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ALASKAN SCENERY.
FEATURES OF THE PASSAGE FROM WASHINGTON NORTHWARD.
The Beautiful Bay Dotted With Icebergs, Grandest of All Being Muir Glacier. The Magnificence of Mount St. Elias, Giant Sentinel of the Rockies.
In making the voyage northward from Seattle one has scarcely left the waters of Puget sound before great patches of snow are perceptible on the highest peaks of the colossal range of mountains bordering the inland passage. These gradually grow larger and larger as the steamer winds her way to the north, and soon the loftiest peaks, both inland and toward the sea, are seen robed in glistening garments of pure white. Two days' travel brings one well into Alaskan waters, and by the aid of a good glass and not infrequently with the naked eye a close observer will discern the blue ice of glaciers creeping from under the lower edges of the snow banks. Lower and lower these descend as the steamer crawls onward, until the northernmost point on the route is reached, where they come down to the ocean level. Here, in a beautiful little bay, dotted with 1,000 icebergs, some of them high as the tallest mountains of the world, great walls of deep blue ice form the shores, long arms of this ice break from the mother lode, as it were, and stretch far back into the mountains, where at the crest of the range they reunite, and, running northward, form into a continuous chain of glaciers that line that portion of Alaska's coast for many hundred miles.
This little fairyland is called Glacier bay, and the most attractive feature is the Muir glacier, the grandest of all the great glaciers in the world. It is named in honor of Mr. John Muir, who upon the last excursion of the Queen again visited the bay and beheld the mountain of ice which will perpetuate his name while time lasts. In matchless beauty, unparalleled grandeur and colossal structure it surpasses anything of its kind on the American continent. This great mass is constantly moving, and as it debouches into the sea huge pieces break from the front, and, as thunderbolts from heaven, they drop into the waters, rolling up great waves and making a noise like the booming of heavy artillery. These pieces float away as icebergs and are carried many miles to sea before they finally are ground and melted into their original fluid state.
Visible to the north and west, fronting on the sea, are among the grandest peaks on the globe—Lituya peak, 10,000 feet high; Mount Crillon, 15,900 feet; Mount Fairweather, 14,708 feet; thence farther north sublime Mount St. Elias, the giant sentinel of the Rockies, towers nearly 20,000 feet above the ocean that thunders at its base. This impressively grand is the hoary-headed monster, for every foot of his sides is in mountain slope! He bathes his brow in the clouds and washes his feet in the sea. No human being has ever planted foot on the summit of this mountain, although various attempts have been made by hardy explorers. Lying between the sea and the base of the mountain, perhaps three-quarters of a mile in width, is a level and thickly timbered piece of land. From this beach the mountain rises gradually to the timber line, approximately 1,000 feet. Here the line of perpetual snow begins and the slope grows gradually steeper. Soon the blue ice is seen under the snow, and a little farther up the entire face of the mountain is a glistening mass. This ice extends to within 5,000 feet of the summit, where the crowning peak rises nearly perpendicular and assumes the form of a lofty watch tower upon the walls of an ancient castle. Snow and ice do not lie on the peak, except on the extreme top, for the reason that the sides are too steep. Probably only by aerial means could the summit be reached, and even if that were possible, it is doubtful if any human being could survive the terrible cold which would be encountered in that great altitude. This mountain is held in great esteem and awe by the native Indian tribes. It is their great weather prophet, and by certain cloud signs they know when they can with safety undertake the journey along the "ironbound coast," a dangerous stretch of water running from Cape Spencer northward to Yakutat bay, along which distance the mountains break sheer into the sea.
The entire length of the inland passage, 1,100 miles, is heavily timbered with spruce, hemlock, pine and both yellow and red cedar. Great avalanches of snow have swept down the mountains here and there, and in their track long streaks of timber have been mowed down as a sickle would so much ripe grain. At intervals Indian villages dot the shores, resting most picturesquely upon narrow shelves just at the edge of tidewater. These nomads of the northwest spend two-thirds of their lives out of doors in their canoes, which are their only means of travel, and with which they obtain their livelihood from the sea. Throughout the entire stretch of country travel by land is almost impossible, owing to the dense timber and underbrush that cover the entire surface.
To the disciples of Isak Walton these inland waters and their tributaries offer everything from the small oolichans and herring to monster halibut, sharks and whales. The shores of innumerable bays will be found by the hunter to contain myriads of ducks, geese and other water fowl. In the forests he will meet moose, caribou and bears in sufficient numbers to satisfy the most ardent, and the Alpine climber who has ascended the Matterhorn can here find mountain peaks whose summits have never yet felt the touch of an alpenstock.—Alaska News.

CHINESE CONJURERS.
People Supposedly Cut to Pieces and Then Put Together Again.
The court jugglers in the time of Kublai Khan made it appear to those who looked on as if dishes from the table actually flew through the air. One of the travelers who visited the regions of which Marco visited us some account says, "And jugglers cause cups of gold to fly through the air and offer themselves to all who list to drink." And Ibn Batuta, a Moor who visited Cathay a century after, gives this account of a similar incident:
"That same night a juggler who was one of the king's slaves made his appearance, and the emperor said to him, 'Come and show us some of your marvels.'" Upon this he took a wooden ball, with several holes in it, through which long things were passed, and, laying hold of one of these, slung it into the air. It went so high that we lost sight of it altogether. It was the hottest season of the year, and we were outside in the middle of the palace court. There now remained only a little of the end of a string in the juggler's hand, and he desired one of the boys who assisted him to lay hold of it and hold it steady. He did so, climbing by the string, and we lost sight of him also. The juggler then called to him three times, but getting no answer he snatched up a knife as if in a great rage, laid hold of the string and disappeared also. By and by he threw down one of the boy's hands, then a foot, then the other hand and then the other foot, then the trunk and last of all the head. Then he came down himself, all puffing and panting, and with his clothes all bloody, kissed the ground before the emperor and said something to him in Chinese. The emperor gave some order in reply, and our friend then took the lad's limbs, laid them together in their places and gave a kick, when presto! there was the boy, who got up and stood before us. All this astonished me beyond measure, and I had an attack of palpitation like that which overcame me once before in the presence of the sultan of India when he showed me something of the same kind. The Kazi Karahuddin was next to me, and quoth he: "Walsh, 'tis my opinion there has been neither going up nor coming down, neither marring or mending. 'Tis all hococus pocus."—Noah Brooks in St. Nicholas.

MODERN PRISONS.
Their Very Improvements Are What Drive Back the Convicts.
The official belief is that there is little or no prison mad insanity. Prison doctors are keenly alive to the possibility of shamming, and they hesitate to admit that there is any flaw in the system for the administration of which they are so largely responsible. Still the fact remains that the ratio of insanity in prisons has exactly doubled since 1877.
The admitted general increase of insanity is not sufficient to account for this startling fact. Prison discipline is now more mechanical, and therefore more depressing. The very improvements in the respect "take the heart out of a man." It is probable that prisoners were far happier in the old unimproved prisons, when they herded together and had companionship of a kind.
An expert witness who had passed four and twenty years in jail told the prison committee some startling things from the convict's point of view. The rules, he said, are too minute for human observance, and some men are totally unable to bear the strain of them. A man may be reported for knocking something over in his cell, though it may be by pure accident. The name for this offense is "unnecessary noise." As the poor wretches walk their weary round in the exercise yard one may fall out of step and thus throw the others out. The first offender or the last—any one, in fact, on whom the warden's eye happens to fall—is liable to punishment for this mischance.
In this way the convict gradually acquires an expression that never leaves him—the round the corner glance of a being who dreads a tyrant on the pounce. We want a new Howard if the system is only half as bad as it is said to be by those who have best reason to know.—London News.

Hot Bread Fad.
"Do you know," asked a policeman, "what that crowd of young society people is doing at the bakery over there?"
It was just before midnight in the west end, and a group of young folk had gone, chatting merrily, into the door of a large bakery.
"They will wait there," continued the breadcoat, "until the first batch of bread is taken out of the oven, which occurs about 12 o'clock. The bread loaves seem to be getting all the rage among the swell set, for every night about this time I see group after group go up to the door of the bakery and procure the freshly baked bread, so hot that it scorches the paper. They take it to their homes, and there it is eaten with plentiful spreading of butter and preserves. To be thoroughly enjoyed it must not be cut, but pulled apart with the fingers."—Washington Times.

Wellington on the Defeat at Ligny.
Next morning Wellington was conversing with General Bowles when a staff officer drew up, his horse flecked with foam, and whispered the news of Ligny. Without a change of countenance, the commander said to his companion: "Old Blucher has had a good licking, and gone back to Wavre, 18 miles. As he has gone back, we must go too. I suppose in England they will say we have been licked. I can't help it; as they have gone back, we must go too."—William M. Sloane in Century.

An Innocent.
She—Am I the first girl you ever kissed?
He (surprised)—Why, no, I have three sisters.—Somerville Journal.
Sorry to Disappoint.
After the prospective tenant had told all that she expected to get in a \$30 flat the agent sadly shook his head.
"Even if we were permitted to sublet the earth," he said, "we wouldn't dare let one tenant have it all."—Chicago Post.

Taken on a Jump.
He—Don't you think people are very silly in the honeymoon?
She—Oh, this is sudden, but I can tell you better after our honeymoon.—Detroit Free Press.

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We have for years been acknowledged as leaders in the respective lines that we handle any it is our purpose to continue leading.

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This department has been selected with unusual care and our stock is not only varied and large, but a lady can find the very latest fabrics with the necessary trimmings to match.
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Cassimeres and Jeans.
This line we carry in large quantities and can say with safety that no where south of Baltimore can you get a better value for your money.

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Every buyer is invited to examine our line of Ladies', Misses' and Children's Hose, Handkerchiefs, Buttons, Towels, Dollies and other articles too numerous to mention.
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We can say without fear of successful contradiction that we have the most complete line that can be found anywhere.

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Yours, &c.,

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Now if you have 16 children or 1 it will pay you to call and see us. We make it a study. **SHOES EXCLUSIVELY.**
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And buyers will do themselves an injustice, if they fail to see us before making their winter purchases. It is impossible to do justice in the limited space allowed us, to the different departments of our store, and we feel that we are well enough known in the territory tributary to Sumter, not to require us to enter into a detailed description of it. Our annually increasing business has warranted us in buying
The Largest Stock We Have Ever Bought
And should we be so fortunate as to enjoy as liberal a patronage from our friends this season as we have in the past we will have no reason to regret our purchases.

Our buyer paid particular attention to the purchase of Hosiery,
Having bought in all nearly **10,000 Pairs**
In which there are some excellent values.
We would call particular attention to one case, 750 pairs, of Misses' Narrow Ribbed, full regular made, at 10c per pair. These are regular 15c to 20c goods.
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OUR DRY GOODS STOCK Is Complete in Every Department.
Our line of Dress Goods at 25c per yard in all-wool fabrics, are worthy of special mention. Will be pleased to send samples on application.

BLANKETS.
Those who were fortunate enough to secure a pair of our celebrated all-wool Tarheel's last year will bear testimony as to their worth, but they are better made this season, and our large contract for them warrants us in selling them at \$3.90 per pair. If these are too dear we will sell you a pair from 45c up.

CAPEES.
Well we have a few of them, about 1,000 we should say, and the lady who buys without seeing our stock will have cause to regret it, for she will pay more money. We can sell a good Beaver Cloth in black or navy, neatly trimmed in fur and braid for One Dollar—goods that sold last season from \$2.00 to \$2.50.

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Our stock in this line is better than ever. We carry no shoddy shoes. Every pair is warranted solid or money refunded.
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Judging from the way our tables are piled we must expect to do some business in this line. If your boy wants a suit we have them from 65c up. If your husband wants a suit we have them from \$2.00 up. Our all-wool black Cheviot at \$4.50 cannot be duplicated for less than \$6.50.

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- 25 Child's Suits, all-wool, \$2.50, \$3.50 and \$4.00, to be sold at \$2.00.
- 55 Men's black Cheviot Suits, worth \$5.00 to be sold at \$4.25.
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In Fine Clothing we lead, both as to style and price.
We are agents for the Neptune Antipluv Water-proof suits for Men, Boys and Children. Remember, we wont be undersold by anybody, and you can count on getting Genuine Bargains in our stores.

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