STILL UNEXPLORED.

THE LARGEST VOLCANO IN ALASKA DEFIES APPROACH.

Many Attempts Have Been Made to Reach the Giant, but It Lies So Far North That the Absence of Vegetation Has Rendered It Inaccessible.

The greatest mountain of North America has not yet been visited by explorers.

It is an active volcano called Wrangell, located in the interior of Alaska, and its free vocabulary does forbid emphatically the use of the contraband.

Mount Wrangell lies about 200 miles north of the celebrated Mount St. Elias and is in the center of a region established in modern. Gigantic seven-mile ranges the line terraces are upon the other, guarding in their midst the snowy monster of the north.

About forty years ago a party of Russian explorers in the Copper river, of Alaska, first sighted the peak away to the northeast, and being duly impressed with its majesty conferred upon it the title of the Russian government, Heron Wrangell. They made no attempt, however, to reach the mountain, it being in the country of hostile native and presenting such apparently insurmountable obstacles to approach.

Several other companies of Russians made partial ascents of the Copper river about the same time and met with disaster. One party of seventeen, under Scherinkoff, was massacred by the natives. No new knowledge of the Copper river was obtained, and no approach was made to the volcano.

It was not until ten days after another attempt was made at exploration in the Copper river region. Then Lieutenant Allen, one of the most daring men who ever entered Alaska, found his way with several white companions to the Copper nearly to its source and circled half way around the Mount Wrangell district, viewing the mighty peak from a distance of forty or fifty miles. Yet instead of approaching it he was compelled to turn and retreat. He died he was on the verge of starvation at the time and it is said have been unable to have attempted to scale the mountain heights.

The terrible experiences of Allen discouraged further exploration by way of the Copper, and when, in 1890, Lieutenant Stoker for the second time attempted to reach Mount Wrangell by a new course of approach, viz., from the southeast. The party was accorded an overland march of 200 miles from the Yukon river, and when previous to cross exhausted no parts was still fifty miles from the volcano and the glad up in a labyrinth of mountain ranges. Gigantic peaks, snowclad, the void of vegetation and animal life, barren are prospects in front, and as attempts to scale them, with nothing to aid and naught in sight, would have been sheer madness, a retreat was made to the northwest, crossing Allen's trail, and we found a way to the Yukon, 100 miles distant, nearly resembling starvation.

In 1891 Lieutenant Schwatka, famous as an explorer of the Yukon, tried his hand at traversing the southern border of the Mount Wrangell district. He proceeded overland from Port Bellingham, on the upper Yukon, leaving an unknown district and emerging on the Copper river north of Mount Wrangell. He also had a close call from starvation.

These few explorations constitute the sum total of the discoveries in the vicinity of Mount Wrangell up to date. Several sketches of the volcano have been made as it appears from a distance, but no accurate information concerning it has yet been obtained.

It appears to be fully as high as Mount St. Elias, and may be even higher. The natives living in the vicinity are exceedingly afraid of venturing near the volcano, and the last adds to the interest which surrounds it. I believe that Mount Wrangell can be reached by explorers who will establish depots of supplies, projecting one post beyond another and arranging for the systematic forwarding of the provisions to the terminal. No food can be depended upon to this season after leaving the river except that brought in by the sportsmen. The mainspring of Mount Wrangell heights would require many days, but could probably be accomplished.

There is apparently little chance that Mount Wrangell will ever be reached from the direction of Mount St. Elias, that is, from the south. It is proper to state that the region between Mount St. Elias and Mount Wrangell is the only glacier field in Alaska. A few isolated glaciers can be found elsewhere along the coast, but in comparison of the immense ice sheets of the interior they are of no consequence. A dense wilderness of snow surrounds the ice region and blankets the country for hundreds of miles eastward. The volcano of Mount Wrangell offers today a unique field for the explorer and the professional mountain climber.—Cincinnati Post.

A Cool Test.

A good looking, well to do young man being teased by the young ladies of a circle for not getting married. He said: "I'll marry the girl of your club whom, on a secret vote, you elect to be my wife." There were nine members of the club. Each girl went into a corner, and used great caution in preparing her ballot, and disguised the hand writing. The result of the vote was that there were nine votes cast, each girl receiving one. The young man remains a bachelor. The club is broken up and the girls are all secret enemies, united in the one determination that they will never speak to that nasty man again.—Detroit Free Press.

One Day's Liberty.

Mr. Noxter—I wish you wouldn't let little Dick play with such a dirty rag-muffin as that boy she is with out there on the street.

Mrs. Noxter—Why, Harry little Dick, your own son. Ive been away all day and he's been doing as he pleased.—Good News.

Some Capital Steps.

Coming down the main walks from the Capitol to Pennsylvania avenue there are groups of three or four steps that are very ornamental in the artistic proportions, and there is a queer method connected with their construction. For years there was a man about the Capitol who made the study of steps and personal going up and down stairs a fad and a science. A certain proportion of persons always seem to lose their balance going down a long flight of light colored steps, and this account on steps invented a flight of stairs the treads of which are alternately white and black. In watching crowds walking down the long approaches to the Capitol he discovered that by far a greater number of persons stumbled on those groups of steps than the crowds could follow. The attention of the present Capitol Architect was called to the matter, but he was incredulous at the idea. "Why," said he, "Mr. Gladstone, the statesman, has expressed pains with these groups of steps, I know."

Gladstone himself came here later. The subject was brought to his attention and he went down to watch the steps himself. He was sharply amused at the way the people behaved when they reached those steps. He said: "I can't account for it. I spent months studying the proportion of the so called for them. Wooden models of them were put down for me at my own place, and I walked over them day after day till I felt sure they were perfect."

"Gladstone, take one of your boys a little shorter than the other" the step servant inquired.

Gladstone was disconcerted when it flashed on him that owing to the inequality in the length of his legs he had made steps to the Capitol that were suited only for people with thirty stilts.—Washington Post.

Mass Worship in Arizona.

Lamboldy was not confined to the Old World. The Delaware tribes of North America worship the sun and moon, and the Delawares and Iroquois became converts to both. Month was the moon, as it did in Mexico. Far to miles to the north of the capital is the ruins of the ancient city of Tonto Monuments, twenty miles in circumference. In the center of the place are the remains of a pyramid of the sun and one of the moon. All among the great temple of the sun in Cuzco stood several chapels of smaller dimensions. One of Cuzco was dedicated to the moon, the mother goddess of the Incaes.

A vast plate of silver almost covered one wall of the apartment, and upon it was represented a representation of the deity, consisting of a human countenance surrounded by innumerable rays of light emanating from it in all directions. All the other decorations of the temple were of the same metal, so that the pale, silvery light of the moon.—London Standard.

New Use for Dynamite.

The vibrometer is an instrument for the cure of deafness. The principle of its operation is the message of the sound conducting apparatus of the ear by means of vibratory forces. By its method various nerve causes can be reached which would not be reached by the regular modes of treatment, and which are the principal causes of deafness in a very large proportion of those affected.

The phonograph has been used for this purpose, and although its adaptation was effected in a comparatively crude manner, the results attained justified the belief that an instrument embodying special improvements of the same lines would be of the utmost value. Such an instrument is the vibrometer, and so successful has been its application that many persons whose deafness was from five to fifteen years standing can now, it is claimed, through its use hear ordinary conversation from ten to twenty feet away.—Exchange.

Never Mind Her Father's Tall.

Louie the Great, has his high heeled shoes and kneeling wig, dwindles to about 5 feet 6, but even this proud dame to the heels seems grey him. He was a giant as compared with Sir Francis Drake and with Admiral Keppel—"Little Keppel," as very older in the five hundred soldiers from from core love and admiration.—Gentleman's Magazine.

Why the Negro Stands Heat.

The African is better protected against the evil effects of the excessive heat than his white brother in two ways. The texture of his cuticle is exceptionally well adapted to encourage free perspiration and the natural temperament does not incline him to borrow trouble largely.—Chicago Herald.

Fathers South American Axis.

There is a species of ass in South America that plant and cultivate a kind of grass called ass rye, and ass so cultivated in cultivation that nothing is molested by them. Then there are mushroom growing ants, which cultivate fungus, and others again who are mere lovelies.

Everything Big.

Mr. Gotham—Is your farm in a good section for farming?

Western Xan—I did say so. Everything grows big out. Why, I've seen tomatoes as big as hen's eggs.—New York Weekly.

In spraying with insecticide mixture the coating with the safe proportions are one pound of poison, three pounds green or London purple, to 100 gallons of water. Water this is properly done but little harm is possible.

A Freedman has succeeded, it said, in producing an exceedingly fine ball of perfumery the leather instead of twine. It. The bells have greater sensibility and more sensible.

The most expensive legislature in the world is that of France, which costs annually $6,000,000. The Italian parliament costs $3,000,000 a year.

The Greeks sometimes buried their dead in the ground, but more generally cremated them in imitation of the Romans.

A recent order for books sent by Mr. Gladstone to a London dealer embraced works ranging in character from a volume of Eton verse to treatises on solar physics and myths.

How They Gets Married.

The office of a regular practice says that a free hacking young fellow, slightly crossed, with an eye with in his heart, knocked at the door and was shown into the parlor. There he had to wait upon the masculine one, presented to make known his errand.

"I am young," he began, with some embarrassment, "or I mean to have some today in Lent, rather. Hard to say so, but, could I come to have long with a girl so old sweetheart?"

"Certainly," said the minister, "suitable. What sweetheart is the blessed?"

"What," exclaimed the lover, "you just to know—what's all today. I and it seem a weakness. As now I've got a place to go married to. That's new Orleans. But I don't call nothing to the girl. Why, I've know today, thought, as I gave her in a store today, thought, as I've seen Lent down on sick leave."

In fact Kaye had long been in love the chamber and walk out of the door and from the store. The minister and his wife knelt, but the wife went when to the window and saw it was no use when the expected couple were in sight.

Less than an hour passed she had newly given them up, for at last they appeared—the girl, as the parlors was expected, in perfect little beauty and the lover as happy.

"I had just a possible a little hard," said the former by way of explanation, and then they stood up and were married, while the little school hardly in their whether to smile or to weep. But when the ceremony was over and the bridegroom with and something to her about it's home occasion she—poured, while tears threatened her eyes, "But you see, ladies, I've loved you ever since I was twenty, and he was just too proud to find it out."—St. Louis Republic.

The Antiquity of the Turquoise.

The antiquity of the turquoise is unfathomed. The Chinese, who in their lands indicate antiquity equal to the Indians, with authentic goods which have been in their families for more than a thousand years, refuse to the turquoise the same date of origin. Many ancient pagodas which have claimed to discover in the Bible references to the existence of a jewel resembling the turquoise, which the Nazarite priest wearing which latter was found, and full of allusions to it. Yankee have been the appointed to go to the region of the turquoise, have by that the information of key-stones have a part of a Turkish fort which, as the fort had of Fetteh Allah gave the best selected key-stone to the closing stone. Other that the turquoise that was the only natural production of what so strongly resembles a turquoise.

In the Chinese conquests of Siberia the turquoise is of Persian origin, as is known by the excellent representation of Egypt, who wrote concerning it: "The turquoise or jasper, that exhibits of equality are universally adopted by modern nations, has generally carried over the time in time of peace and war, from even to sun. In shape it resembles very closely those in antique use, but it is always open in the sculptures. It was also a white turquoise, and was usually accompanied at the top with a flower or some other ornament."—Cloister and Furnace.

Why the Soldier Ran.

"When Sherman was marching through Georgia, myself and a company went on a little foraging expedition," said G. F. Rollins. "We had a long weary tramp without finding anything to replenish the larder, for the country had been scoured by foraging parties several times before. We finally sighted a cabin frequented by no less a woman. In a little hour's interview we achieved the quest. We arranged it that I should engage the woman in conversation while my companion appropriated a goose. He forgot a large pan in the excitement, however, attached a well baited trap hook and began smiling to the goose pen, suddenly there was a loud squawking, and we saw a big fat gander flutter to the top of the pen and make toward the soldier, who was beating a retreat. The woman was greatly excited, and called out, 'Oh, no dasmin, don't run; shoot the gander's only chance and you.' 'Stayin nothin' called back the fleeing soldier, 'the blamed thing knows how to run,' and the Missouri disappeared with the squawking gander in hot pursuit."

Mother of Pearl.

The most beautiful mother of pearl, unless that of the abalone be excepted, is obtained from the mussels, which is a species and related to the cuttle-fish. Occupying only the mouth of the dwelling, the latter is composed of a series of chambers, each of which the animal has successively lived in and vacated as it grew larger, building up to lived it at each move a wall of purest pearl.

These vacant rooms of pearl are all connected by a permanent tube, which enables the creature to so control the air supply to its lower as to make the desirable lighter or heavier at will, in order to mount or descend in the water. The shell is in time to bear generation, and so portions cut is used to remove the outer coat and display the exquisite nacre beneath.—English Mechanic.

In Doubt.

An old clergyman who formerly lived in Maine was remarkable for his eccentric ideas and actions. Among other curious ways he was in the habit of asking a blessing on each particular thing on the table. At breakfast one morning there was some hot meat, and his petition was as follows: "Lord, bless the coffee, bless the bread and butter, but as to the hot meat, Lord, I don't know what to say."—Youth's Companion.

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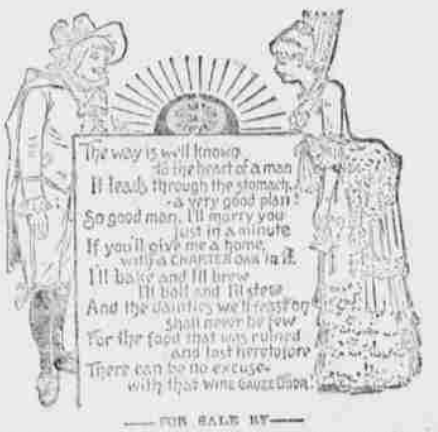

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