

maun be scrowin' (scrubbing) theirsals throo morn to neet!"

And he turns in his sand-pit with a contemptuous snort for unwashed Londoners who are compelled to come so far for "netting oot," and with his mouth wide open to the sea breeze which he gulps like drink, settles himself placidly for another "bit of dooven," or doze.

In getting about among these mill men, miners and their families at Scarborough, I found that many came here during the season not with the great excursions, which sometimes bring to such resorts as Southport and Scarborough upwards of fifty thousand souls in a single day, but in little groups of dozens or scores, to remain for an entire week. This is accomplished by each workman paying weekly during the entire year a stated sum of from one to three shillings, according to the number of persons to be provided for, into the hands of a treasurer or agent. With this amount pooled, operatives and miners get as long a journey as they like, comfortable housing and good food, and a week's rest and pleasure in almost any part of England or Scotland. It is a surprising thing to find these toilers so well informed upon British history and upon British shrines. They select in advance the place to be visited, and then assiduously read all that their village or town library may contain upon the place or region. These cooperative trips are taken to the lake district, to Abbotsford, Melrose and Dryburgh, occasionally to as far as Oban and the Caledonian Canal, to London and to the seaside resorts of the east and west coasts.

Any one who has frequented English resorts must have been struck with the number of benign old ladies being wheeled about by mournful-faced servants who seemed ashamed of their calling. Here at Scarborough you will find more of this class than at all other resorts of the kingdom. No one can account for their extraordinary number here; but it is a pleasant sight to see them, with their crisp airs and determined ways, routing the donkeys, upsetting the stalls and shaking their sticks and sunshades at touters and mountebanks with portentous threats and martial commands. Having counted over six hundred taking their midday airing here, I asked a boatman how so many came to be at Scarborough.

"W'y, sir, they do say as they be mostly mother'naws, a gettin' power out'n the bracin' sea hair fur the reg'lar winter battles w'en they gits'oame, sir. Leastwise so I'm told by the men wot pushes 'em they allus hadd. 'W'at a blessed lark they do be 'avin' w'at meantime bide at 'oame!'"

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THE FAR NORTH.

SWEDEN.

The laborers at the Gellivara mines have struck for higher wages.

P. A. Nyberg, a prominent merchant of Skoefde, committed suicide the other day.

Sweden exported 19,000,000 pounds of butter during the first half of the present year.

The President has appointed Otto H. Boyeen, of North Dakota, U. S. consul at Gothenburg Sweden.

Mary Peterson, a widow of Stockholm, has been fined 2,500 crowns during the last two years because she has sold liquors without having a license.

The social Democrats of Stockholm held a mass meeting, attended by 2,000 people. Resolutions were adopted in favor of free speech and universal suffrage.

So many of the students at the military academy of Stockholm desire instruction in Russian that the king has authorized the appointment of an instructor in that branch.

A Swedish-American engineer, named Almin, who had recently returned to Sweden from America, committed suicide by drowning himself in the Gotha canal near Skoefde.

The engineer of the steamer "Wisby," J. Holmquist, who has held the position thirty-two years, has made the trip between Stockholm and the island of Gothland 2,048 times.

August Strindberg, the famous author, has instituted proceedings against Mr. Bruzelius for translating his latest work, "A Fool's Confession," which the author did not want to have translated from the German into Swedish at all.

A mass meeting at Frosta, the province of Skone, expressed itself in favor of franchise for all grown citizens, local option, international courts of arbitration, and against the increase of the armies. The meeting was attended by 5,000 people.

The French minister of public instruction has appointed Mr. Hugues Le Roux to go to the Scandinavian countries for the purpose of studying and afterwards writing up the intellectual and philosophical development of those countries.

In the Tido park, Vestmanland, is an oak tree which measures twenty-four feet in circumference, and its age is estimated at 500 years. It is called "Axel Oxenstjerna" because the place was a favorite resort of the great statesman of that name.

A city officer of Berlin, Germany, who visited the largest cities of the north to study their sanitary condition, reported that Stockholm was a model city for cleanliness; Gothenburg and Christiania are fairly clean; but Copenhagen is scored for its general filthiness.

In regard to the reduction of the salaries of the king and the crown prince by the Norwegian Storting, the *Daily News* of Stockholm, says: "Those who train animals are said to apply starvation as a never failing means of reducing their pupils to obedience and docility, and it now looks as though the liberal majority of the Storting intends to try the same method. But it cannot accomplish anything by this policy."

"If," says the prominent journal, *Scientific American*, "not absolutely the oldest, the Stora Kopparberget in Sweden is the oldest copper mine, of which we have any official figures. It has been worked continuously for nearly 800 years, and a table is given which shows the production for each year since 1633. This is probably the only mine in the world for which figures of production for 260 years can be shown."

NORWAY.

Ex-Premier Steen celebrated his sixty-sixth birthday.

The weather has been fine for haying, but the crop is light. Recent rains promise a rich aftermath.

The price of the ice has been high this season and large quantities have been exported to England and France.

The cabinet of Norway has instructed the king not to ratify the bill removing the union badge from the commercial flag of Norway.

The Roknes wagon factory at Voss has sent three kariols and two chair carriages to England, one of the latter being addressed to Mrs. Gladstone.

At the local elections at Elverum the conservatives polled 235 and the Liberals 226 votes. At the last general election the votes polled were 254 and 348 respectively, which shows that the Conservatives muster almost their whole strength at every election, while the Liberals turn out in full force only at the general elections.

The executive committee of the left of Christiania has decided to print a large number of copies of the speeches of ex-Premier Steen and Mr. Nielson, the ex-president of the storting, for distribution as campaign documents. The committee also recommends that a woman's suffrage plank be inserted into the platform of the party, and ladies' organizations are requested to support the Liberal movement.

DENMARK.

The Vallo castle, which was gutted by fire some time ago, will be restored and the scaffolding has been erected on the inside of the walls.

Horup, South Jylland, boasts of a black-smith, who is in his 87th year, but who walked eighteen miles one day. He has never been sick and does not even know what headache or toothache is from experience.

At Ebeltoft an old cannon from the year 1635 has been fished up from the bottom of the sea. At the same place has also been found the keel of a man-of-war, parts of which were imbedded in a solid mass of petrified clay, containing gravel, cannon balls and human bones.

The proceedings of a sensational trial of Miss A. Moeller, who was charged with the crime of debauching and finally killing a boy at the "Kana" orphanage, Copenhagen, were recently closed. The records of the proceedings covers 600 folio pages. The verdict will be rendered about three months from now. Miss Moeller spends much of her time in jail writing religious poetry.

ON THEIR last day-day, the chief Marylaud city paid the policemen in silver dollars. Commendable as was the innovation, such unlimited exchange of silver dollars for coppers is carrying free coinage a little too far.

CHARLES A. DANA, editor of the *New York Sun*, was seventy-five years old on the 15th inst.; and for one who makes big pretensions to being a Democrat, he still contrives to be about as useful a Republican as ever.