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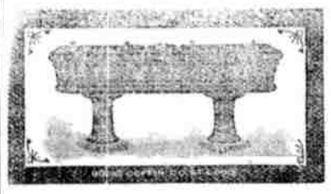

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"It would seem so." The second stranger yawned again.

"But they don't keep the farms up; they neglect them woefully. They're satisfied to make a bare living, and hardly do that," continued the first stranger.

"I've noticed it."

"The farms aren't worth much as they are now, but it seems to me they could be made valuable."

"They could be."

"I should think it would be a good investment for an enterprising man."

"It would be."

"Then why don't somebody try it?"

"I have."

"What was the matter?"

"Natives would kill me because they were too lazy to move away. And strangers, if I lived there long enough long I'd be just about the same way."—Chicago Tribune.

This Christian Hide.

The hide of the former Cincinnati elephant, Old [illegible], was shot last February, [illegible] and with the [illegible] of the brute [illegible] at the [illegible] has been [illegible].

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MEXICAN GHOSTS.

The Mysterious Experience of a United States Sailor.

A. L. Chatfield, of the Indianapolis Drug Company, was in the United States Navy several years, and cruised in every sea.

"The experience that left the most lasting impression on me was one I had with ghosts," said he to an Indianapolis News reporter. "Now, I do not believe in ghosts for one minute, but the experience I had is one I am not able to explain away. There is hardly a day of my life that I do not think of it. We stopped at a Mexican port and hadn't been there very long before we learned that the natives were very much excited over a haunted house that stood off by itself in a lonely part of the town.

"All the brave men in the place had visited the house to hear the ghosts, and the experience was such that no one could be induced to go back the second time. The second mate of our ship and I decided to investigate the ghosts. We firmly believed that some one in the place was slipping into the house and making the strange noises that were reported as being heard. The mate was a man who did not know fear, and we agreed that we would go prepared to kill the first ghost that made its appearance.

"We prepared for the expedition by cleaning and loading four good revolvers and by providing a dark lantern. In the afternoon we went to the house and examined it carefully for secret entrances. Every foot of floor and wall was examined, and we saw that the doors were all securely bolted on the inside, except the one to which we had a key. Soon after dark we went to the house and made a second examination, and found it as we had left it in the afternoon. We then took our seats in the front room, with our faces toward an open door leading into another room. The house was quiet as death.

"The mate held the dark lantern, with the slide on, and we each held revolvers in our hands. After we had been there perhaps a half an hour we heard a noise like one makes in slightly pulling a chair nearer the table. A moment later the chair in the room which we were facing seemed to be picked up and set down again. Then we heard footsteps, and pretty soon the room resounded with noises. The scant furniture, it seemed, was being thrown pell mell, and the racket became unearthly.

"'Now is our time,' said the mate in a whisper. At that he turned on the dark-lantern and sprang into the room. The moment we entered it the noises ceased and it was vacant. More than that, the furniture stood just as we had left it. We examined the doors and windows, and they were as we had left them. The floor, too, was examined, and no opening was there. Before we had finished our examination noises began upstairs, and in other rooms. A dozen men with heavy boots seemed to be running up and down the stairway. With our dark-lantern we ran upstairs and through the several rooms, but could see nothing.

"Whenever we would enter a room the noises would seem to be in the next room—or all over the house, for that matter, except in that one room. To make the story short we remained in the house until daylight, and the noises continued all night. We chased from one room to another until we were almost completely exhausted, and not once did we catch sight of any living object. We couldn't have been mistaken in the noises. It couldn't have been imagination, for neither of us was excited or frightened. These noises were made in the house, but what by is the greatest mystery of my life."

A PRISONER SIXTY YEARS.

An Italian Brigand Liberated After a Long Confinement.

Recently after sixty years of imprisonment, part of which was passed in the prison hospital, the Italian brigand chief, Domenico Nocchia was liberated, and passed through Naples to Rome, where, as he has no living relative, he was placed in an asylum, for he suffers from asthma and a disease of the leg.

This old brigand chief was born eighty-three years ago near Viterbo, where at 14 years of age he killed the syndic and his brother, a priest, because he had heard they wanted to have him arrested. After the murder he fled and joined a band of brigands, leading the life of a highwayman and house-breaker for some years, during which, he asserts, more than a million francs passed through his hands.

When he was at school previously at Montefiascone he had been the companion of Pope Leo, says the Phila. Telegraph, and, being a good arithmetician, was, at that early age made to teach his fellow-scholars. When he became a brigand he used to dress like a superior officer, and quietly frequent the towns of Piedmont, Tuscany, &c. Of the Neapolitan provinces, only the Abruzzi were favored by his visits. It was a sweetheart of his who finally enabled the gendarmes to arrest him without shedding of blood. The price that had been set on his head was 35,000 francs, which the gendarmes gained.

He was taken, together with five companions, who were all beheaded: but Nocchia was saved by Prince Orsini, president of the senate, because when the prince had one evening been stopped and robbed by the band, Nocchia had set him free and restored all that had been taken. Nocchia was, however, condemned to prison for life, but he did not cease to commit crimes. In 1841, being vexed with the reproaches of the chaplain because he refused to kneel and kiss the crucifix, Nocchia killed the priest by a stratagem.

On July 1, 1855, he had been irritated by a dentist failing to extract a torturing tooth, and had treacherously sharpened a large nail and killed the dentist with two stabs. In 1866, having made a complicated calculation of all the expense of the Crimean war within ten days, while his prison companions had not been able to manage it in a month, he gained a prize of 50 scudi from the commanding colonel. Twice he tried to commit suicide—once at Pesaro, where he swallowed a blister that had been put on a companion's arm, but, he said, without result, as it was as if he had merely eaten a pastry. The second time he had cut a vein in his arm, but this, too, failed.

THE BUDDHIST SATAN.

A Terrible Being Having Three Red and White Eyes and Like Attributes.

Most Buddhistic temples in Corea, China and Japan are filled up with a representation of hell according to Oriental ideas; especially is this true of the temples and pagodas known as the "Abode of the Five Hundred Gods." To make this hellish idea more real it is always placed at the end of a long, dark hall, dimly lighted, the uncertain flicker of the lamps giving Yema, the god of hell, whose black image towers above the supposed horrors in the attitude of one whose sway is absolute, the most horrid aspect imaginable. Yema sits upon a massive throne, with his pencil in hand, ready to write out the sentence of the condemned. His grim visage is of the sablest of sable hues; his eyes are as large as saucers, their color being a dim red and white, their hideous, stony stare not detracting in the least from the dreadful picture, even though you struggle to convince yourself that the whole scene is fanciful and ideal. But, as if general dreariness of surroundings were not enough to cause the Buddhistic devotee to realize the terrors of this ideal hell, Yema's features are horribly distorted and malformed. His monster eyes of red and white are three in number, his nails are long and fiend-like, he has hoofs, horns and hair, and is in many other particulars like the Christian devil, with the exception of a forked tail. On either side of this god of hell sit two figures supposed to keep records of the misdeeds of men, and, in front, says the St. Louis Republic, sits the executioner, ready to cast the condemned into perdition. Hell itself, according to the Buddists, is even more terrible than Christian nations suppose it to be. First the wicked are beaten into a jelly; secondly, they are dragged limb from limb, chopped to pieces, pounded in a mortar; nails, tongue and eyes are gouged out and the body sawn or planed into various shapes. In the third stage they are supposed to be beaten like animals in a pen; the fourth is the stage of great weeping, and the fifth that of "sorrowful lamentation." In the sixth stage the body is partly roasted. In the seventh the unfortunate victim of Yema is forced to walk for ages over hills covered with long needles. At the end of the long and painful march the condemned for hell is thrown into the bottomless pit of perdition.

Says a Physician.

"It is best," says a Toledo physician, "to ride up in the elevator, and walk coming down to take the stairs. Like going up hill, walking upstairs is hard work, and sometimes risky, especially for people with weak lungs, feeble respiratory organs or heart disease. But going downstairs hurts nobody, but is good exercise; going down with a brisk run is really a good thing, shakes up the anatomy with no fear ring the danger of physical exertion; this shaking up is good for internal mechanism, which operates, especially the liver, to stimulate and the blood circulation.

"August Flower"

The Hon. J. W. Fennimore is the Sheriff of Kent Co., Del., and lives at Dover, the County Seat and Capital of the State. The sheriff is a gentleman fifty-nine years of age, and this is what he says: "I have "used your August Flower for several years in my family and for my "own use, and found it does me "more good than any other remedy. "I have been troubled with what I "call Sick Headache. A pain comes "in the back part of my head first, "and then soon a general headache "until I become sick and vomit. "At times, too, I have a fullness "after eating, a pressure after eating "at the pit of the stomach, and "sourness, when food seemed to rise "up in my throat and mouth. When "I feel this coming on if I take a "little August Flower it relieves "me, and is the best remedy I have "ever taken for it. For this reason "I take it and recommend it to "others as a great remedy for Dys-"pepsia, &c."

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SOAPSTONE.

A Mineral Which Has Lately Been Used in Fireproof Paints.

An industry of which there is but little said excepting in a general way, but which is, however, none the less important, is the production of soapstone. There are but comparatively few people who are familiar with the various features of this commodity, and some facts treating upon the industry will, doubtless, prove of interest.

In the first place, soapstone, or, more technically speaking, steatite, is a mineral of a soft and flexible nature, and consisting principally of silica, magnesia and more or less alumina and water. It has an oily feeling, quite suggestive of a piece of wet soap, and is of three or four different colors, although mostly of a whitish cast. Large quantities are quarried in parts of New England and the middle states, the surplus coming from Pennsylvania and New Hampshire. Its applications are numerous and varied. Cotton manufacturers use it extensively on the sizing of rollers. Its great durability in withstanding excessive heat renders it valuable in lining furnaces for the reduction of ore by fluxes, and in lining ranges, etc. Lately it has been used in the manufacture of a fireproof, waterproof and acidproof paint, where it gives much satisfaction. For the preservation of limestone or sandstone buildings during atmospheric changes it also proves beneficial. It may be stated here that in China some of the soft stone buildings covered with a paint made from powdered soapstone have been kept intact for centuries. In its powdered form it is also largely used as a lubricant, and as an ingredient in the manufacture of some kinds of steam packing. Some other of its instances of usefulness are in the manufacture of cooking utensils and sinks, in the preparation of hides, in the adulteration of soap, paper and rubber, in use where a hot box is occurring, in polishing glass, marble, etc., and in a thousand other ways. So we can see what a prominent position it occupies among American industries.

During the year 1884, says the American Cultivator, there were 12,713 tons of this mineral produced at a value of $231,708. It is authentically stated that the birth of this industry dates back to the time of the American aborigines. Doubtless the use of soapstone in cooking vessels was an idea of this race, as all along the California coast, and in fact, in nearly all productive parts of the country, have been found unmistakable evidence of a previous existence of the industry. The natives had a much more difficult time in shaping the various articles than we are aware, as, aside from selecting the soft and flexible material, it must be remembered that they had to perform their work with tools of stone, parts of antlers and sometimes even of wood. Probably the most elaborate of these soapstone manufactures were pipes, which are said to have been very beautiful in shape and of a most exquisite finish.

At a place in New York state called Gouverneur is found a specie of soapstone known as fibrous talc, which is especially valuable as a filler in the manufacture of the medium qualities of paper. The talc is crushed into small particles, ground with buhr stones, and then placed in a large iron cylinder together with a quantity of flint pepples, which, while revolving, reduce the talc to a required degree of fineness by friction.

The World's Rulers.

According to an eminent German statistician the world has had 2,550 kings or emperors who have reigned over 74 peoples. Of these 300 were overthrown, 64 were forced to abdicate, 28 committed suicide, 23 became mad or imbecile, 100 were killed in battle, 123 were captured by the enemy, 25 were tortured to death, 134 were assassinated and 103 were executed.

Very Likely.

A zealous boor once remonstrated with a Brahmin. "You don't believe in the true God," he said. The Brahmin shrugged his shoulders. "Very likely," he answered; "but if my God couldn't make a better gentleman than your God has made, I would exchange him for a black dog."