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British Columbia Mining

A General Review Given in the Engineering and Mining Journal by E. Jacobs.

It is not practicable to deal adequately with mining in British Columbia within the limits of one short article, so the following review must necessarily fail, in some respects, to do full justice to so important an industry, presenting as it does so many aspects and extending over a long period in its development. There is much included in the earlier records of the industry that is very interesting, but since the present intention is to give prominence to its later commercial and industrial phases, the progress of the last 10 years will here receive most attention. The following brief account of earlier mining in the province is summarized from various articles and from reports of the late Dr. G. M. Dawson, director of the Canadian Geological Survey.

The celebrated David Douglas, the botanist, in the early twenties discovered the Blue Bell mine (silver-lead) on Kootenay Lake. Coal was discovered at Fort Rupert in 1835, and some development was done by the Hudson Bay Company, but these workings were abandoned in 1853 for those at Nanaimo, also on Vancouver Island, where coal mining has ever since been carried on. The early discoveries of gold in small quantities ranged between the years 1850 and 1857. In 1850 specimens came from Vancouver Island and Queen Charlotte Islands. An incipient mining boom took place on the latter in 1851-2. Dr. Dawson says that from one little seam or pocket of gold in Gold Harbor, Moresby Island, between $20,000 and $75,000 were reported to have been taken. It is stated by others that more was lost in the harbor in the operation of mining than was discovered. However, much or little, the find ended there. About the same time the Indians from the Skeena River brought pieces of gold to the Hudson's Bay Company's fort, but several expeditions to find its source met with failure. In the interior gold was found in the Natchez Pass and the Similkameen as early as 1852, and in 1854 Colville Indians were known to have nuggets in their possession. Bancroft, in his "History of British Columbia," states that Chief Trader McLean procured gold dust from Indians near Kamloops in 1862. Various authorities place the first finds at various places. However, between 1855 and 1857 discoveries were made on the Thompson, Fraser and Columbia rivers, and the news of these, together with the dispatches of Governor Douglas, soon attracted attention to British Columbia as a possible gold field.

It is an old story now of how people hurried from San Francisco to Victoria, now the capital of the province, by thousands, and set up their tents; of how they rushed up the Fraser river, many crossing the Gulf of Georgia in open boats; of how they rounded Cape Horn, or crossed the Isthmus of Panama, or plodded wearily overland from Eastern Canada. Victoria became a city in a day, and the mainland solitude was converted into a Crown colony in a year.

Up to 1858 nothing but preliminary work had been done, consequently little was known of the mineral resources of the province. In that year, however, gold mining really began, and from that period dates the history of mining in British Columbia. The increase in the production of gold was rapid, and from $705,000, which is a rough estimate of the output in 1858, it rose in 1863 to $3,919,568. In 1861, after laborious journeyings of daring prospectors, Williams and Lightning creeks, two of the most noted gold producers of British Columbia, were discovered, and in this and the following year most of the other rich creeks in Cariboo became known. Then occurred that second rush, which is the most notable event in the history of British Columbia, and one that had the most lasting effects in determining the future destiny of the province. Many of the miners were very rough, and many owners of claims amassed large sums of money in a very short time. Dr. Dawson wrote of these creeks that Williams creek has yielded more gold than any other stream in British Columbia. As examples of its yield in early years Steele's claim gave a maximum yield of 400 oz., or $6,524 a day. More than $100,000 in all was taken from this claim of 80 by 25 feet. In 1862 Cunningham's claim produced gold to the value of nearly $2,000 a day for the season, while on several days as much as 52 lbs weight in gold was taken out. The Adams' claim yielded to each of its three partners $40,000 clear. These claims were above the canyon, in shallow ground. The deep ground below the canyon was first bottomed toward the end of 1861 by the Barker Company (whence the name of the town, Barkerville). The Diller Company was the next successful in this, and it is credibly stated that here, on one occasion, 200 lbs of gold, worth $88,104, were obtained in one day. In 1863 three claims below the canyon yielded $300,000, and 20 claims were steadily producing from 70 to 400 ozs a day. Four hundred miners were at work on Williams creek in this year. "the Golden Year". The aggregate of Williams creek for the first seven years of working, for which no returns are available, was very large. In 1861 $200,000 worth of gold was taken from Campbell's Discovery claim and the adjacent Whitehall claim, both on Lightning creek. Attempts were made almost from the first to reach the deep channel of this creek, but, after much work, were abandoned in 1864. Sinking was, however, resumed in 1870, and having proved successful, led to subsequent great developments. The rich character of some of the ground on this creek may be illustrated by stating that at one time the Butcher claim yielded 350 ozs. a day, the Aurora 300 ozs., and the Caledonia 300 ozs.

Space limitations prevent the hardy prospectors being followed northward into the Omineca country in 1869; into the rich Cassiar district, which in 1872, and later, yielded gold to the value of $5,000,000 or $6,000,000, or into the Yukon, where gold was found in paying quantities in 1880. It may be noted, though, that the yield of placer gold, which in 1863 reached its maximum amount of $3,919,568, after fluctuating during several years, fell in 1869 to $1,774,987, and though 1875 saw a temporary substantial recovery to $2,474,000, the decline continued steadily until, in 1882, the total was below $1,000,000, and thereafter production fell until the minimum was reached in 1898, the total for that year having been only $859,181. Since then there has been a gradual increase, and the showing for 1899 of $1,344,950 was the best since 1877.

It will be observed that the foregoing summary deals almost exclusively with placer gold mining. From the published reports of the Provincial Department of Mines it is learned that the total value of coal mined in British Columbia up to 1890 was $149,548, and that in that year the production was $56,988. In 1884 the total was $1,182,210, and although there have been fluctuations, the movement since has on the whole been upward, the maximum having been attained in 1900, with a total value of $4,918,785. Coke has been added to the mineral products of the province during the last 5 or 6 years, commencing with $7,895 for 1895-6, and increasing to $425,745 for 1900.

Geological survey statistics show that lode mining of metallic minerals in the province commenced in 1887, in which year silver and lead were produced to a combined value of $26,847, and in 1888 of $104,818. For some unexplained reason the only lode product on record for 1891 was silver, $4,000. In 1893 lode gold appeared in the records for the first time, the following year copper made its appearance, adding $16,284. In 1894 the total value of silver, lead and copper produced was $656,928, while in 1900 it was $6,616,378, this being a tenfold increase. It is interesting to here note that gold, which in 1901 was only $630,581 (placer, $405,516; lode, $125,015) increased in 1900 to $4,732,105 (placer, $1,578,721; lode, $3,153,381) and copper from $16,284 in 1894 to $1,615,259 in 1900. The following tables are taken from the "Annual Report" of the Minister of Mines for 1900:

Total production for all years up to and including 1900.

Gold, placer	$72,581,415
Gold, lode	12,812,860
	$ 75,394,305
Silver	13,419,599
Lead	7,659,555
Copper	4,892,289
Coal and Coke	40,140,917
Other minerals	1,384,990
Total value	$137,355,695

Total production for each year from 1891 to 1900 (inclusive).

1891	$8,821,402	1896	$ 7,907,995
1892	8,258,604	1897	10,465,398
1893	8,588,112	1898	10,966,861
1894	8,623,147	1899	12,308,135
1895	8,048,642	1900	16,344,731

Another table is added below for the purpose of showing the very important position the part of the Dominion lying west of the Rocky Mountains occupies in relation to Canada's total mineral production in 1900 as compared with that situated east of the Rockies. It will be seen that the total value of metallic minerals, coal and coke produced in British Columbia and the Yukon was $32,359,751 as against $15,140,801 for the remainder of the Dominion:

	British Columbia	All other provinces	Total for Dominion
Gold (Yukon)	$22,775,991		$22,775,991
Gold (B C)	4,732,105	$ 709,617	$5,716,722
Silver	2,356,290	121,398	2,736,594
Copper	1,615,259	1,147,830	3,063,119
Lead	2,651,387	88,633	2,740,251
Iron	1,740	583,158	584,898
Nickel		3,357,207	3,357,207
Zinc		9,342	9,342
Coal	4,918,785	3,249,960	12,968,175
Coke	425,745	223,658	649,403
Totals	$38,476,751	$13,140,801	$52,510,552

It will be observed that there is a difference of $250,950 between the total mineral production of British Columbia, as shown above, and that given in the table immediately preceding. This amount is the value of "other minerals" included in the latter total for 1900.

As the output of coal in British Columbia is rapidly increasing, and attention is now being directed to its iron deposits, it appears as though it will not be long before the mineral production of the province will be greater, not only in the total, as at present, but as well in all the individual minerals (excepting, perhaps, nickel and zinc) than that of the remainder of the Dominion east of the Rocky Mountains.

From the exhaustive and valuable "Annual Report" issued by the Provincial Department of Mines, already referred to, it is gathered that placer gold is produced chiefly in Cariboo, Cassiar (including Atlin), East Kootenay, Yale and Lillooet districts; lode gold in West Kootenay, Lillooet, Yale (Camp McKinney) and the Cassiar districts; silver in East Kootenay, West Kootenay (Ainsworth, Nelson, Slocan and Rossland) and the Coast; copper in West Kootenay (Nelson and Rossland), Yale (the Boundary), and the Coast; lead in East Kootenay and West Kootenay (Nelson and Slocan), and coal at East Kootenay (Crow's Nest Pass) and Vancouver Island. One of the features of the year just was the natural increase in the production of copper and gold from the mines of Rossland. The current year bids fair to see a still larger increase there, while the Boundary district will also add considerably to the output of those metals, and Mount Sicker and Alberni Canal mines, on Vancouver Island, give promise as well of contributing an appreciable quantity. East Kootenay is showing a very heavy increase in lead; it is estimated that one mine in that district alone produced 18,000,000 lbs. during 1900; and, to some extent, silver, while the Slocan is regaining the ground it lost—as a result of labor troubles—during 1898-9 as a producer of silver and lead. New coal fields are to be opened up shortly in the Crow's Nest Pass, Nicola Valley and near Fairview, in the Lower Okanagan. An endeavor will be made to work the iron deposits near Kamloops, those on Texada Island, and others on the west coast of Vancouver Island. The copper, while Atlin, Bennett and Chilkat districts are full of promise of a greatly enlarged yield. Gold from milling quartz will have additions from the Nelson district, and to a smaller extent from Camp McKinney.

There are numerous extensively-developed and equipped mines in the province, a few of them being the Consolidated Cariboo Hydraulic Company's mine at Quesnel Forks, Cariboo (where a total expenditure for ditches, flumes, dams, piping, etc., of $849,292 has been incurred, with the result that gold valued at $881,146 has been recovered, about $850,000 of which was the product of operations for the season 1900); Le Roi, Lowsone and Ymir, near Nelson; B. C., Mother Lode and Old Ironsides Group, near Greenwood; Cariboo, at Camp McKinney; Van Anda, on Texada Island; the Crow's Nest Pass Coal mines, near Fernie, and the big coal mines of Vancouver Island.

WHITEWATER AND ENTERPRISE

The Secretary of the New Zealand Minerals Co., owning the Whitewater and Enterprise mines, writes to his company relating to these properties as follows:

"I am pleased to be able to inform you that shipments of the ore in stock from the Whitewater mine have already recommenced, and work upon the mine is also expected to be resumed within the next week or so. Owing to the action of the American Smelter Trust, in practically boycotting all British Columbia silver ores from the end of last year, ore shipments ceased from that time. Full operations continued at the mine until about the middle of February, when the mill was shut down and only development work carried out. These developments have opened up fresh reserves of ore of a better quality than has hitherto been met with during the history of the company, and now that shipments are being resumed it is expected that the mine will soon be replaced upon the dividend-paying basis so unfortunately interrupted at the end of last year by the smelter difficulty referred to above.

"Shareholders will be aware that the shipments from the Enterprise mine have hitherto been restricted as far as possible pending the erection of a concentrating mill, which the engineers reported was necessary in order to produce the best results and save the loss which would otherwise be entailed by hand-sorting the ore. It was impracticable to instal this plant during the winter months, but its erection has been pushed forward during this summer season, and it is expected the mill will be in running order within the next few weeks. During the interval considerable development work has been carried out in order that the mill may be kept continuously working after having once started. The engineers report very favorably as to the payable character of the ore opened up.

"The foregoing information with regard to the company's principal assets must be regarded as satisfactory, although the continued delay in bringing the properties to a revenue-earning stage, has sorely tried its resources. It will be remembered that at the last general meeting the chairman stated that the directors would make every possible effort to avoid calling upon the shareholders for further capital, and by the exercise of the strictest economy, and by themselves working for 18 months without drawing any fees, the directors have been enabled to carry on the company's affairs, only realizing a small proportion of its investments at their depreciated prices. Under ordinary circumstances the annual meeting would have been held this month, as was the case last year, but as the chairman, Mr. Wethered, is about to start for British Columbia, and will visit the Whitewater and Enterprise properties, in which the company has such a vital interest, it has been decided to postpone the same until his return. This will enable the position of the company to be more accurately placed before the shareholders, and in the meantime the directors have made financial arrangements which they hope will carry them over this period."

The latest wholesale price list can be found free of charge on the store of John Denver, Ice cream, soda, cigars and good

General News Float

In and About the Slocan and Neighboring Camps that are Talked About.

LOCAL CHIT-CHAT.

Anthony Madden has returned from Dawson.

E. Foyle Smith will visit England this month.

The diamond drill is to be used on the Payne.

Work on the Iron Horse, Ten Mile, has been resumed.

F. L. Christie will return from England in a few days.

The Monitor at Three Forks has a car of ore ready for shipment.

Service in the Methodist church Sunday evening. A. E. Roberts, pastor.

A payment of 12 per cent. on the debts of the Chapleau was made last week.

The 25-ton shipment of Black Prince ore, recently made, netted the lessees $2000.

Eighteen men are working at the Surprise. The property never looked better.

The ice merchants in New Denver do not fear the approach of winter. They sell wood.

Sailor Jack has come again to Sandon. He probably thinks that town needs a new mayor.

It is thought that in a few shifts the lead will be struck in the long tunnel of the Noble Five.

A strike of a good body of ore is reported from the Exchange in a cross-cut run from the old drift.

Work has been commenced at the Hartney upon the lower tunnel, which will be driven over 1600 feet.

A. C. Minkhouse, while attempting to shift a belt with his foot in the Ivanhoe concentrator last week, had his leg broken.

The government has been asked to extend the trail from the Chapleau to the head of the first north fork of Lemon creek.

Miss Nell O'Reilly, after spending a two-weeks' holiday with New Denver friends, returned to her Nelson home Thursday.

If the lead is struck on the Last Chance in the long tunnel it will give a depth of about 1700 feet and mean much to the Slocan.

The lead on the Emma, Goat Mountain, should be struck in another 20 feet. This property is close to New Denver and carries high grade dry ore.

The lead on the Silver Glance, at McGuigan property, was encountered last week at a depth of 800 feet, and a payshoot of 18 inches of clean ore shown up.

By omitting to visit the Lucerne of America the Duke of York will miss an opportunity of buying the choicest British Columbia fruit from John Williams.

The strike recently made on the Fisher Maiden is at a point below the old workings and within a mile of the Four Mile wagon road. Eight feet of dry ore was uncovered.

At the 700-foot level on the Rambler-Cariboo, McGuigan, an crosshoot 175 feet long has been opened up. The shoot is from one to two feet wide, and averages 650 ozs. silver per ton. The Rambler is a steady shipper.

George Olmi, the popular baritone singer who was here last week, has a cut which he has carried with him upon all his travels for the past ten years. Olmi expects to come west next year with an opera troupe of his own organizing.

The Slocan Star mill was closed down on Saturday. Arrangements have been made with the smelter people by which the entire product of the mine will be shipped without concentrating. It is reported that the mine has an ore body 12 to 14 feet in width, and that 100 tons of orsacker day can be shipped.

A servant of the Kitty, who has good will be loaded with Eaton's fall catalogues, now due, was asked the other day if they had arrived. "No," said he, dropping his load to wipe the perspiration from his hat band, "but they're sending in little sacks of Timothy seed now; the rest will come later."

The Gibbs' Gratis Grading Gang was revived on Labor Day and started the commendable task of covering the Government block with a layer of good grass-growing earth. Sixty pounds of grass seed will be sown, and when the beautiful snow leaves us next spring a carpet of green will be there, over which the kids will gambol and the old red cow of water-barrel will run her lawn mower, to the edification of the passing throngs.

A few weeks ago an English company threw up a $20,000-bond on the Mountain Con. after spending something like $20,000 on the property. The company employed an expert named Reihle to superintend the work, and he managed to get out a few tons of ore. After running a few hundred feet on the lead he advised the company to give it up, leaving the two tons of ore on the dump. Last week W. W. Warner, the owner, who, by the way, knows how to open up a property, put a small force of men to work, and in the workings of the English company uncovered a shoot of ore 75 feet long, carrying clean ore and carbonates for a width of eight inches to three feet, assays from which give $145 to the ton. Mr. Warner will start shipping.

SLOCAN ORE SHIPMENTS.

The total amount of ore shipped from the Slocan and Slocan City mining divisions for the year 1900 was, approximately, 35,000 tons. Since January 1 to Aug. 31, 1901, the shipments have been as follows:

	Week	Total
Payne		1695
Last Chance	20	1058
Slocan Star	151	2193
Ruth		884
Bonanza		990
Hewett	160	1090
American Boy	40	1123
Ivanhoe	46	836
Trade Dollar		180
Sunset (Jackson Basin)		340
Sovereign		117
Wonderful		11
Arlington	110	2200
Two Friends		40
Enterprise	50	410
Hartney		140
Black Prince		125
Goodenough		185
Miller Creek		20
Reco		165
Sunset (Can. Gold Field)		30
Silver King		14
Noble Five	81	86
Red Fox		103
Antioch		32
Slocan Boss (for August)	186	1154
Monitor		343
Corinth (for August)	15	65
Bondholder		21
Rambler		408
Stripper		40
Cody Group		10
Chaudan		18
Speculator		10
Alpha		70
Sultan		20
Scotty Edith		18
Timothy		23
Utica		6
Q. K. M.		20
Marion		21
Ruby		1
Esmeralda		2
Hampden		3
Capella	22	22
Total tons	818	16,047

Last week's shipments of ore bring the total for the year past the 16,000-ton mark. A few of the properties listed have shipped more than the amounts credited in this list to them, but we are unable to get the exact figures at this time. However, the total is approximately correct and is somewhat encouraging, in the face of the general close down that has been experienced in the camp for some months past.

F. G. FAUQUIER ARRESTED.

A Revelstoke paper gives the following particulars of F. G. Fauquier's arrest: F. G. Fauquier was arrested on Thursday evening at his residence, charged with misappropriation of the sum of $100, while mining recorder at Nakusp. The case came before Fred Fraser, J. P., who, at the request of W. J. Goepel, the Provincial auditor, who laid the information, remanded the case till the 5th inst., or such time as the government are ready to go on with it. Bail was granted in the sum of $2,500, T. R. L. Taylor and G. S. McCarter.

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K. T. LOWERY, *Editor and Financier.*

THE LEDGE.

A pencil cross in this square indicates that your subscription is due, and that the editor wishes once again to look at your collateral.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 1901.

FROM THE EDITOR'S UPPER STOPE.

A. Geiser has commenced to spout in Rossland.

The banana has had much to do with the fall of man.

Many a couple have not the courage to get married in their own town.

The Irish have a reason to kick in Quebec province. All the free school books are printed in French.

A baseball umpire was recently killed in Indiana because his decision did not please one of the players.

Look twice before you shoot is an advice that should be observed by the fools who occasionaly kill men thinking they are bears or other animals.

The White Horse Tribune says that through THE LEDGE millions of people have heard of New Denver. And yet some people will not advertise in it.

There is no strike in Nome, yet the town is full of broken men. More strikes is what they need around that city of frost and blighted expectations.

Edison, the famous inventor, has rented an office in Sudbury, Ont., and will investigate the nickel business. His attention was drawn to the field by the ore exhibit at Buffalo, which shows the value of advertising.

The Lead Market

E. B. Braden who was in Rossland Tuesday, is well-known as the ore buyer for the American Smelting Trust. Prior to January of this year Mr. Braden was a frequent visitor to the Kootenays, but latterly his concern has not bought Canadian ores, hence it has not been necessary for their representative to cover the territory. Mr. Braden is naturally *thoroughly* posted on the lead question and his opinions on the subject are of more than ordinary interest.

"*The only factors I can see in the* direction of increasing the consumption of lead and correspondingly *stimulating the industry,*" *said* Mr. Braden yesterday to a representative of the Miner, "are a cessation of the South African war and the reopening of the Oriental market. The African war distracts the attention of people in Great Britain and retards the progress of domestic arts and enterprises. I should say it was safe to predict that lead in its various manufactured forms will be far more largely used when the trouble is finally wound up. The opening of the Chinese market, too, will have a good effect. It will give the Australians a market in China, a market for the lead produces they are now dumping on the English market, much to the depression of prices. Other lead-producing countries will also have an outlet to markets that are now closed to them."

Asked as to the conditions in the districts where the American Smelting Trust operates, Mr. Braden stated that it had been found necessary to restrict the production of lead ores in the Coeur d'Alenes and that in accordance with this the tonnage of concentrates has been reduced from 18,000 to 10,000 per month. His people were not at the present time taking a pound of ore out of British Columbia, and the reason was that the C. P. R. had established such rates as prohibited their handling B. C. ores. At the *first of the year his firm had made* overtures for a concession in rates from the C. P. R., but the railway *company would not abate from* their scale, which was about double that charged by American roads for hauling Coeur d'Alene ore. As a result the American smelters had pulled out. Had it not been for this difficulty the company would probably have been taking every ton of ore produced in the country, although he was not sure that they would care to handle the B.C. ores now because of the slump in prices, even if the reduced rate of transportation was conceded.

On being asked whether there was any probability of the American Smelting Trust re-entering the field in this province, Mr. Braden stated that the question was one to *be determined largely by the future.* Things might take a turn in such a manner that within three months the company might be in a position to utilize all the lead ores produced but at the moment he could not conceive anything in that direction. —Rossland Miner.

PERSONS CHASED BY WEALTH.

When Hodson Barnett, the copper millionaire, gave away his fortune, he went to live for a time at Wootton, a village near Bedford. Barnett was one of the richest men in Britain, being worth over £3,000,000, and certainly the biggest copper merchant and worker in the country. However, he got tired of his millions, and eventually gave nearly his entire fortune away to charities, town-ships and his political party. He was offered a baronetcy, which he refused, and with an income of £100 a year invested in consols, he took a cottage at Wootton, with one servant, and lived as quietly as a retired doctor.

But within ten months a copper mine of his in British Guiana, the now famous *La Corla* mine, which had seemed so worthless he had not troubled to sell it, brought him an *other fortune.* A prospector who examined it offered him £50,000 for it, and was told by post to keep the *mine for his trouble.* That mine is now the chief asset of the great Powell syndicate, and brings in £60,000 a year. But Barnett's troubles were not over, for in another two months he was left a legacy of £100,000, and this, gratuitiling at the work involved, he presented to the Norton Institute for Waifs and Strays. Feeling unsafe from wealth at Wootton, he quietly changed his address to Tavistock, in Devon, but there he was pursued by another legacy of £30,000, which he distributed among the hospitals, and at his death, eighteen months ago, at Hampstead, he had just been assailed by another fortune.

Mrs. Camden Brett, the famous heiress, took as much trouble to avoid wealth as most people do to gain it. She began life with a settlement of £30,000, and by the time she was 45 had come in for £300,000 more. She came to the conclusion, however, that wealth was more trouble than it was worth, and in the summer of 1883 commenced giving enormous dinners *to the poor of London and other* great cities. Within a year she had disposed of her entire fortune *in charities* except a very small competence and bought a little house in Fulham. This house, shortly afterward, was claimed for the site of the Hawarden building. Mrs. Brett was forced to sell, and the price allotted was £12,000, and about six times the sum she had paid.

Saddled with this £12,000, she spent it in founding the Cottage hospital, at Ilfracombe, and settled again in a tiny villa at Surbiton. Here, being a qualified nurse, she took to amateur nursing, and having attended a wealthy manufacturer named Morley, was bequeathed £50,000 at his death. This she mostly distributed to missionary societies; but there was no escape from the fortune that dogged her, and two years ago she befriended *a patent inventor, who, in gratitude,* assigned her a half royalty in one of his inventions, which became a huge success and brought her in £11,000.

No one had a harder struggle to get away from money than Corbey, the ship-owner, and once proprietor of the Corbey line. He sold out his great business, realizing over £1,500,000, and made it over to his heirs, not even leaving himself a competence to retire on. He bought a little farm just outside Exeter and turned it into a market garden, making it pay very fairly. The first attack of fortune was the news that a ship of his which had been abandoned uninsured in the Pacific a year before, was found with all her cargo intact. But he wanted nothing more to do with wealth, and he made her over to the finders. She was worth £16,000. Finally, before he died, only six months ago, he received a new legacy of £8,000, which he gave to Guy's hospital.

To me it seems strange that educated men, men who are looked upon as mentally gifted, should pretend that the hero of the gospel story lived a life that exceeded the powers of humanity and possessed a wisdom that could not come from human experience. It can be explained only upon the ground that after the mind accepts the bible as the word of God, it is prepared to stultify itself in any way. After a fair and impartial reading of the gospels, the world must be convinced that Jesus was not divine *but insane.*—L. K. Washburn.

The credulity of the medieval mystics debased and vitiated the faculties of the mind; they corrupted the evidence of history; and superstition gradually extinguished the hostile light of philosophy and science.—Gibbon.

JIM'S SWEETHEART.

Mother put on her Sunday best,
Her blue wedding-gown,
And white-straw bonnet neatly tied
With strings of faded brown:
We woke before the roosters crowed
And started in the dew
To see the boat race, for our Jim
Was captain of the crew.

You see, six olive branches came
To bless our honest love—
Five slumber in the churchyard green
With little stones above:
But one was left in mother's arms—
Stern death was kind to him,
The youngest of our tiny flock,
The sturdy baby, Jim.

He took it in his early head
To want a college course;
I parted with the pasture lot
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We did not want to shame our boy
And so kept out of sight
Behind a row of waving flags
And fluttering kerchiefs white.
But when the slender *skulls swept by*
The rival crews abreast
We both forgot our shabby clothes
And shouted with the rest.

The surging throng closed up in front,
We could not see our son,
But soon a mighty cheer went up
And told us Jim had won.
The crowd took up the college yell
And sent it to the skies,
And college colors everywhere
Shook out their brilliant dyes

He stepped ashore, looked up and saw
His mother's wrinkled face,
And hurried to her through the ranks
Of broadcloth, silk and lace
He never gave a single glance
Toward the pretty girls,
But kissed her on the withered lips,
And kissed her silver curls.

His manly face was glorified
With proud and happy smiles;
He did not mind because her hat
Was years behind the styles.
But led her out before his friends,
A figure quaint and prim
In stiff, old-fashioned blue silk—
"My sweetheart, boys," said Jim.
—Mona Irving, in Leslie's Weekly.

Unquestionably the tendency to doubt is the foundation of progress. For ages the monkeys believed that they must always run on all fours. But one doubted. He tried to stand erect. And while he tottered feebly, as men totter who try to think independently, that doubting monkey was the forerunner of those who now walk firmly erect and look up to the stars for inspiration.—Journal.

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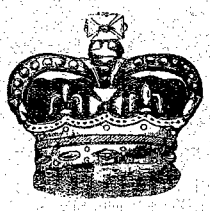

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How to Retain Man's Love

Elizabeth, in Woman's Physical Development, says it has been the habit from time immemorial to advise women as to the proper method for preserving a husband's love. Even in the primeval days of polygamy, when the old pastoral nomads drove their herds and their wives wheresoever they listed, women earnestly sought to know the secret of retaining a husband's fickle regard. Through the ages that have followed, high and low, the queen as well as the peasant, have desired to know how the delicate attentions, the careful little bits of courtesy by which the dominating male animal denotes his affection, may be secured to themselves alone, even unto death.

Women, I believe, invariably fear that when the glamor of the honeymoon has worn off, and there comes a period when the mannate's ardor will cool, and even love itself become no longer love, but mere friendly regard and kind tolerance. It is needless to remark that the woman who finds herself in this position suffers terribly. Although I have but recently made the acquaintance of the readers of this magazine, there have already come to me many appeals for enlightment on this subject from wives who have loved, and served, and find themselves gradually being thrust aside from their husband's most intimate regards.

Many pens have been devoted to this problem; and many women have put forward theories which have been found efficacious in certain instances, but the trouble has not been removed. Wives are still drinking the bitter cup of neglect, while fickle husbands wander afield for intimacies and diversions, after the bloom of girlhood has faded from their wives' lips and cheeks. Plainly, if our marriage institution is right, and proper, and natural, this state of affairs should not exist; and equally plain is it that of the many ideas advanced—plans devised—none is the true one, guaranteed to work under all circumstances.

I believe that the system of one man and one woman joining in wedlock for life is the true, only ideal one; and that there is a possibility of every woman, who has won her husband's love, certainly retaining it until the final inevitable separation.

This cannot be done by studying the peculiarities of the mental equipment of a husband, and attempting to cater absolutely to his so-called higher nature. Men of the finest sensibilities do not always love women who are en rapport with their ideas, their super-mental development. Love is, first of all, a physical attribute; and its perpetuation must be along those lines if along any.

My observation has led me to the conclusion that a majority of the women of civilized communities entirely neglect the essential things to perpetuate love. Under proper conditions a husband's love should grow, stronger and stronger with the communion and intimacy resulting from wedlock; but, alas, it does not. Wives, upon becoming such, fall into habits of idleness and indulgence that speedily rob them of every attribute the male animal loves in a woman. No healthy man ever loved, or could love connubially, a neurasthenic, undeveloped woman; nor could he continue to love one who allowed her body to become gross, sensual and inhuman.

Men realize, if women do not, that a woman's sphere in life is the bearing of children; it is the instinct for family that prompts the mating of every animal, and, in broad terms, no woman who permits herself to become unfitted for the bearing of healthy children, is entitled to, or can hold the love of a man.

This is the key for universal happiness in the married state. The woman who through ignorance or cupidity marries a physical wreck, sacrifices every chance of the happiness that comes from mutual love and respect in the connubial state. A proper marriage is a necessity; but that alone is not the sine qua non. The woman must be careful to maintain her standing as a possible mother. If she does this, she will not deteriorate in her husband's eyes, but will grow more beautiful.

There is a beauty in the matron that is stronger, more potent than that which invests the maiden. The latter is nothing more than the promise of the former. The masculine eye, whether trained or untrained, sees in her the possible matron; the framework upon which will be spread the greatest adornment of any home, a superb, contented, happy mother.

The realization of that vague longing, if it is realized as it should, binds him to the woman, with fetters of love, stronger than any coquette ever dreamed of forging.

It behooves the woman, therefore, not to look for the fabled love charm in cosmetics, finery; nor yet in the attempt to make herself her husband's mental companion. In our day and generation it is her duty to do this latter, and the facilities are such that neglect in this particular is reprehensible. But what she cannot afford to do, is to drop into neglect of her physical powers. These must be carefully schooled for the part they are to play in life.

Her life, like an athlete's, must be one of continual training. Over indulgence of food, drink or idleness cannot safely be permitted at any stage. Men's eyes look deeper than the painted cheek, the artificial waist. Health is more beautiful than any form of disease, than any condition that is not normal; and in proper living, constant exercise, the keeping of her body in the state of perfect health, in maintaining at their best all the animal powers, lies the true secret of retaining a man's love. No other is worth wasting time over.

The training for this should begin, properly, in girlhood; but it should not be neglected for a week, once wifehood has been entered into. You cannot afford to lose any one of the powers that prompted your husband to single you out from other women; it behooves you rather to develop them, to draw his affections more narrowly to yourself, and not to belong to that class of blind, ignorant creatures, that rest in fancied security in the belief that the marriage service bring read, the man's vows bind him irrevocably to them. The legal or clerical ceremony is an artifice, a convention; and has no more restraining effect upon the man's thoughts than they would upon a horse or an elephant. What will hold him to his vows lies within the possibilities at your hand, and if you do not avail yourself of them, your tragedy is your own making.

STRIKING IT RICH IN MINES.

People have a notion that success in mining is due entirely to luck. This is true, perhaps, to a greater extent than in any other business, but it never explains the whole thing. There are always other causes involved.

For instance, old H. A. W. Tabor, one of the first men in Colorado to acquire fame as a mining man and a United States senator, was popularly supposed to have got his money by bullhead luck. It is true he was an ignorant man in many ways, but he was a splendid judge of ore; one of the very best. He was walking with a friend once in the outskirts of Leadville, in the early days of that hustling camp. They came to a prospect hole, heaped with ore around the edge. Tabor stopped and examined the rocks. Then he called down the hole to the prospector, who was working below, and asked him how much he would take for his claim. The prospector called back that he would take $1,000. Tabor closed the bargain on the spot. The mine afterward produced hundreds of thousands of dollars.

Most people think, because Winfield Scott Stratton was a carpenter; and never heard of until the Independence made him a multi-millionaire in twenty-eight days, that he had nothing whatever to do with his own good fortune. But Stratton had been an indomitable prospector for years before he struck it. He lived at Colorado Springs, and in the winter he would work at his trade, and in the summer he would pack a burro with his outfit and follow the beast on foot over the hills until the storms drove him into winter quarters again. Several years he tramped it from Colorado Springs to the San Juan country in this way. His first venture in mining was down in the San Juan. A miner had come up from there the previous winter, and shown Stratton some beautiful ore from an alleged claim of his, which, according to his story, he had discovered, but hadn't money enough to work, and therefore had to sell for what he could get for it. Stratton had saved up 3,000 hard-earned dollars from his labor with the hammer and the saw. He put every one of them into that claim. The next spring he cinched up his old burro and walked to the San Juan. He found his mine a plain, simple hole in the ground; not even salted; not a trace of color in it. He lost every dollar he had put into it; a thing sufficient to utterly discourage any ordinary man.

Stratton was invariably unsuccessful in these summer trips. Year after year he prospected, in the San Juan, at Leadville, and in other sections, but found nothing. But he was all the time acquiring an unrivaled knowledge of the ore-bearing ground of Colorado. And he was no common prospector or miner. After a while he took a course in geology, mineralogy and assaying at Colorado college. After that he went armed with a blowpipe, the only process of assaying available to the prospector in the field. He also went and worked in a mill at Breckenridge, so as to acquire the process of treating ores by amalgamation. It was such things as this that made him able to understand the ground at Cripple Creek; and it was his little old blowpipe that found the first gold in the great camp. The territory where he located the Independence, July 4, 1891, had been deserted by even the few prospectors who had staked claims there, as entirely outside the gold belt. Stratton was left alone, and they called him "the hermit of Battle mountain." The Independence began to produce in 1893, and by 1899, when he sold it to the London company, it had produced $4,500,000. He got $10,000,000 in cash for it. After he had got it into shape to sell, with $7,500,000 of ore reserves in sight, no such spectacle was ever seen in any mine. For miles along its walls you could walk in the constant glitter of sylvanite, free gold, wire gold, and all other combinations of the yellow metal.

Of course, the element of luck entered into his discovery, but the long years of preparation, and his indomitable perseverance, counted for more than the luck. The biggest gift that Stratton has made since he struck it was $50,000 to Colorado college, where he learned to use the blowpipe that founded Cripple Creek. He also testified to his belief in the educated miner by a gift of $25,000 to the Colorado School of Mines.

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YOU are hereby notified that we have expended $100.65 in labor and improvements on account of your interest in the Vernon Mineral Claim. The above mentioned $100.65 is your proportion of the expense necessary in order to hold the said claim under the provisions of the Mineral Act, and if within ninety days from the date of this notice you fail or refuse to contribute the above mentioned sum, which is now due, together with all costs of advertising, your interest in the said claim will become the property of the subscribers, under Section 4 of the "Mineral Act Amendment Act, 1900."

Dated at Nelson, B. C., this 19th day of July, 1901.

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And if within ninety days from the date of this notice you fail or refuse to contribute your proportion of such expenditure, together with all cost of advertising your interest in the said claim is will become the property of the undersigned, under section 4 of an Act to amend the Mineral Act, 1900.

JOHN VALLANCE.

Dated this 30th day of July, 1901.

CERTIFICATE OF IMPROVEMENT

MINNIE HA-HA, EVENING, JENNIE, VIOLET and VIOLET FRACTION Mineral Claims.

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TAKE NOTICE That I, E. M. Sandilands, Gr. No. B 5652, acting as agent for T. Burns, Ch. No. B 5652, and D. D. Mann, Ch. No. A 5654, intend sixty days from the date hereof to apply to the Mining Recorder for Certificates of Improvements for the purpose of obtaining Crown Grants of each of the above claims.

And further take notice that action under section 37 must be commenced before the issuance of such certificates of improvements.

Dated this 20th day of August, A.D., 1901.

E. M. SANDILANDS.

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Situate in the Slocan Mining Division of West Kootenay District. Where located: West of the Sandbar, on Payne Mountain.

TAKE NOTICE That I, Herbert T. Twigg, as agent for the Payne Consolidated Mining Company, Limited, Free Miner's Certificate No. B 16315, intend, sixty days from the date hereof to apply to the Mining Recorder for a Certificate of Improvements, for the purpose of obtaining a Crown Grant of the above claim.

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Dated this 8th day of September, A. D. 1901.

HERBERT T. TWIGG.

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A. S. FARWELL.

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G. H. HAYES.

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31—Halifax fr, Dardanelles Basin, D McKinnon.

ASSESSMENTS.

July 30—Dreadnought, Lydia fr. 31—Red Fox, Red Fox fr, Central. Aug 1—Silver Top fr, Grace, Admiral, Stanley No 2, Nancy Lee, Butcher. 2—Un ted fr, Caledonia, Saddle Rock, Producer, Alert. 3—Happy Delivery, Frederic ton, High Rock. 5—Prom, Wren. 6—Black Bess. 7—Young Rambler, Lucky Swade, Swede Boy, Franklin, Drake, Little Estella, Minnie. 8—Eclipse. 9—Belfast fr, New Phoenix, Twickenham, Faringdon, Chicago fr, Delegate fr, Pulman fr. 12—Beaver Atwood, Emporium, Mammoth, Treasurer, Jehovah fr, Surprise fr. 13—Rupert, Silver Leaf. 15—Ava fr, Red Star. 16—Heather Bell, Glenore, Windsor, B A T, J R T, Nicer Than Ever, New Port fr, Denver, Halkin. 17—Lord Roberts. 19—Belle Smith Fitz, Fitz fr. 20—Stanley Fitz, Coless fr. 21—La Mont, Sunset. 22—Gopher, Boxer No 2. 23—Fair Chance, Lambert. 24—Tramp Planet. 26—Edith fr, Big fr. 27—Tamarack. 28—Imperial, Rincon, Scotland, Silver Band, Tinyford, Croydon fr, Islington, Rodney, Winton. 29—Morning Star, Little John. 30—Mono fr. 31—Forget Me.

TRANSFERS.

July 30—Chambers, Eureka, Jay Gould, Wellington, ⅛ each, J A Caldwell to Ed Becker, May 3.
Aug 1—Furlong, ¼, D Sloan to J Ryan.
2—Valkyrie, all, Galt, Silver Cord, Bryan, ¾, D Paig to J Anderson, March 30, 1898.
Same, J Anderson to G B Gerrard, Sept 2, 1898
Same, G B Gerrard to B M Walton, July 25.
Bell Smith, ¼, A Trenary to J C Regan, W A Hendryx and W H Stinson, July 27.
Fitz, ¼, C Behrman to same, July 27.
Same, ¼, A Trenary to same, July 27.
Diamond Cross, Bosphorus, Gibralter, Dardanelles No 2, Lady L fr, F Peters et al to Dardanelles and Okanogan Mining Co, July 24.
3—Silver Cord, ¼, B M Walton to T D Farrell, Aug 2, $125.
6—Gypsy, Shakespeare, Little Jumbo, ¼, L R Forbes to W F Halliday, Aug 3.
12—Dominion No 2, ¼, A L McLean to D M McDougald May 28.
Ada Bell, ½, W Hazard to D J McDougald, Aug 3, 1900.
13—B A T, J R L, Halkin, Windsor, ½, Sunrise, ½, B Anderson to M Smith, July 23.
Glenore, ½, C French to W G Roger, Aug 10.
16—Cristine notice of sale of A McDonald's interest by sheriff, Aug 15
Mario, Ida, Eagle, Black Eagle, ⅔, J M Anderson to F A Hilton, Aug 14.
22—Glengary, Ontario, A A McDonald to C B Taylor, Aug 22.
24—Mary Durham, 13-18, J Welsh to A Jacobson, Oct 5, 1899.
26—Keystone, T Avison to J D MacMaster, July 9, Aug 27.
Coriess fr, ½, Condore, ¼, F A Henneberg to J Docksteader, July 24.
Christine, A A McDonald to C B Taylor, Aug 24.
28—Notice re the license of A R Mann by M Richardson.
29—Cristine, sale cancelled, S P Tuck, Aug 16
30—Cashier, D D McPhail to J Keen, July 10.
Silver Lake, Silver Lake Falls, Granite Mountain, W W Warner to J A Whittier Aug 26.
Sunrise, M Kirlin and A Wadd ll to E M Sandilands, June 21, 1900
Same, E M Sandilands to Ruth Mines Co, Aug 29.

SLOCAN CITY DIVISION.

LOCATIONS.

July 22—Sandon, Ten Mile, D G McCuaig and N R Cunning.
Lilly, same, D C Gilchrist.
Treasure, Springer ck, R I Kirkwood.
23—Hidden Treasure, bet Bondholder and Arlington, J Campbell.
Tom Benton, close to Alpine group, D Hanlon.
Piccolo, Ten Mile, C Aylwin.
24—Tacoma, twelve Mile A Mazzio.
Croker, and n f Lemon, W Brasch.
27—Nancy, relo of Mineral Pass, by permission J Frank Collom.
Kenneth fr, divide Springer and Ten Mile, W Thomlinson.
Plumbob fr, same, W H Warren.
29—Renfrew, Lemon ck, Alex Stewart.
Jack Fran fr, Springer ck, Geo Fairbairn.
Navy Cut, same, B McNaught.
T C, Lemon ck, Joe Law.
30—Continual, adj the Enterprise, J C Butler.
Oro, Ten Mile, B V Bladon.
31—Eye fr, Robinson ck, W D McGregor.
Mary, Lemon ck, W Brasch.
Dry Ore, Slocan Lake, J Nichol.
Aug 1—Prosperous, Springer ck, R Cooper.
Bondholder fr, divide bet Springer and Ten Mile, R Bradshaw.
Independence, Lemon ck, J Crawford and J E Skinner.
2—Cecil, divide bet Springer and Ten Mile, W Thomlinson.
East Side, same, W H Warren.
Plumbline fr, same, W H Benish.
Little Jim, same, C L Johnson.
3—Olympia, Tobin ck, H Cameron
Mountain Lion, head of Kootenay Pass ck, Mark Mulvey.
Alpine, same, L Heckmann and A McLean.
Buffalo, Dayton ck, T Mulvey.
Crown, 2nd n f Lemon ck, J J Bean.
Moonshine, Tobin ck, T D Tobin.
Lark, n f Springer, D G McCuaig.
King fr, near Bondholder, D G McCuaig
5—Abbotsford, 2nd n f Lemon, Jas Campbell.
Hard Times, 1st n f Lemon, H L Fife.
Neptune, same, J T Beauchesne
Sunnyside fr, divide bet Ten Mile and Springer W H Warren
6—Hope fr, Springer ck, K E Sutherland.
7—Neptune No 2, Tobin ck, R G Henderson.
Roanoke, head of Lemon ck, J Radcliff and M Radcliff.
19—Hurdy Gurdy, Springer ck, G Nichol.
Rio Grande, Robson ck, A Teeter.
[illegible] L H, w fk Ten Mile, J Campbell and Grant
22—No 1, Springer ck, T Blench.
[illegible] Livingstone.
Scotia, head of Lemon ck, Wm Thompson.
23—Rockwood, 2nd n f Lemon ck, W Clough.
25—Orality, Ten Mile, Thos Reid
27—H M, Ten Mile, D Weir
28—Golden R[illegible], 1st n f Lemon ck, Geo F Gormley.
Knob Hill, Tobin ck, R E Allen.
29—Arrow, Lemon ck, W F DuBois.
Aunt No 2, 2nd n f Lemon ck, C H Bean.
Dominion, Lemon ck, J Bean.
[illegible] Lemon ck, W H George.
[illegible] Lemon ck, T Reed and Gill Finkle.
31—La Belle, n f Springer ck, R A Bradshaw.

ASSESSMENTS.

[illegible] 20—Monmouth No 2, Monument fr. 22—Missing Link, Manton, Young Bear, Hoboken, [illegible] A Rosebud. 23—Bear King, Morning [illegible] Alabama. 24—Eagle No 2 fr, for one year, Belcher, [illegible] Mine. 25—Bird Lone, Dutch, Kingston, Sunrise fr. 26—Elk, Victoria, for three years, Wee Joe, for two years, Skylark, for three years, Colby, Forty Nine. 27—Little Gertrude, for two years, Nancy Lolla, Primrose, for two years, King Bee, Sunrise, for two years, Maximus, Ivy, Myrtle, Huntingdon, Cornwall, Highland Lad, Silver Cliff, Hazy Boy, [illegible] Black Prince. 29—Neutral, Sunnyside, for two years, St Lawrence, for two years, Lookout, Nellie, Marmion, Hydelaid, [illegible] Acme, Aster No 2, Crystal, Silver Tip, [illegible] Aug 1—St Lawrence, for two years, Silver Reef, Horse Run, Golden Crown, Donald, for two years, Wee, for two years, Marmion, Maryland, Silver Star, for four years. 2—Emma E, Mary Alice, Hope. 3—Gold Hill, Queen, Golden Kloof, Sucker. 10—Katie. 12—King, Marlowe, B A, for two years, L B, for two years, White Bear, Black Bear, White Bear, Northern, Grand Trunk, Northern Pacific, Great Western. 13—Wellington, Annie Lolla. 14—Port Hope. 15—Liberty, Happy Gerry, Jubilee No 2, Ontario No 6, Maple Leaf, Alder. Bally Ho Boy, Empress, Zulu. 20—Queen, Winfred Alberta. 21—E J, Duplex. 22—Snow Flake, Rocky fr, Canadian Mutual. 23—Dipper, Teapot fr. 24—Golden Hill, Homestake.

CERTIFICATES OF IMPROVEMENTS.

July 29—Eclipse No 2 fraction.
Aug 16—Corker No 2.

TRANSFERS.

July 22—Hampton, Ethel K, Plunger, Silver Bow, and Camp Fire, declaration by N F McNaught claiming J A McKinnon's ¼ interest, owing to lapse of miner's license.
London fr, A McDonald to Wm D Wrighter, $9,000.
Iron Horse No 2, A L McLean and D McDonald to Wm D Wrighter, $10,000.
Iron Horse No 2 and London fr, W D Wrighter to T A Noble, $19,000.
29—Mineral Hill, J C Butler to J Frank Collom
30—Kenneth fr, W Thomlinson to same.
Plumbob fr, W H Warren to same.
31—Bachelor, Exchange, Silver Plate, Port Hope, Queen of the May, No 13, T & B, and Tory, notice of seizure by sheriff
Aug 1—Renfrew, A Stewart to John Campbell.
3—Missing Link, 2-9, D D McPherson to A Jacobson.
5—Morris, 1-6—R B McCammon to A Owens.
Morris, 1-6, T Mulvey to same.
Dundee ⅓, J G McCallum to R A Cameron.
Little Jim fr, C L Johnson to W H Warren.
Plumb Line fr, W H Benish to J Frank Collom.
Cecil, W Thomlinson to same
8—Tin Plate fr, J P Driscoll to J McCarthy.
10—Sunnyside fr, ½, W Warren to Max Heckmann.
12—Emile Mansfield, ½, J Radcliff to I Robinson.
Skookum and Victoria, M Isaacson to the New Gold Fields of British Columbia.
Emile Mansfield, ½, I Robinson to W Ipe.
14—Same to John Taylor.
15—St Lawrence, ½, J C O'Connor to A V McDonald.
Silver Reef, and Home Run, 1-5 each, P Stanott to A V McDonald.
16—Bachelor, Exchange, Silver Plate, Port Hope, Queen of the May, No 13, Tory, and T & B, sheriff's notice revoking former notice of seizure.
Bachelor, D S McVannel to Thos Lake.
17—Tin Plate fr, John McKinnon claims half interest in same.
19—Tacoma, ½, F Dick to John Bulko.
21—Viking fr, ⅓, R G Henderson to Geo Aylard.
22—Eastside, A Tunks to R I Kirkwood.
23—Morris, ½, Al Owens to J Frank Collom, $250
Eastside, W H Warren to same, $100.
Gold Viking, New Phoenix fr, and Viking fr, ⅓, Geo H Aylard to Thos S Dunbar.

BUTTE'S BIG SMELTER.

Regarding the smelter of Butte, Mont., the following facts are of interest: The ores of the Anaconda and Colorado companies are treated at the smelters at Anaconda, 20 miles west of Butte. Those of the Boston and Montana are treated at Great Falls. The Butte and Boston at the company's smelter at Butte.

The ores of the M. O. P., or Heinze company, are treated at Butte. Those of the Parrott Company are divided between Great Falls and Anaconda. The Clark ores are treated at the works of the Butte Reduction Works which are owned by W. A. Clark.

There are now in course of construction at Anaconda at a cost of $2,000,000, what are known as the Washoe smelters which will be operated under the control of the Amalgamated Company, and which, when completed, will be one of the largest and finest equipped smelters in the world employed in the reduction of copper ores

The above is but a glance of this wonderful district. The city of Butte is as unique and unrivalled as the mines, concerning each of which, no comprehensive knowledge can be obtained without an extended personal visit.

The value of the output of the district for 1900 reached the enormous sum of over fifty-three millions of dollars distributed as follows:

Metals.	Quantity.	Value.
Gold, fine ozs.....	54,552.115	$ 1,127,692.30
Silver, fine ozs.....	9,454,279.50	12,223,714.73
Copper, fine lbs.....	245,783,551	39,792,356.00
Total.....		$53,143,763.03

A report recently published, contains interesting data on the mineral wealth of the earth. According to this publication, the number of miners employed in the world's mines is 4,355,204, of whom 875,603 are in Great Britain, 498,569 in Germany, 444,578 in the United States, 310,210 on the Islands of Ceylon, 310,888 in India, 292,821 in France, 239,481 in Russia, 219,277 in Austra-Hungary, 160,150 in Belgium, 118,577 in Japan.

The financial results of the world's mines are, of course, not in proportion to the number of miners employed, which is explained when it is considered, for instance that the black diamonds in Newcastle cannot compare in value with their white brethren of Kimberley, though the industrial value of the former is much farther reaching than that of the latter. In Kimberley, the miner's output, on an average, amounts in value to $1,680, while his colleague of Newcastle is satisfied in bringing $425 worth of combustible to the surface.

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TRACKMEN WIN STRIKE.

The Canadian Pacific railroad trackmen's strike was settled at Montreal last Friday. The wages will be readjusted, the men taken back without prejudice, and the Brotherhood of Trackmen recognized. The men returned to work on Monday

In 1851 the gold fields of Australia were discovered by E H Hargrave, who had mined in California, and he was the first to make it known to the Colonial government. He was awarded the sum of $10,000 for the important intelligence. In little more than three years it was estimated that the gold obtained in and actually exported from the Australian colonies was equal in value to £50,000,000.

The man who imagines he never did a foolish act in his life hasn't sense enough to know what folly is.

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GLORY IN EXCELSIOR.

"My pa, he says girls that sing on the stage have excelsior in their tights sometimes," little Waldo informed the minister while endeavoring to entertain him in the parlor until mamma got her hair fixed and her skirts properly balanced: "and I know what the excelsior is for, too. Do you?"

"Well," the good man replied, "I never go to plays where there are girls dressed in tights. I hope you do not do so either."

"No, pa he always goes alone when they are going to be that kind of shows. But, honest, don't you like shows where they have the tights and excelsior?"

"My dear boy, I must insist that I know nothing about such things."

"Aw, I bet you do, too. I was at your church Sunday."

"Oh, were you? How did you like it?"

"Pretty good. Say, the people that belong where you preach must like shows of that kind where they have tights on, too, don't they?"

"Oh, no; indeed, I hope not."

"Well, then, what were they all singing 'Glory in Excelsior' for as hard as they could, and why did you let them if you didn't kind of like it?"—Chicago Record-Herald.

In the Middle Ages the ambition of every scholar was to form around his mind an atmosphere of thought that bore no relation to the world that was about him; knowledge was made the bond-slave of credulity, and those whose intellects were most shackled by prejudice were regarded as the wisest of mankind.—Lecky.

Skepticism is the highest duty, and blind faith is the one unpardonable sin.—Huxley.

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Credulity in all its mystical phases is a crime against social progress. It is impossible to perpetuate a civilization based on skepticism and the endeavor of human reason, if the credulity and devout faith of the Middle Ages be revived.—Casson.

Instead of trusting what their own minds tell them, men have a weakness for trusting others who pretend to have supernatural sources of knowledge.—Schopenhauer.

The narrow-minded woman hasn't a thought beyond the limited sphere of her vision.

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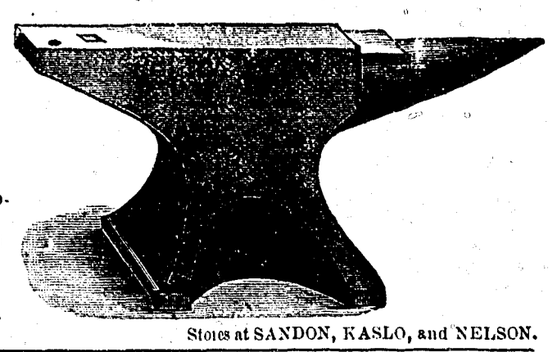

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