

CANADIAN ZOO



(1) Specimens of Banff Buffalo. (2) Three Good Fellows. (3) A Banff Polar Bear.

In the Canadian Zoo at Banff, Alberta, within the Rocky Mountains Park and along the C.P.R., both at the zoo adjoining the museum and out at the animal paddock about two miles east of the town, there are fine specimens of buffalo, moose, elk, deer, prairie sheep, Angora goats, bear, wolves, coyotes, lynx, badgers, martens, and a number of the smaller animals.

They were brought to Banff from the experimental farm at Brandon, and are now in a healthy and flourishing condition. Their quaint appearance, causing them to be objects of much interest. The park commissioner suggests that it would be an interesting experiment to attempt to cross one of the buffalo bulls with one of the yak cows. In the Zoo, adjacent to the museum, may be seen the following animals of the Rocky Mountains:

Black bears, cinnamon bears, grizzly bears, red foxes, kit foxes, timber wolves, coyotes, lynx, American panther (or mountain lion), badgers, pine martens, porcupines, mountain gopher, albino gophers, marmots, fox squirrels, black squirrels, Canada geese, hawks, golden eagles, black-headed eagles, owls, pelican.

The Founding of Frankfort.

The beautiful German commercial city of Frankfort on the Main is said to have had a curious origin.

When the Emperor Charlemagne contended with the Saxons the fortunes of war were often against him. On one occasion he was forced to retire along the banks of the Main. At the time there was a thick fog, and he was unable to find his ship or any place where his army could cross.

He was almost in despair when a doe, carrying a young one, sprang from a thicket in alarm, leaped into the stream and swam over. Charlemagne followed the example and crossed at the same place. The fog concealed the army, which escaped detection.

When the emperor reached the shore he stuck his spear into the earth and exclaimed:

"Here shall a city arise, to be called Frankford."

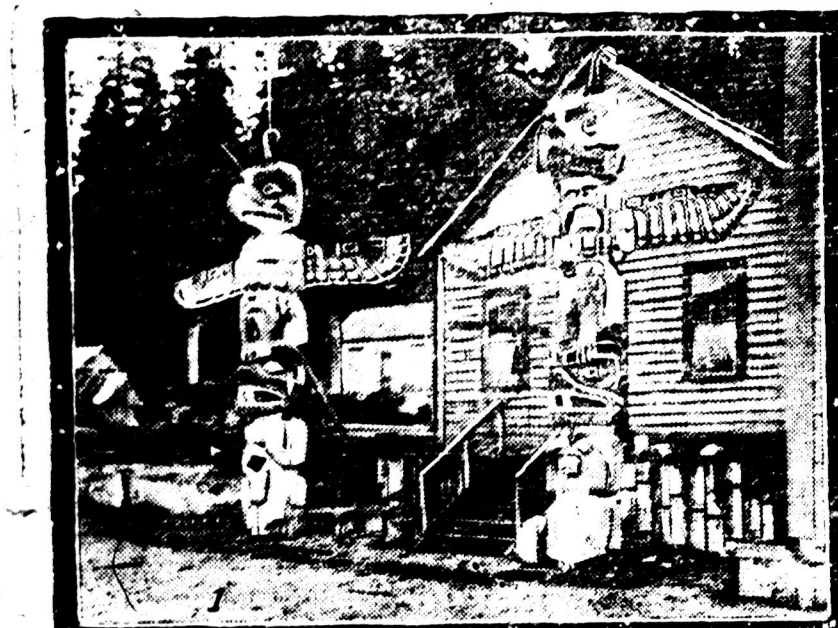
In consequence of crossing the stream he overthrew the Saxons. He then built the town, which afterward became the scene of imperial coronations and later of great commercial importance.—London Answers.

Checkers.

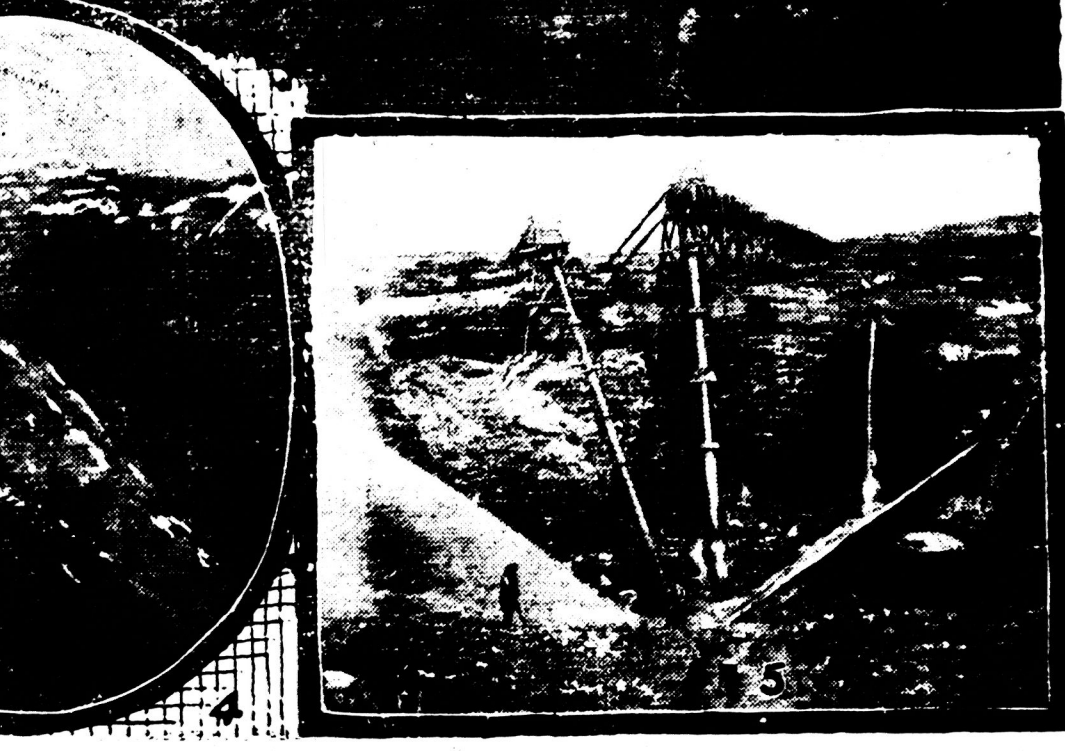
The German name for the game of checkers or draughts is "dammbrett" ladies' board—probably "damen" for short. Some form of "dame" is used in almost every country where the game is played, except the English speaking countries, and the Scots still speak of the "dambrod." "Dames" was the name in England for a time, and we find it in an English book toward the end of Elizabeth's reign. The first use of the word draughts in existing literature is about 1400. At a later day "checkers" became another name, and this went to America with the early English emigrants and there became the usual name. In England in the sixteenth century the game had three names—"dames," "draughts" and "checkers." At an earlier period "checkerie," "chekar," etc., had been English names for chess.—London Mirror.

Bogus Nurses.

Germany has already passed a law making it a punishable offence for an unauthorized person to wear a nursing uniform or badge.



GLACIERS and GOLD



(1) Totem Poles. (2) Wrangell, Alaska. (3) Hanging Rock. (4) Near Glacier, Alaska. (5) Hydraulic Lift at work below Discovery, Glacier Creek.

ATU ISLAND, Alaska, is farther west of San Francisco than that city is west of Eastport, Maine. To the average American or Canadian the very name is synonymous with gold and glaciers, but of the country itself he knows less than of any other spot on the continent. He doesn't realize that Alaska contains floods equal to those of Norway, that Alaska contains more than two hundred immense and unmatched glaciers, some of them near neighbors to active volcanoes, such as Wrangell, whose smoking summit forms the eastern end of a thousand miles long. Nor does he realize the climatic variations that are to be found in Alaska, where the coldest month of Sitka is no colder than that of St. Louis, the warmest months of San Francisco and Juneau are of identical record; and yet Point Barrow, on its northern fringe, is 300 miles within the Arctic Circle and has no sun for forty days out of every year.

Canadian Pacific "Princess" steamer, the traveller wakes next morning to his first view of the typical and wonderfully beautiful scenery of the so-called gold country. Seymour Narrows ushers him into smooth, island-dotted waters that lead to Alert Bay, where he may see fifty-foot totem poles and a modern hospital by the cedar lodges of the Kwaiutis.

At evening time Queen Charlotte Sound is reached and for the first and only occasion during the trip the vessel rides open water while the whale spouts in the offing and the basking shark lies in the last sunshine.

Cape Fox marks the southern point of Alaska and soon Ketchikan is reached, a modern town solidly planted on the most difficult of hilly ground. Copper has made Ketchikan, but the tourist will perhaps be more interested in the vanishing Indian with his woven baskets than in the advancing miner.

Leaving Vancouver in a comfortable

At the mouth of the Skeena a fleet of salmon boats is encountered and passengers leave for many points on the river, which is navigable for 180 miles.

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