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TO RAISE OLD HULKS.

A HOPE FOR TREASURE-HUNTERS WHO KNOW OF GOLD-LADEN GALLEONS.

All who have read Edgar Allen Poe's famous "Gold Bug" will understand why the pursuit of hidden gold or sunken treasure exercises a strange witchery over man's minds, says a writer in the New York Times. At the mention of Captain Kidd's long-lost treasure, of the coffers of gold buried by Neil Low, of the wealth of jewels yet reputed to be hidden beneath some lofty palm on Cocos Island, whither the buccaneers never returned to claim their ill-gotten plunder, or of the silver ships sunk beneath the deep blue waters of the Spanish Main, even the most practical of mankind will indulge in visions.

Hardly a year passes, therefore, without some new attempt to drag to light trophies of buccaneer or pirate, or to recover the wealth contained in sunken ships. The waters of the East River have been sounded for the treasure of the Hussar, and the sands of Long Island, Gardner's Island and adjacent shores prodded and turned up for the cached ingots of Kidd's lawless expeditions. The Caribbean sea has been searched over and over for plunder stored away by the bloody Morgan, and the shores of British Honduras explored by sanguine later-day searchers after buried millions.

The expectations of those who believe in the existence of buccaneers' and pirates' hoards have hitherto been so constantly disappointed that skeptics incline to the opinion that the accumulated treasures of the sea rovers exist only in the imagination of the needy and romantic. Those of scant faith hint that the men who sailed and fought under the black flag were of the class defined by Thackeray as the "getting and spending" as opposed to the "getting and keeping" scoundrel, and that after a successful cruise they drank and caroused till they had hardly enough left to fit them out for a fresh marauding expedition.

More practical by far than the quest of gold and jewels torn from murdered and tortured captives is that of sunken treasure ships. This species of venture has the prestige of occasional good fortune. The great sunken ship in the Caribbean sea connected by the inventor of the diving-bell helped him to found a noble family.

Still, even in marine treasure seeking the venture failed as a rule, generally proving either unsuccessful altogether or unremunerative when the cost of the apparatus employed was taken into consideration. But if there be any truth in a reported discovery which a German chemist claims to have made, marine treasure hunters may expect to enter upon wealth even beyond the dream of avarice. By this new method all modern contrivances for raising ships, the steam pumps, diving bells, sub-marine telescopes and other mechanical apparatus may be cast aside as useless. The most ingenious engineering devices, it is believed, will be entirely eclipsed by a product of the chemist's laboratory—carbonic acid gas. This gas, it seems, is capable of being reduced to a liquid state by subjecting it to an immense pressure, which, being removed, lets the gas again assume its gaseous form.

Now, this German chemist, named Bethmann, was forcibly struck with the use that might be made of this fact in raising sunken vessels and recovering treasures lost in the deep. Some time ago he had advanced sufficiently far with his application of the discovery to test its efficiency in deep water on a large block of granite. Having been sunk in the harbor, a silver was sent down to attach to the block can iron box containing liquefied carbonic acid gas. The box, which has five pipes provided with faucets, w a, it is stated, inclosed in canvas, folded like a balloon. The diver then opened the faucets, leaving the gas to inflate the canvas with the liquefied carbon, which resumed its normal gaseous form as fast as it was relieved from the pressure of the iron box. A few minutes after this had been done, report says, the upper portion of the canvas (the gas being lighter than the water but heavier than the air) slowly rose to the surface, carrying attached below the granite block, just as any regular balloon carries its car.

According to the opinion of experts, Herr Bethmann's discovery and its application will mark a new era in the history of marine treasure seeking. For ages people have known the precise spots where there have been great wrecks, where argosies of the rich merchants of Genoa and Venice, or Spanish galleons laden with the precious produce of the mines and river sands of Mexico and Peru had struck on reefs and foundered. Indeed, the unfathomed caves of ocean and the shore waters which may be fathomed are full of all the relics of old times that Clarence saw in his vision.

Marine treasure hunting is a sport more romantic by far than that of the desecration of graves on dry land. We may not know much about the dead who are buried with their wealth, but we are sure that they meant it to remain undisturbed. The original owners of the gold and silver and precious stones that strew the bottom of the deep had just the opposite intention. They wanted to throw their commodities upon an open market. Is it not a pious effort that would fulfil this desire?

Judged by legend and history, the Spaniards seem to have endowed the Nereids with the greatest number of unwilling gifts. Their plated fleets and treasured galleons are scattered on every coast from Cape Horn to Tiree, from the Hebrides and Orkneys to Vigo Bay. Storms seem to have been English in the days of Spanish supremacy in America, just as Providence, according to Alison, was Tory at the beginning of the century. "Afflavit Deus et Dissipantur" was the motto of the English sailors at that time. The galleons of the Armada are still the dismal graves of many on the wild shores of Ireland and of the Western Highlands. Americans and Englishmen have not forgotten the reefs and narrows where galleons went down. Local tradition has in many places marked the precise spot.

If this new way of raising vessels should ever be brought to bear with good results, perhaps the question of the Spanish plate ships which the English sunk in Vigo Bay—and, what is more to the purpose, whether the silver is still on board—will be definitely settled. There can be no doubt as to the ships; but though it seems almost a pity to shake an ancient belief, the chances that the silver is elsewhere—perhaps in circulation—are very strong. No one knows what has become of it or who the lucky people were that recovered it, and if it is, perhaps, not absolutely certain that there was any to recover. These facts may have been known to many generations of disappointed treasure-seekers; but if they knew they have kept the secret to themselves. This is natural enough: no one likes to proclaim his own failure. No one is sorry to see others fall into the trap which deceived himself. The inventor in the story who fell into a marsh on the further side of the fence held his tongue and soon had plenty of company. In the same way one may fancy successive sets of explorers of Vigo Bay, or of any other point where treasure is believed to have been lost, grinning over the hopes of sanguine successors. Some years ago a French company began operations and declared, or is said to have declared, that it found articles of silver plate. The great war or some other good reason made it doubt from its enterprise.

Wonderful stories have come up from the Caribbean Sea of wealth brought to the surface there, while eding searchers have failed u-

Now let some enterprising person apply the carbonic acid gas principle to the raising of old hulks, and once they are at the surface the treasure hunters can determine at their leisure whether the gold and silver and precious gems are hidden in them. The chances are that should the hulks ever be found, very little beyond that would ever be discovered to reward the hunters either for their time or their outlay.

A CLEVER GIRL'S IDEA.

SHE MAKES A LIVING BY DESIGNING CHILDREN'S COSTUMES.

A clever girl who loves children and has the soul of an artist has opened a new vocation for herself and other maidens who need money. This girl recently saw a beautiful child of four years sitting in a carriage with its mother in front of a shop. But, alas! The boy's beauty was almost concealed by a dowdy costume, costly, but unbecoming. A bright thought popped into the girl's head, and she said to herself, "There's a mother who does not know how to dress her child. Why not design a costume for him and send it to her?" She ascertained who the woman was, and went home and originated the cutest little suit that mortal ever dreamed of. This design she sent to the mother, explaining that it would not be sold elsewhere if she would purchase it. The girl had sense enough to ask a good price, as the woman fancied both the idea and the design. Since that first step was taken the girl has progressed rapidly. Now she has as regular patrons some of the wealthiest and most influential women in New York. When they wish new clothing for their children, as they do every few weeks, they drop a note to the young woman telling her to design a frock for school or afternoon or a party dress. Thereupon the artist makes an appointment, goes to see the child, studies its form and features, makes a few notes and in a day or two submits her design. She frequently buys the materials, thus obtaining the commissionaire's percentages from the shopkeepers. She reads fashion papers, hunts stores which advertise new importations of dress goods and millinery, and keeps her eyes open on the streets. She has gone into the work as a regular business, and is making an excellent income from the novel work.—*New York Sun.*

The German Woman's Modesty.

The German woman is apt to be modest in regard to her own attainments, which are by no means small as is often represented. Between the ages of eight and eighteen a stately procession of knowledge is marched before her.

In fact, except for the dead languages and higher mathematics, she has during this time about the same mental food as her brothers, and frequently the same masters and professors. In history, art and modern languages she is beyond rather than behind the American girl of the same age.

After marriage the household drudge, as often cited in sketches of German life, exists, of course (is she wholly unknown in America?) but the companionable, charming and elegant woman also. She knows English and French, not as we pretend to know foreign languages, but speaks them fluently; she is musical, has always lived in an art atmosphere, dresses well, entertains satisfactorily, and takes her part in discussions of questions of the day.

But she is not mentally assertious, not conscious of the slightest intellectual superiority. She is passive, timid, conventional to the verge of cowardice—above all, overshadowed by the appalingly prodigious learning of the German.—*Blanche Willis Howard's Letter.*

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Brigham City 4th Ward	Jens Hansen
Deweyville	J. C. Dewey
Honeyville	
Mantua (Brigham City)	P. C. Jensen
North (Brigham City)	Thos. Harper
Park Valley	E. D. Meehan
Snowville	A. Goodliffe
Tarpe Mill (Brigham City)	O. A. Perry
Grouse Creek	Chas. Kimber, Sen.

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Beaver County, Utah.

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Beaver, 2nd Ward	J. X. Smith
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Milford	E. Tanner P. E.
Minersville	Jas. McKnight

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Clarkston	John Jardine
Coveville	J. C. Larson
Card (Canada)	John A. Woolf
Hyrum	S. M. Molen
Hyde Park	Robert Palmer
Lewiston	W. H. Lewis
Logan, 1st Ward	B. M. Lewis
Logan, 2nd Ward	Henry Ballard
Logan, 3rd Ward	Robert Hazelton
Logan, 4th Ward	Thomas X. Smith
Logan, 5th Ward	Wm. Hyde
Logan, 6th Ward	A. L. Schankey
Logan, 7th Ward	Isaac Smith
Mendon	Henry Hughes
Millville	George O. Pitkin
Newton	Hans Funk
Paradise	Samuel Oldham
Providence	Niels Hansen
Richmond	W. L. Skidmore
Smithfield	G. L. Farrell
Trenton	J. B. Jardine
Wellsville	Wm. H. Mangum

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Spring Basin	Enoch R. Dayley, Sen.
Albion	Wm. T. Harper
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Birch	Thomas O. Kia

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WARDS.	BISHOPS.
Bountiful, South	William Brown
Bountiful, West	J. H. Grant
Bountiful, East	Chester Call
Centerville	Aaron B. Porter
Farmington	J. M. Secrist
South Hooper	Edwin Park
South Weber	David S. Cook

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Emery County, Utah.

WARDS.	BISHOPS.
Castle Dale	Hensine Olsen
Ferron	F. Olsen
Huntington	C. Pulsipher
Molen	L. S. Beach
Emery	C. Christensen
Orangeville	Jasper Robertson
Price	Geo. Franfser
Cleveland	Samuel N. Alder, P. E.
Lawrence	Calvin W. Moore
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Castle Gate	William Lemon, P. E.
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WARDS.	BISHOPS.
Eureka	Robert Gillespie, P. E.
Levan	Niels Aagaard
Mona	John Kienke
Nephi, 1st Ward	William H. Warner
Nephi, 2nd Ward	David Udall
Wellington	Thomas Orgill P. E.

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Kane County, Utah.

WARDS.	BISHOPS.
Factory	John Covington, P. E.
Glendale	R. J. Cutler
Johnson	W. D. Johnson, P. E.
Kanab	L. C. Marker
Lee's Ferry	W. M. Johnson, P. E.
Moccasin	C. Heaton, P. E.
Mt. Carmel	H. B. M. Jolly
Orderville	H. W. Keplin
Pahreah	
Graham (Knoch P. O.)	G. D. McDonald
Fredonia	

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WARDS.	BISHOPS.
Alma (Mesa P. O.)	O. M. Stewart
Lehi	T. R. Jones
Mesa	E. Pomeroy
Papago (Lehi (P. O.)	Daniel P. Jones
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Millard County, Utah.

WARDS.	BISHOPS.
Deseret	Joseph S. Black
Fillmore	Thomas C. Callister
Holden	David R. Stevens
Kanosh	Abram A. Kimball
Leamington	Lars N. Christensen
Meadow	Hiram B. Bennett
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Scipio	Thomas Yates

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WARDS.	BISHOPS.
Plymouth	Myron J. Richards
Portage	Enoch Harris
Washakie	

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WARDS.	BISHOPS.
Cherry Creek	Thomas A. Davis
Maud City	Geo. Stuart
Neeleyville (Am. Falls)	Wm. Neeley
Rockland	Isaac Thorn
Samaria	Josiah Evans
St. John	James P. Harrison

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WARDS.	BISHOPS.
Croydon	George Knight
Enterprise	J. K. Hall
Milton	Lyman Newham
Morgan, North	O. B. Anderson