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An Old Norwich Custom.

An ancient custom is still in force at Norwich, England, in virtue of which on three days in the year any one can claim a substantial meal for nothing. The only qualification is that the applicants shall repeat aloud in St. Giles's church a prayer for the sovereign's health. Afterward they partake of a meal of broth, beef and bread, finished off with a liberal allowance of beer.

Industrial Accidents.

Out of every 10,000 workpeople about seven are killed per year by industrial accidents. In the case of seamen the number killed per thousand is about sixty-two.

Squeaking Boots.

Squeaky boots are a great annoyance, but fortunately the evil can be remedied. Stand the boots in a dish and pour round them boiled linseed oil sufficient to cover the soles. Let them remain for twenty-four hours. If one application does not remove the annoyance repeat the process.

Asbestos.

As asbestos comes from the mine it is of a greenish hue and the edges are frayed with loose fibers. The more nearly white asbestos is the better its grade. The length of fiber is also of great importance, the longest being the most valuable.

Chinese Implement Gods.

Every Chinese implement has its deity. There is a god of knives, another of spades, another of hatchets, another of swords. Every kind of animal has its deity. One god presides over the cattle, another over the sheep, another over the dogs and another over the deas that devour the dogs.

London's Open Spaces.

The open spaces of London measure twenty-one and one-half square miles. The aggregate cost each year of the maintenance of the parks is less than a quarter of a million sterling.

Coffee in Greenland.

Coffee takes the place of liquor as a stimulant in Greenland owing to the fact that the Danish government will not allow the importation of liquors for consumption by the Eskimos. The Eskimo has such a thirst for coffee that he will go to extremes to get it. He never tires of drinking it so long as the supply holds out.

Gottschalk's Memory.

Gottschalk, the pianist, claimed to be able to play from memory over 6,000 compositions. They comprised music of every school.

The Earliest Home of Cricket.
About fourteen miles from Southsea, England, there still stands the old fashioned wayside inn with the sign of the Bat and Ball. This humble tavern was the earliest home and nursery of cricket. It was the gathering place of the famous Hambledon club, which flourished in the last half of the eighteenth century.

Orders of the Swan.

There are two Orders of the Swan—one in Flanders and the other a private order in Prussia.

A Four Years' Drought.

In 954 a drought began in Europe lasting four years. The summers were intensely hot, and the famine prevailed everywhere. Three million died of hunger.

"Old Dog Tray."

"Old Dog Tray" was in its time one of Foster's most popular songs, 120,000 copies being sold in eighteen months. It was written in the back room of a combined grocery and grogshop in New York city and was immediately sold by the author to a firm of publishers that made a fortune from its sale.

Spain's Hunchbacks.

Spain has more hunchbacks than any other country. In some of the villages of the Sierra Moderna 7 per cent of the people are deformed in this way.

Good Metal Polish.

A good metal polish may be made as follows: Take half a pound of powdered rottenstone, one pound of soft soap and one quart of soft water. Boil all together for half an hour and then set in this for use. Apply with a flannel and polish with soft rags.

Domestic Service in Brazil.

In Brazil servants will not sleep in the house in which they work, as a rule, but expect to leave at 7 at night and not return till 7 or 8 the next day. As a result some houses have a pane of glass in one of the windows taken out, through which the baker and the milkman pass their goods on their early morning rounds without troubling a member of the family to get up and open the door.

England's Oldest Drug Store.

The oldest chemist's shop in England is said to be at Knaresborough, a quaint old Yorkshire town. The earliest date to which it can be traced back is 1720, but how much older than that it may be cannot be ascertained.

London's Lady Mayoress.

The lady mayoress of London can appoint maids of honor and a train-bearer, and she has her own private state carriage and four. At the lord mayor's procession if she comes direct from her country residence a guard of honor is sent to meet her and to escort her to join in the pageant.

A Vatican Manuscript.

In the Vatican library there is a treatise on dragons, a manuscript in a single roll 300 feet long and a foot wide; the material of which is said to be the tanned intestine of a great dragon.

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A BLUE STONE ROMANCE

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How Her Royal Highness Came to Figure in Geology—Marble Sodalite and Statuary Marble of Bancroft Township Add One More to the World's Luxuries—The Economic Side.

Little Bancroft village, up by the rock-built little York River in Bancroft Township, County of Hastings, has given birth to a geological romance. The chief figure in this interesting episode is the Princess of Wales. The other leading characters are Messrs. Charles Allom and John Duven, of London, and Mr. Thomas Morrison, of Aberdeen. The kernel of the romance, almost after the fashion of the philosopher's stone, is a certain precious blue stone called sodalite, with at least three kinds of marble.

From these curious conjunctions it happens that at present three miles from the village of Bancroft there are strange new quarries, with horses and men at work clearing off the land, in and about the village. £1,500 has been spent in a few months, and to Toronto at the end of last week came two English gentlemen, bubbling over with a tale of adventure, that promises to create a new industry in Canada, says The News.

The two gentlemen were Messrs. Allom and Duven. Mr. Allom is the active partner in the well-known firm of White & Allom, of London, the leading decorators in the British Empire. Mr. John Duven is the leading member of the celebrated firm of Duven Brothers, London and New York, known to the Anglo-Saxon world as the leading high art dealers in the British Empire.

Four days ago these gentlemen were plying roughshod over the granite hills and the knee-deep marshes of Bancroft Township. Five nights ago with Mr. Morrison, their geologist, and the picturesque old settler, Gaebel, who lives all alone in the hills, they were rambling under a moonless sky with a farmer's lantern in a last search for a mountain of white marble. They found it before daylight. Consequently Mr. Allom telegraphed to cancel his berth on the S. S. Philadelphia, missed his train out of Bancroft, and almost by accident dropped off at Toronto for a few hours, where these interesting explorers were interviewed.

On a table lay several bits of blue, white and green rock. Mr. Allom picked up a dark blue chip and held it up to the light.

"We shall call it the Royal Victoria lapis lazuli," he said. "So far as is known, there is no other deposit in the world just like it. It came from the Township of Bancroft, not far from Madoc. That stuff will polish like a diamond. Pay a visit to Mr. Pierpont Morgan soon and you shall see a border of it round his new library. At Marlborough House you shall see it. As for ornaments, beautiful buttons, umbrella handles, and all such, it is simply a new sensation."

"The Princess will simply be delighted when she sees our box of specimens," added Mr. Allom. "Yes, we have christened our quarry the Princess Quarry and our company the Princess Quarry Co."

"The story dates back to the time when the Princess, then the Duchess of Cornwall and York, visited Canada. While in Montreal, Mr. Reid there presented her with about thirty beautiful, polished stones—blue, green, and white. They had been got by Mr. William, the Dominion geologist, and polished by him. Two years ago the Princess sent for me, as I had been doing the decorations of Marlborough House. 'Mr. Allom,' she said, 'if these stones came from Hastings County, in Ontario, why cannot more be found like them? Why cannot a new Canadian industry be established, employing skilled Canadian labor polishing these stones for England?'"

It now began to be evident what the Princess of Wales had to do with this romance. Just another case of womanly intuition getting ahead of science, even in a commercial proposition. For the best part of a century the blue and white rocks in Hastings county have been dotted with settlers. They raised cattle that browsed and grazed on the sodalite. And one day, according to legend, a settler's cow slipped on a rock. The hoof left a long blue mark in the light soil. Afterwards a geologist, studied the formation, and for a little while the settlers talked about it. But it was neither gold nor diamonds, and the nine days wonder ceased. Certainly it would not have been revived but for the practical intuition of the Princess.

"The upshot of it was," continued Mr. Allom, "that the Princess handed the whole collection over to me to exploit. Four months afterwards I met Mr. Thomas Morrison, a quarrying expert of Aberdeen, who had done contracts for me. 'Morrison,' I said, showing him a bit of that common white marble, 'what do you think of that?'"

"He looked at it hard. 'Let me have that,' he said. He pocketed it. Shortly afterward he came to me with a proposal to go to Canada. 'I want to discover that white marble formation,' he said. 'There's building material in that. Find enough of it, and we can oust the quarries of Belgium!'"

"Pity we couldn't oust the quarries of Carrara, too," said I. "That means to find statuary marble."

"However, not to be prolix, Morrison came out here in the beginning of last year at my expense. He went up to the village of Bancroft, hired a room at the Bancroft House, and started on his pilgrimage over the rocks in that wild country, saying little but thinking much: chipping off specimens of blue and white stone; saving them up. Between Toronto, Ottawa and Bancroft he put in eight months, consulting here with Mr. Chadwick our solicitor, in Ottawa with the Geological Department. He returned to England with a report, and his specimens. Mr. Duven, his brother, and myself, got together."

"We sent Morrison out again last March with his wife. They went up to Bancroft. In three weeks after their arrival they built a house right on the edge of a quarry, and moved into it before it was done. Mr. Morrison bought properties and got options on

more. Some of the farmers were disposed to hang on. Old man Gaebel sold us 600 acres, and encouraged other men to sell out also. In a short while Mr. Morrison was able to go ahead. He bought horses and hired men; built a blacksmith shop and started in to do some quarrying."

But the most absorbing episode in the narrative, aside from the discovery of the marvelous mountain of blue sodalite, was the story of how these gentlemen discovered the hill of white marble, isolated bits of which had already been located by Mr. Morrison. Mr. Allom had already booked his passage back to England, but determined to have one more quest for white marble. They might even yet find the statuary marble deposits that would sidetrack the quarries of Carrara in Italy, the only known source of the world's statuary marble.

Only one night remained. They took it. The three men with old man Gaebel as a guide started out. This was last Wednesday night, with not the glint of a moonbeam and the wildest tramp ever taken by the old settler, who had been on those hills forty years. And after they had tramped till long past midnight they located a continuous ridge of white marble, returning with tired legs and great joy to the Gaebel homestead.

The next day they made further explorations. The result was that for the first time in the history of the world they discovered signs that down beneath the white building marble of the surface lay a huge deposit of the finest statuary marble, as good as any in the quarries of Carrara. Leaving Mr. Morrison to look after the claim, Messrs. Allom and Duven came on to Toronto to confer with their solicitors.

"Now," concluded Mr. Allom, after he had displayed pieces of sea-green marble and a piece of amethyst all from Bancroft, "what does this discovery of white statuary marble mean? It means that whereas now sculptors have to pay £4 a cubic foot for Carrara marble, they can get it from Canada at \$1 a foot. It means that where a block large enough for a statue costs now £335, it can be got from Canada for one-quarter that amount. And we expect that the new statue of her late Majesty will yet be made of Bancroft marble from the County of Hastings. As for the marble sodalite that is already a Canadian monopoly. In course of time we shall quarry, polish and design these stone right in Canada, employing Canadian labor, and we shall ship not only abroad, but to the United States, if the duty does not prevent us. As for the white and green building marble, that can be quarried cheap in paying quantities, although, of course, labor is dearer here than in Belgium. The only other sources of the ordinary granite sodalite are Bulgaria and a ridge in the north of Maine. We have water power on our properties, but we have already negotiated in Toronto for steam engines which will be shipped at once. We shall both of us be back in August to go over the property again."

And so ended the rambling, romantic story of how the Princess of Wales initiated, by her womanly intuition what promises to develop into one of the most distinctive and world-renowned industries of this colony, as well as a further link in the chain of Imperialism.

Bernier's Temptation.

Captain Bernier will have a Government ship in which to sail the Arctic Sea—but only to patrol the Canadian coast and put down smuggling. The captain will be under a terrible temptation to break away and make a dash for the Pole.—Hamilton Herald.



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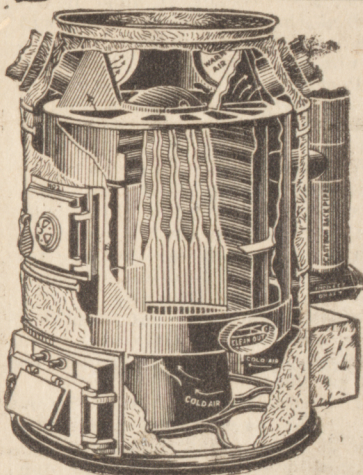
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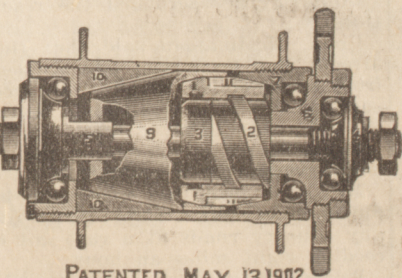
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