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ask him to continue to visit us. I should be glad to hear the particulars of poor George's death; but that I could not let him see my sister, and hinted, as delicately as I could of the impropriety of which he had seen guilty when he last visited.

He took it all very quietly, only giving a long, weary sigh when I told him, I must beg him not to repeat his visit. He looked so weak and ill, that I was obliged to ask him to take a glass of wine—an offer which he seemed to accept with great pleasure.

I got out the sherry and biscuits, and placed them on the table between us, and he took a glass and drank it off greedily.

It was not without some difficulty that I could get him to tell me of George's death. He related, with evident reluctance how they had gone out to shoot a white bear, which they had seen on an iceberg stranded along the shore. The top of the berg was ridged like the roof of a house, sloping down on one side, to the edge of a tremendous overhanging precipice. They had scrambled along the ridge in order to get nearer the game, when George incautiously ventured on the sloping side.

"I called out to him," said Grieve, "and begged him to come back, but too late. The surface was as smooth and slippery as glass. He tried to turn back, but slipped and fell. And then began a horrible scene. Slowly, slowly, but with ever-increasing motion, he began to slide down toward the edge. There was nothing to grasp at—no irregularity or projection on the smooth face of the ice. I tore off my coat and hastly attaching it to the stock of my gun, pushed the latter toward him but it did not reach far enough. Before I could lengthen it, by tying my cravat to it, he had slid further away, and more quickly. I shouted in agony; but there was no one within hearing. He, too, saw his fate was sealed; and he could only tell me to bring his last farewell to you, and—to her! (here Grieve's voice broke,) and itwas all over! He clung to the edge of the precipice instinctively for one second, and was gone?"

Just as Grieve uttered the last words his jaw fell! his eyeballs seemed ready to start from his head; he sprang to his feet, pointed at something behind me, and then, flinging up his arms, fell with a scream, as if he had been shot. He was seized with an epileptic fit.

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ADIPOCERE.

A DEAD WOMAN GAINS 200 POUNDS IN NINE YEARS.

The Saginaw (Mich.) Enterprise reports that while removing the bodies from the old to the new cemetary, south of Saginaw City, the men engaged in the task of disinterring came across a petrified body. It was that of a female and the inscription on the headstone was "Mary, wife of J. Malden, died April 21. 1860, aged 80 years, 1 month and 2 days." Bernard Rice, who is superintending the disintering and removing of the bodies, estimates the weight of the body at 400 pounds.—Mary Malden, of whom this petrified body is the remains, was well known in the Saginaw City 10 or 12 years ago. She was a devout Catholic. Her husband was at one time keeper of the light house at Thunder Bay, and is now living at Alpena. It is said that she died very suddenly one day after eating a hearty dinner. She was quite a large woman, weighing, perhaps, 200 pounds.

Mr. Lewis, through the Saginawian, says: "The head had fallen from the body, and the bones of the neck at the point of separation had the same appearance as those of other bones near by, known to be the remains of one buried, about the same time. Of the head, as we saw it, there was nothing left but the bones. From the shoulders down to the feet, save the hands, which were somewhat crumbled, the body retained its natural shape of roundness. Over the bowels there was a slight depression, but the wall of the [illegible] full, and the limbs, even [illegible] the right leg near the [illegible] red while the deceas- [illegible] were keeping the [illegible] of Saginaw river, [illegible] must have look- [illegible] ut for burial.— [illegible] of the limy de- [illegible] derful preser- [illegible] is like that [illegible] cumulates in tea-kettles, [illegible] ppeared in the interstices of [illegible] thing and in the soft parts of the [illegible] here there had been slight abra- [illegible] s, as in the lift hip, was of about [illegible] e same consistency The chest and [illegible] breast were particularly full and had [illegible] attained a greater degree of hardness [illegible] han any position of the body."

This is decided to be a case of [illegible] dipocere, which is explained by the [illegible] American encyclopedia, as follows: [illegible] pocere is a product of the decom- [illegible] osition of fleshy matters. It bears a [illegible] slight resemblance to spermaceti. It [illegible] is formed from bodies buried in moist [illegible] earth, and especially when these are [illegible] accumulate for years in great num- [illegible] bers."

HARDWARE.—In another column will be found the advertisement of one of the oldest, reputable and extensive Hardware Importing Houses [illegible] the States, hat of Slocomb, Bald- [illegible] & Co., New Orleans. We com- [illegible] d them as enterprising mer- [illegible] nts, deservin of the confidence [illegible] business community. For [illegible] half a cent y they have oc- [illegible] a leading pos ion in the hard- [illegible] usiness, in every department [illegible] ich their stock full and com- [illegible] e.