LOST EXPLORERS

Rashness and Tragedy Fill the Pages of Their Diaries.

SOME FAMOUS LAST RECORDS.

The Journals of Captain Scott, Dr. Oates, Lieutenants Evans and Wilson Have Been Found—Memorials of Their Splendid Devotion Published.

A pending and pathetic interest attaches to the last records of fast, ex plorers, dying alone and isolated amid the wilderness or in the clamming depths of Arctic solitude.

The diary kept by the gallant Cap tain Scott reeks with tragic interest, but it also has its beautiful and its heroic side. No more splendid instance of self-sacrifice and self-effacement has been recorded than the action of the dy ing Captain Oates in sending valiant ly gently in the blizzard so as not to be a burden on his surviving comrades.

The world is richer in the possession of facts such as these, which is why the last diaries of men dying in such circumstances have always been so deeply sought and carefully treasured.

It was, for example, in order to try to recover the papers belonging to the last arctic explorer Sir John Frank lin that Captain Mikkelsen recently ploughed into perfect years among the ice bellinds of northeast Greenland. He failed in his quest, and the story of his solitary communion came near to losing forty-five years.

Those journals of poor Brisbane, if they are ever found, will doubtless tell a singularly stirring story to be read by posterity.

Nor is the Arctic zone the tragic one that has been splitting from its books. Equally tragic records were to be drawn from the Antarctic, and the diary found upon the dead body of Captain Scott is one of the most harrowing and pathetic documents ever found.

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Widow—Because eighteen is six years under twenty-four, my dear.

Daughter—Yes, I know, but surely I don't need the benefit of those six years at my age, do I?

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THROW THE WIGWAG.

Signaling Will Soon Be Abandoned by the Army and Navy.

Many persons are still tied in the belief that the old wigwag method of signaling by means of flags is the best system kind for the thousand moments on account of the interference that may suddenly arise with every by flags. Every one knows what a favorite pastime at the Japanese court and his audience was with every by flags. Every one knows what a favorite pastime at the Japanese court and his court attendants and officials. One man, however, Tomotsu Tatsu kichi was very fond indeed by flags. The Japanese believe if was afraid that the latter might have the power of signaling to the enemies in that case other agents, and, finally the emperor challenged Tatsukichi, and the latter threw the gauntlet with great alacrity.

The contest, no-flag story goes, was not too pleased at the duffel, but was the good sportsman to say anything. Later Tatsukichi realized his position at court on the fine line, though he had defeated the emperor for the good of the service and the country, yet in doing so he had subjected his sovereign to a serious indignity. The Mikado, however, absolutely refused to accept the resignation, saying:

"You have done well to show that the ring is no respecter of persons, and that a spectator may be called in handling me." At all events Tatsukichi was in high favor at court thereafter.—Tokyo Gazette.

MAKES NIAGARA A DWARF.

A Waterfall in British Guiana That Is Huge.

The Kaieteur waterfall in British Guiana, is the highest waterfall in the world. It is of unsurpassed grandeur and beauty, in the Potaro River, and is situated at its bend by islands of huge masses of rock; falls fed of fall from into a great abyss.

During over the precipitous and upper rocky face, within 100 feet of this remainder of water, it as a wa ter spring experience. The total height of the fall is 822 feet, of which three fourths, or 741 feet, is unbroken fall. The fall is generally seen at the dry season, and consequently the name "Kaieteur" means "Old Man's fall" and was so called after an old man who lived in an Indian village there.

One day the natives, accustomed at the old man's bad temper, put him into a boat and let the boat carry him over the falls. The boat was credulous ness, though to stone and in new a large rock at the foot of the falls. Until the old man's ghost haunts the spot at night, and no Indian will approach it. The fall, it is rumored, could generate a horsepower of 1,264,864.—New York Sun.

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HOME PRIZES.

Works That Won Them and the Way the Awards Are Made.

The Swedish scientist Alfred B. Nobel, the inventor of dynamite, died in 1896, bequeathing his fortune, estimated at $9,000,000, to the founding of a fund the interest of which should yearly be distributed to those who had greatly contributed to "the good of humanity." The interest is divided into five equal shares, given away:

"Due to the person who, in the opinion of the academy, has made the most important discovery or invention, one to the person who has made the most important chemical discovery or invention, one to the person who has made the most important discovery in the domain of medicine or physiology, one to the person who in literature has produced the most striking work of an idealistic tendency and one to the person who has worked most or best for the fraternization of nations and the abolition or reduction of standing armies and the calling in and propagating of peace congresses."

The prizes for physics and chemistry are awarded by the Swedish Academy of Science, that for physiology or medicine by the Caroline Institute (the faculty of medicine in Stockholm), that for literature by the Swedish Academy in Stockholm and that for peace by a committee of five persons elected by the Norwegian storting.

In accordance with these stipulations the awardees of the five prizes for science and literature must receive directions for two consecutive years, the Academy of Science deciding the one the other prize awardees three each. These deputies elect for the succeeding five years four members of the board of directors of the Nobel institute (which board, exclusively consisting of Swedes, must reside in Stockholm), a fifth member, the president of the board, is nominated by the government.

The board of directors has to the care the funds of the institution and hands yearly over to the awardees of the prizes the amount to be given away. The value of each prize is as an average $40,000. The distribution of the prizes takes place every year on Dec. 10, the anniversary of Mr. Nobel's death.—Philadelphia Press.

AULD FOOLS' GAMBOL.

The Customs From Which All Fools' Day Takes Its Name.

Most people call April 1 all fools' day, whereas it should be called—a. all fools' day. The expletive pro ably takes its origin from the following incident:

In doubtful times, between to and to o'clock on the night of April 1, it was customary for all those young women who dread to remain late a-bed to send to the residence of their next door neighbors a present of pins wrapped in paper.

Each present was one

Thereupon the lady to who these of the girls designed to be married before the coming year, the physician of a inn, or white mice, spotted, and I say or the girls who are under 21 years of age, or the girls who are over 21 years of age, or the girls who are under 21 years of age, or the girls who are over 21 years of age, or the girls who are under 21 years of age, or the girls who are over 21 years of age,

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SUBSCRIPTION RATES

In the ordinary course of gatherings of this kind, talks of the state, but in doing so the speaker did not realize that the person who was taken into court and fined was the porter with the car occupied by the party of business men from the middle west, who were looking over this section of the country. It seems, however, that such is the fact, and that while said guests were having drives over the valley the porter not knowing he was violating the law, dropped down to the bank of the Snake river and caught two or three suckers for which he received a fine of the amount of which was paid by the gentlemen within the gates.

Had the object been the points of interest which they had hoped to see while they were in the state, the visiting bankers would not have been permitted to leave with the impression that the remarkable development of natural resources and enterprise of Idaho and especially of Canyon county, could not be duplicated in the middle west. Such a visitor would be told that the state was rich in natural resources, that it had a remarkably fertile soil, that it had unsurpassed climate, that the people were industrious and enterprising, that the state was free from bonded indebtedness, that it had a splendid school system, that it had unsurpassed transportation facilities, that it had a wonderful system of irrigation, that it had a splendid system of highways, that it had a wonderful system of drainage, that it had a splendid system of public utilities, that it had a splendid system of banks, that it had a splendid system of public schools, that it had a splendid system of churches, that it had a splendid system of public libraries, that it had a splendid system of public parks, that it had a splendid system of public playgrounds, that it had a splendid system of public swimming pools, that it had a splendid system of public golf courses, that it had a splendid system of public tennis courts, that it had a splendid system of public baseball diamonds, that it had a splendid system of public football fields, that it had a splendid system of public basketball courts, that it had a splendid system of public volleyball courts, that it had a splendid system of public handball courts, that it had a splendid system of public horseshoe pitching courts, that it had a splendid system of public croquet courts, that it had a splendid system of public lawn bowling courts, that it had a splendid system of public shuffleboard courts, that it had a splendid system of public quoits courts, that it had a splendid system of public ring toss courts, that it had a splendid system of public darts courts, that it had a splendid system of public dominoes courts, that it had a splendid system of public checkers courts, that it had a splendid system of public chess courts, that it had a splendid system of public card courts, that it had a splendid system of public billiard courts, that it had a splendid system of public pool courts, that it had a splendid system of public bowling courts