduced to them. Although the flesh of the walrus is not palatable to white men, it forms a staple food for the Eskimos. When the natives make a killing, they dry vast quantities of walrus flesh in the open air, and each family stores it away in an underground cache, to be used when other food is scarce. The Eskimos use the skin of the walrus to make their famous skin boats, and roofing for their houses. They also use the skin for making rope. The green hides are split to the desired thickness, and a strip is cut around and around the hide until it is several hundred feet in length. It is then stretched in the open air to dry. The Eskimos use the walrus hide rope in preference to the best Manila rope that is made. The natives of north-western Asia and Siberia use the entrails of the walrus to make raincoats. The cut of the garment is perhaps not very stylish, but the material is of the best; the membrane is tough, very light, and absolutely waterproof—very important consideration to the natives of that inclement country.

Skin Very Valuable

The tanned skin of the walrus is in great demand by silversmiths for polishing the surface of fancy metal. The green hide of the walrus is from two to three inches in thickness. The tanning of such a heavy hide generally occupies a year or more. For this purpose the thickest part of the skin is the most valuable. The soft and tough texture of the leather makes it particularly desirable for polishing all kinds of fancy metal work. For this purpose the hide is cut into circular shape, which makes a better wheel of solid leather. So far there has not been found a satisfactory substitute for this purpose.

Owing to their impenetrable habitat upon the ice, and the fact that the price of ivory is constantly going down, the walrus bid fair to withstand the ravages of commercialism. A new industry has sprung up, however, that makes a walrus skin as valuable as the skin of a far sea, and this is again making the walrus a very much-hunted animal. A London company is buying all the free walrus hides that can be produced. The young walrus skins and the thin parts of the big skins make finer suit cases and satchels than any other leather. For this purpose the walrus skin is split, and when properly tanned, the leather is remarkably pliable, and the grain rich and velvety.

To supply this demand, many power schooners outfit at Nome every spring to hunt walrus in Behring Sea and the Arctic Ocean. They take on crews of Eskimos, who are hired on shares, and receive as their quota the ivory and choicest cuts of the walrus meat, the owners taking the skins as their share.

Many Carcasses Lost

Notwithstanding that these hunters are good marksmen, a very large percentage of the walrus that are shot are not recovered. The walrus are very hard to kill. If there is any life left in them they will wriggle off the ice into the sea and sink in a very short time. A dozen bullets may be fired into the body of a walrus and not have the desired effect. Practically its only vulnerable spot is the brain which is situated about eight inches behind its eyes, and about three inches from the top of its head. This, of course, is no easy mark to hit especially if the hunters are sitting in a boat, for the walrus are mostly found upon ice floes that can only be approached by a small boat. With this precarious and wasteful shooting a great many walrus are wounded and rolling off the ice to sea, and are lost.

The stunts that frequently come up on Behring Sea wash the reds of these carcasses up on the shores of Siberia and Alaska. The ivory is usually recovered by the natives, but the flesh and the skin are generally decomposed beyond the stage of usefulness—Rot and Gun.

Proving the Gyroscope

The university of Paris has installed an electrically driven gyroscope of great power for experimental purposes.

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The basis of successful and profitable farming is a fertile soil. Nature's way is to return to the soil just as much as is taken from the soil. The leaves of the forest trees fall to the ground immediately beneath, carrying back the fertility extracted through the roots. The grasses of the prairie rot back each year, and the rich prairie soil is the result.

The pioneer refused to learn from nature. He took liberally from the bounty of the earth, but returned nothing. At first he harvested splendid crops. Ultimately nature shut down on him, and to-day we find ourselves obliged to return to nature's ways in our treatment of the land. First and above all things, we must maintain the fertility of our soils. The dairy farm on which the crops raised are consumed on the farm and returned to the soil, is going a long way towards maintaining the balance of fertility. The dairyman who buys concentrated feeding stuffs in addition for the feeding of his herd, may actually enrich the soil—Farm and Dairy.

Navigation on the Osage.

One of the very crookedest streams anywhere is the Osage river in Missouri. In that region they tell of a farmer living on the banks of that river who had a small flatboat, which, one day, he loaded with produce and floated down to market, six miles away. He exchanged the produce for goods at one of the stores and loaded his goods in the flatboat.

"How are you going to get your stuff home, Bill?" asked a friend. "Got a steamboat to tow you back?" "I am going to float it back," was the response.

"How are you going to do that? I don't understand." "I guess you don't know much about this river. It doubles on itself just below here and runs back to within less than a quarter of a mile of my place. I've got a landing on both banks, and a team of horses that can drag the boat over from one landing to the other."

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Zossima, speechless, dying, rose and blest
His kneeling flock, the mundane men
of worth;
But to one youth he bowed him to
the earth—
Mitya, whom now the frolic rogues
possess;
For light from some new life made
manifest

A sleeping sorrow in that soul of mirth,
A travail and a sacramental birth,
A door flung open and a sudden Guest.

Ah, so dear sons of Britain, you that cry
Gay on the march: "Are we down-
hearted? No!"
Your lives flung down lest liberty
should die—
Mirth crowns with majesty your sor-
row so
That I, grown old before the Ten-
on woe,
Bow my gray head as when the
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