Perils of an Atlantic Voyage.

The truth is that, notwithstanding the extraordinary degree of exemption from disaster and calamity which has been attained in the navigation of the northern Atlantic, through the vast advances which have been made in modern times in nautical science and skill, there is probably no other great thoroughfare of commerce or of human intercommunication on the globe so beset with danger and difficulties as the voyage from New York to Liverpool. The Gulf Stream brings a current of warm water fifty miles wide and a thousand feet deep—and flowing at the rate of the ordinary current of a river—from the tropical seas, and pours it out in a vast fan-spreading stream over and beyond the banks of Newfoundland where it turns off to the eastward, and finally loses itself in the northern seas; while, to the westward of it, a counter current coming down from Baffin's Bay—a current of nearly equal magnitude and force—pours in to it a stream of icebergs, ice floes, and ice-cold water. The effects of this conflict are, beneath the water, the accumulation of vast deposits of sand and rocky debris brought down by the ice, and in the atmosphere above an almost perpetual succession of fogs and mists and driving rains accompanied by gales and squalls, and every other possible meteorological commotion.

The region most disturbed by the conflict between opposing forces and temperatures is on the higher seas of the Atlantic, and affects chiefly the first half of the voyage; and the danger, moreover, is the greatest at that season of the year which would on other accounts be the most convenient and most agreeable time for making the trip—namely, in the early months of summer. The ice floes break up, and icebergs are detached from the great Greenland glaciers crowding out from the land, in the early summer of one season; and as they require about a year for their twelve or fifteen hundred miles voyage, they do not reach the track of the ocean steamers until the early summer of the next. They drift very slowly at first, and melt very gradually under the feeble radiation of even June and July suns in the latitude of Labrador. Some portions of both of the floes and of the icebergs reach as far south as the Banks of Newfoundland, but few go much farther south than this. Their advance comes here, partly because the force of the current by which they brought down becomes so much exhausted, and partly because the masses of ice become by this time so diminished and so weakened by the increasing heat, both of the latitude and the season, that they are easily beaten to pieces by the waves and are dissolved. Sometimes, however, mountains come down of such prodigious size that it is long before they entirely disappear. Captain Price informed us that on one of his voyages he passed two immense icebergs, and on his return voyage, after sailing nearly fifteen hundred miles to and fro, and making the usual stay in port, he passed them again. They had drifted during the interval about forty miles. They had diminished somewhat in size, but they were of such magnitude still, and their forms were so peculiar, that their identity could not be mistaken.—From "the Ocean Steamer," by Jacob Abbott, in Harper's Magazine for July.

Early Breakfasts.

A bad custom is prevalent in many families, especially among farmers, of working an hour before breakfast, attending to chores, hoeing in the garden, cutting wood, mowing, etc. The prevalent opinion is, that the morning air is the purest and most healthful and bracing; but the contrary is the fact—At no hour of the day is the air more filled with dampness, fogs, and miasms, than about sunrise. The heat of the sun gradually dissipates these miasmatic influences as the day advances. An early meal braces up the system against these external influences. Every one knows the languor and faintness often experienced for the first hour in the morning, and that this is increased by exercise and want of food. We do not agree with the boarding school *regime* which prescribes a long walk before breakfast as a means of promoting health.—Probably, the best custom would be, to furnish every member of the family, especially those who labor out-doors, with a single cup of warm water, well milked, immediately after rising from bed. Then let them attend to chores, or mowing, hoeing, etc., for an hour or two, while the teams are feeding, and the breakfast preparing. They will feel better and do more work.—*American Agriculturist.*

Value of Time.

How few appreciate the true value of time. A man may lose a fortune, and another be made, but time once lost is gone forever. How carefully then, ought we to measure and improve the little moments as they pass. The wise Creator has given man sufficient time to do all that is required of him, but not a moment to waste. Our time may not be called our own. We are placed in the world to work out certain results, and if we idle away the precious hours we are little better than a thief. Then let us be up and doing, and when we come to the brink of the dark river, we can look back with pleasure upon a well spent and useful life, and shall hear the welcome voice proclaiming, "Well done thou good and faithful servant—enter thou into the joy of thy Lord."

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