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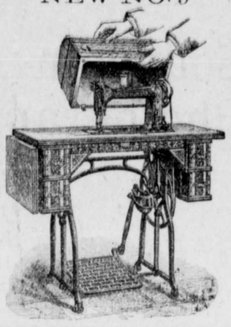

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THE IRISH PEOPLE WHO DWELL ON THE ISLAND OF MYNISH.

Rude Cabins Which a Rude and Untutored Folk Call Home—Their Vocation Not a Very Remunerative One, but They Are Strong and Healthy Men.

Right on the western borders of the land, and upon the numerous islands and peninsulas which are the common natural features of this broken part of the Irish coast, the kelp gatherers live. In a certain sense they seem to be an amphibious sort of folk and draw their sustenance, apparently always more or less scanty and precarious, from sea and land alike. Let us picture their existence for a moment, such as we may see it on the island of Mynish, not far from Roundstone bay, off the Galway coast. Imagine an island, about 12 miles in circumference, connected with the mainland by a kind of viaduct recently constructed by government, low lying and wind swept by the numerous gales of ocean, but crowded with a population of several hundred human beings. Every little cove or bay will have its cluster of cottages, with their fishing boats anchored close by, ready to run down the bay for mackerel or to fetch a load of kelp from the neighboring rocks when wind and weather permit.

The surface of the island itself, which is strewn with huge granite stones and bowlders, is parceled out with the most exact and scrutinizing jealousy, and if you attempt a short cut across country from one point to another your way is blocked by a continual succession of loosely constructed stone walls serving as partitions between an innumerable series of diminutive plots. So intricate and puzzling is the arrangement of these plots that you are not at all surprised to hear that they are a source of litigation between the owners of the cottages, who are very fond of invoking the law in spite of their poverty stricken condition.

"Cottages" we call them, for the sake of courtesy, but whereas the word "cottage" calls up in the English sense some bright and picturesque surroundings and some appearance of comfort these cottages or cabins of the kelp gatherers suggest every kind of discomfort. The walls are built of the undressed granite blocks picked up from the surface of the island and loosely put together according to the rules of a very primitive masonry. But the roof is sometimes of sod, and more often of reed. The absurd contrast between the strength and stability of the walls and the feeble character of the roof strikes the eye immediately. The floors are of very unsatisfactory character, as they are simply uneven pavements with muddy interstices and calculated to retain every kind of filth and abomination. It would be almost impossible to sweep these floors clean even if there existed the will to do it.

If there is any glass, it is simply mortised into some little chink, and window frames are unknown—partly because wood is scarce and expensive and partly because the fisher folk do not desire a window that will open.

As far as accommodation is concerned, there are only two rooms on the ground floor—one to be used as a kitchen and sitting room, the other to sleep in, no matter the number of the family party. Sometimes there is a kind of loft overhead on the kitchen, where some of the occupants can sleep. Outside there is no pigsty or cowshed or any other "office" which we are accustomed to connect with the ideas of comfort and decency. In cold and rough weather the pig and even the cow are admitted to the hospitality of the hearth, and this accounts for their very friendly and sociable character. As far as "rint" is concerned, the kelper cannot complain greatly, as it is a judicial "rint" and he cannot be ejected, no matter how he lives, as long as the rent is paid.

Sometimes a kelper has a right to a common adjoining and can run a few black faced sheep and some of the black cattle of the country, and whenever he is in a position to save money he prefers to put it in stock rather than to commit it to the keeping of a savings bank. Here and there on the island you may chance across a little circle of stone in a retired nook. You need not puzzle long over it as if it were some archæological find, for it is simply the foundation of a kelp stack that has been piled up inside it, and the calcined appearance of the stones, together with the ashes around them, will immediately reveal its use to you. Far away along the windings of some distant cove you will often see the smoke of these kelp fires rolling heavily out to sea, and the kelp stacks themselves are among the common objects of the seashore, with the long trailing kelp weed drooping down their sides. These have been won with much labor from the deep, and the yearly wage paid to the Mynish islanders by the kelp company is nearly £2,000.

Kelp is, indeed, the main source of their wealth, and many a voyage has to be taken before a ton of kelp is procured. The weed burns down to a viscous, gelatinous mass under the action of the fire and then cools down to hard and rugged blocks. The kelpers live on fish, milk, tea, bread and eggs chiefly, but seldom on butchers' meat and bacon, for the pig is really the "jintleman that pays the rint." Still, in spite of hardships, the kelpers are strong and healthy men. They would make splendid recruits for the navy, but if they leave their native rocks they find their way to the United States or our colonies.—St James Gazette.

After the Elopement.

Artie—Darling, you have no idea how anxious I was while you were coming down the rope ladder. I was so afraid you had not fastened it securely above.

Susie—You needn't have been alarmed, dear. Papa tied the knot for me. Pick Me Up.

A Long Sentence.

Williston Palmer is the name of a white man against whom there are sentences of 209 years in the Georgia penitentiary. Palmer was originally sent up for 11 years from south Georgia for burglary. Shortly afterward, while working in the mines of Dade county, he attempted, with other convicts, to escape, and in the melee that followed he killed two of the guards. He was tried some time ago for the killing of the first guard and got 99 years. He was then put on trial for the killing of the other man and got 99 years more.—Exchange.

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WHALE HUNTING.

First American Whaler Was Accused of Sorcery—Valuable Catches.

The whale fisheries pursued for many years with great profit to the whalers of Massachusetts and Long Island are now but a shadow of their former proportions. Forty years ago nearly 600 whaling vessels sailed from New Bedford, Mass., and returned with oil and whalebone worth nearly $7,000,000. Whale oil then sold for $2.75 a gallon and whalebone was worth $6 a pound. Now that the whaling grounds have been denuded of their riches, the docks of New Bedford are almost deserted of whalers, for few fishermen are hardy enough to venture into antarctic waters, where the remnants of formerly vast schools of whales fled for security.

The whaling industry is one of the oldest in America. It was established in 1755. It reached its most profitable period 95 years later. Since 1860 it has been decreasing in importance and profit. Today it adds very little to the wealth of New Bedford.

A writer in The Fishing Gazette says: "One William Hamilton was the first person who killed whales on the New England coast. He was born in Scotland in 1643 and, coming to this country in the early part of his life, took up his residence at Cape Cod, where he was persecuted by the inhabitants for killing whales as one who dealt with evil spirits. Whaling was afterward carried on by a Mr Paddock, who went to Nantucket about the middle of 1680 for the purpose of instructing the English in the art of whaling in boats from the shore, which business continued good and profitable till the year 1760, when it diminished in consequence of the scarcity of whales. In 1718 whales were pursued on the ocean in small sloops and schooners of from 30 to 50 tons. The blubber was brought home and tried or boiled in try houses. A few years later vessels of larger burden were employed and the oil boiled out in try works at sea.

"The most valuable catch ever made by a whaleship was that of the Onward, Captain Allen, which arrived in New Bedford after a 41 months' cruise with a cargo worth over $275,000, of which the captain's share was $33,000. The total value of the whole product of the whales brought into New Bedford during the 52 years for which a record has been kept is more than $145,000,000.

"The average ship, carrying a crew of 30 hands, used to cost about $35,000. The ships were owned by companies, which supplied provisions and clothing and all the necessaries of the voyage and advanced certain sums of money for the captain and his crew to leave for the support of their families while they were away. No wages were paid to either the officers or the sailors, but each had his share in the proceeds of the voyage, and the balance was divided among the stockholders when they returned. The captains and mates were hardy New Englanders, but the crews were mostly Portuguese from the Canary, Madeira and Azore islands."

MAKING READY FOR A RUN.

A Locomotive Is Almost as Carefully Groomed as a Race Horse.

"Running the Fast Express" is the title of an article by George Ethelbert Walsh in St. Nicholas. Mr Walsh says:

The engineer comes down to his post of duty nearly an hour before his train is scheduled to leave. All night long in the roundhouse the engine has been carefully watched; a wiper has spent the whole night rubbing down the panting, snorting iron horse until every rod and cylinder shines like gold or silver; the banked fire has been kept going, so that a little steam has been always in the boxes, and before he left at night the fireman put everything in perfect order inside the cab. The fireman appears first in the morning and inspects the work of the roundhouse men, and if any part is not satisfactory he makes it so. The engineer makes his inspection after the fireman and thoroughly and carefully examines every part. All the bearings are then oiled, and the oil cups are filled with oil. Next the engine is run out of the roundhouse and tested. Fifteen minutes before the time to start the engine is coupled to the train, and the steam and airbrakes are tested.

No race horse was ever brought to his post better fitted for running the course than is the locomotive of the fast express. In addition to the tests already made, a mechanic goes from wheel to wheel, and upon every one strikes a sharp, resounding blow to ascertain if the wheel and axle are sound. Nuts and bolts are examined. The engineer and fireman are held responsible for the perfect condition of the engine and cars before the start is made.

A Quaint Scotch Wedding Custom.

A quaint wedding custom still prevails in many of the little country towns and mining villages in Scotland. When a wedding is held, the contracting parties make their guests pay in full for the eating, drinking and dancing facilities which are usually provided on such occasions. The practice still seems to survive even in Glasgow. A correspondent observed a notice posted up in the Cowcaddens—a low class Glasgow thoroughfare—informing the public that a soldier would shortly enter into the bonds of wedlock, and that twopence would be charged for admission to the ceremony and an additional sixpence imposed for attendance at the wedding feast. The practice seems to be peculiarly Scotch, but sixpence certainly seems moderate enough for a marriage supper.—Westminster Gazette.

The Useless Men.

"Married life isn't what it is cracked up to be," remarked Mrs. Grimesleigh. "When I married Daniel, I thought it would be so handy to have a man about the house; but, Lor', that's all it amounted to. He's never at home when he's wanted for anything, and if he is he's tired or busy or something or other, and so I have to go to work and do the thing myself. 'S far as I can see, men are only in the way when they are in the house and out of the way when they're wanted."—Boston Transcript.

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