

BEFORE THE DELUGE.

Among the foremost propagators of the romance of fact stands the name of Louis Figuier.

At the close of the year, thousands of people are asking themselves the question, What is the most wholesome reading for the young?

Different species have died out quite naturally; races have disappeared, like individuals.

In introducing a foreign work of this kind to native readers, the introducer has to accomplish two distinct and dissimilar tasks.

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Spanish history preserves many stories of giants. The tooth of St. Christopher, shown at Valencia in the church of the Holy Spirit, was certainly the molar tooth of a fossil elephant.

These fossil bones of elephants are extensively scattered, not in Europe only, but almost all over the world.

New Siberia and the Isle of Laccadive, for the most part, only an agglomeration of sand, ice, and elephant teeth.

It was in Russia that the fossil elephant took the name of mammoth, and its tusks the name of mammoth teeth.

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subject has been the attainment of cold. Some eminent men have thought that the reduction of temperature during the glacial epoch was due to a temporary diminution of solar radiation.

Cold alone will not produce glaciers. You may have the bitterest northeast winds here in London throughout the winter, without a single flake of snow.

It was only after the glacial period, when the earth had resumed its normal temperature, that man was created.

It is clear that the thing most needed to produce the first blade of grass which grew upon the burning rocks of the Silurian sea came; whence came the different races of animals which have from time to time replaced each other upon the globe.

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