

NOTES.

Victoria.—Quartz coming to hand from stopes above No. 3 level shows little more gold. This same reef in the drive at the intermediate level also shows little gold at each breaking down; both quartz and country on either wall indicate that greatly improved class of ore should be met with as drive advances. The Victoria reef averages from six to nine inches in thickness, composed largely of silica. Gold seen very freely in silica.

Kaiser.—This mine is looking exceedingly well. The reef, which is 3 1/2 feet thick, shows good gold and a splendid prospect is obtained on pouring.

New Alburnia.—Cleaning up took place this week at the New Alburnia Company's battery after a crushing of 200 tons. The yield of bullion was 96oz, which should be worth about £254.

Jersey (Cabbage Bay).—About 17lb of selected stone have been deposited in the Bank of New Zealand as the result of the last week's operations on the new leader. Good results have been obtained for a distance of about two chains on the surface.

Karaka Queen.—Colours of gold are still frequently seen when breaking down the reef. There are about 100 tons of ore ready for crushing, which will be commenced in a few days.

Bunker's Hill.—In taking down the footwall branch of the reef in the winze a few colours of gold were seen, but an unfavourable class of country made its appearance in the bottom.

Adelaide.—The reef formation in the south end of the winze is about a foot thick and composed of a number of stringers. The reef is more compact at the north end and strong colours of gold were seen at each breaking down.

Hinemoa—Hauraki.—The country seems to be changing from brown sandstone to nice blue country, heavily charged with bright minerals. One or two very small quartz veins have also been met with.

Welcome Find (Coromandel).—There is now 80lb of picked stone on hand, and the general ore is being classified in two grades preparatory to forwarding it to the Thames for treatment. A fair return is anticipated from the whole.

Gloucester.—The erection of a horse whim has been completed, and as soon as the water has been lowered tenders will be called for resuming sinking of shaft a further depth of 70 feet.

Komata Reefs.—One bar of bullion has been sent in from this mine. The final cleaning up is not yet completed.

Temple Bar.—The reef at the low level has been intersected. Colours of gold can be seen in the stone.

MEETINGS OF SHAREHOLDERS.

The following meetings were convened this week:—

Waiki Monument.—A meeting of shareholders in this company was held in Mr D. G. McDonnell's office. The balance-sheet showed total receipts, £865 10s 5d, and the expenditure left a credit balance of £109 11s. The chairman explained that outstanding liabilities, including the uncompleted contract, would amount to about £110, and the call to come in would give £298. The shareholders passed a recommendation to the directors to make the necessary calls to drive the low level until the reef was intersected.

Crecent.—At a special meeting held in Mr Gillilan's office shareholders decided that it be an instruction to directors not to prosecute any further work, and to dispose of the plant and tools.

Leading Wind.—At an extraordinary meeting held this week shareholders resolved that the Leading Wind G.M. Company be voluntarily wound up.

Hauraki North.—A meeting of the shareholders who signed a requisition asking the directors of the Hauraki North Company to call a meeting was held this week, being convened by private circular. It was resolved that Messrs John Kenderline, W. Frier, H. F. Inder, John Strathern, and William Thomas be nominated as candidates for the position of directors of the Company.

GOLDEN MOUNT.

A meeting of shareholders in this company took place in Messrs Lusk and Rathbone's office, being held for the purpose of considering a proposal to amalgamate with the Golden Falls G.M. Company. A letter was read from Messrs Bewick, Moreing, and Co., who hold an option over the two properties, stating that they desire to amend the terms of the option over the properties. By the amended terms the Golden Mount shareholders get 40,000 shares in the company to be formed, while under the old agreement they were to receive £5,000 cash and 50,000 shares. The desirability of amalgamation with the Golden Falls was affirmed, on terms more satisfactory than are at present offered, and a committee with full power to act was appointed to carry out the amalgamation.

LAPSED MEETINGS.

The following meetings of mining companies called for Friday lapsed for want of a quorum:—

Jupiter.—At Mr H. Gillilan's office. Credit balance, £316 4s 4d. The directors' report stated that negotiations for the sale of the property would, they hoped, be completed shortly.

Karangahake Company.—Receipts, £164 10s 9d, and credit balance, £71 5s 4d.

Wynyardton.—Credit balance, £92 12s 1d.

Zion.—Credit balance, £28.

Pigmy.—Credit balance, £434 5s 4d.

Prospect.—Credit balance, £86 18s 2d.

Scandinavian.—Credit balance, £95 4s 1d.

West Derby.—Credit balance, £16 9s 1d.

Tamilhana.—Credit balance of £259 15s 11d.

New Muster.—Cash balance, £3 11s 2d.

Fiery Cross.—Total receipts, £1,052 10s 2d; expenditure, £994 0s 6d; credit balance, £38 9s 8d.

Prince of Wales.—Total receipts, £756 7s 11d; credit balance, £2 19s 2d.

Waiki Welcome.—Total receipts, £479 12s 4d; credit balance, £19 13s 9d.

GOLD RETURNS FOR THE WEEK.

Companies.	Tons.	£
New Alburnia	2 3/4	254
Waioatahi	1 1/2	387
Nonparadi	4 1/2	152
Total for week	8 1/2	£793

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A race-boat made of hardened and polished cement has been invented by an Italian named Gacellini. Steel bars one-third of an inch in diameter form the frame, and on this is a thin wire netting. The netting is then lightly covered with some cement.

A letter bearing the address, Herr Andree, North Pole, has been found at the General Post Office, Berlin. It was written in all seriousness, and the authorities have returned it to the writer with the superscription 'Unknown.'

Colonel Landman relates that in the early part of the present century, when at Plymouth, then the scene of much excitement, he noticed one of the many ingenious ways devised by drunken sailors to get rid of their pay and prize-money. A foremast man, who had just received £700 and twenty-four hours' leave of absence, hired three carriages-and-four—one for his hat, another for his stick, and a third for himself—and in this fashion rode about the streets, from public-house to public-house, until morning.

A champion has arisen for those who lose their tempers and use 'swear words.' In his book on the 'Therapeutic Aspects of Talking,' Dr. Campbell says that outbursts of passion and irritability relieve the nerves and promote health, and that swearing may be justified from a physiological point of view. It may be true (remarks the 'County Gentleman') that a healthy man feels relieved after a good swear, just as women are all the better for a good cry. But, unfortunately, it is invalids who are most irritable, particularly those who are instructed to keep quiet. Swearing is not even a remedy for such a common ailment as toothache, and sufferers from neuralgia derive no benefit from smashing crockery.

A few months ago a doctor wrote some articles on 'Nagging Women.' He related his experiences as a physician, and declared that a large share of human misery was clearly the result of woman's pestilent and persistent nagging of those about them. But what about nagging men? There are men whose nightly return to their homes always means needless misery to their households. They find fault with their dinners, with the household bills, with the children, and with everything else. They make sarcastic remarks that burn and scarify the sensitive souls of their wives. They carry home the worries of business. They 'take it out' of their families for everything that has gone wrong in the day's work, and some are even cowards enough to revenge upon the innocent and helpless those wrongs and affronts which they have not had courage enough to resist and resent upon the offender. There are probably as many 'nagging' men as 'nagging' women in the world, and there is immeasurably less excuse for them. For men have the relief of work and out-of-door life for irritable nerves, and that is denied to most women.

Despite his worries, Abdul Hamid's hair, it is said, never grows white. To prevent that it is dyed, and the dyeing is repeated as often as needful, for, according to the Turkish Court etiquette, the Sultan's hair must always be black.

This is said to be a good way to clean a pipe. Take two or three heads of fuses and place them in the bowl of the pipe. Have a cork which will just fit the bowl. Light the fuses and press the cork firmly but gently into the bowl. The nicotine is forced through the stem by the pressure of the escaping smoke, and the pipe will be as sweet and clean as a new one.

The man who conceived the notion of placing metal plates on the soles of boots is reported to have made £400,000; while the idea of attaching a piece of indiarubber to the end of a pencil brought the inventor the respectable sum of £20,000. How, the originator of the sewing machine, derived from it an income of £100,000 a year; while Fox, the inventor of paragon frames for umbrellas, made a heap of money.

MEN AND WOMEN.

There are two deplorable extremes, into one of which a young girl often falls on receiving 'her first offer.' The worse and more frequent of these is that of fancying herself in love, when in reality she doesn't care a fig for her lover. The other consists in a coquettish pride, which leads her against the dictates of her judgment and the inclinations of her heart, to reject a suitor, however worthy. Many a woman has blighted her own life and that of the man she loved by indulging in a passion for coquetry. Having charms of which she is fully conscious, she proudly measures her power, and says to herself:—'I am equal to great conquests, and shall I thus early submit to be conquered? No! when I have had a surfeit of these delights, then—' But the time referred to in the long futurity of the little word 'then' seldom comes to the coquette. It will always be 'then.'

For domestic servant-girls and other heavy sleepers, whose slumbers the ordinary alarm-clock does not disturb, an ingenious appliance has been devised. It consists of a metal frame to be hung above the sleeper's head. From it are suspended a number of corks. During the night it is lowered gradually by a clockwork mechanism, until at the proper hour and minute the dangling corks begin to bob against the nose and face of the sleeper. Of course she wakes up.

Liza Wellington, a negro woman about thirty-six years of age, entered a doctor's office at Mayssville, Georgia, and called for 'medicine to make her quit eating dirt.' The physician asked a few questions, and found that the woman was in the habit of eating a washbasinful of dirt daily. The woman declared that the dirt gave her more satisfaction than a first-class meal at the hotel. The doctor says that the woman's health is not seriously impaired. She has an ashy appearance, but is active and strong enough.

The German list of patents contains the following:—'No. 92,406, an invention by Fraulein Elfriede Latekiewitz, of Berlin, for artificially filling out the cheeks. The apparatus is worn inside the mouth, attached to the jaws.' After false teeth, false hair, and false calves for cyclists we have now arrived at false cheeks.—Paris 'Figaro.'

Never marry a man who has only his love for you to recommend him. It is very fascinating, but it does not make the man. If he is not otherwise what he should be, you will never be happy. The most perfect man who did not love you should never be your husband. But, though marriage without love is terrible, love only will not do. If the man is dishonourable to other men, or mean, or given to any vice, the time will come when you will either loathe him or sink to his level.

The United Brethren General Conference, at its recent session, had a discussion of the word 'obey' in the marriage ceremony of their discipline. A large number of women had interested themselves in the matter, and worked for its elimination, but the conference refused, and the word remains.

Old styles of jewellery are coming into fashion again. Women are haunting the old curio shops trying to find the beautiful old cameos like those worn by their mothers and grandmothers. The old-fashioned setting is rarely changed, the quaintly carved and twisted gold being considered extremely beautiful. The old brooches and rings are especially sought for, and bring remarkable prices when found.

Sandow has a rival, if reports are to be believed. This is the Archduchess Maria Therese of Austria, who is one of the strongest women in the world, and certainly the strongest in a royal family. She is said to be capable of lifting a man in the air with one hand.

The new ladies' club in Edinburgh is likely (according to a London journal) to excite a good deal of attention. It is to be a purely social club, and, of course, it is to be yclept 'The Queen's Club.' Gentlemen may be invited by members.

A lady journalist expresses the opinion that women are well fitted to write for newspapers. She says: 'They have done and are doing good'