

MISCELLANEOUS.

The northernmost place in the world where ice and snow are to be seen...

Three hundred dollars a year gives a spacious and elegant residence in the Azores...

On Dr. Glenn's ranch in Colusa County, California, in the same field, were to be seen at the same time one set of men thrashing out this year's crop...

A somnambulist at Louisville, Ky., created a decided sensation at four o'clock one morning by appearing in a skin costume on the roof of his house...

A gentleman in Washington has invented a machine consisting of numerous mirrors reflecting the sun's rays from one to the other with such effect that they will reduce wood to ashes...

Dr. Decker, of St. Petersburg, a physician having treated hundreds of children at the hospital for epileptic fits, says he has met with the best results from the following treatment...

There were found on the person of a young Englishman who committed suicide at Bordentown, N. J., by drowning, seven lockets of hair belonging to as many different persons...

Dr. Wilson, of Meriden, has found that malarial diseases invaded Connecticut in 1869, in the town of Southport, in a wave several miles wide...

The bean-blower with which the modern school-boy loves to torment the children round about him is a species on the platform is only a feeble imitation of the "sumpitan" with which the aboriginal Dyaks of Borneo go to war...

A farmer in Cayuga County, New York, who was short of help, the other day had a big field of potatoes to dig. He banted a neighbor to take the job...

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Storms and Earthquakes.

The recent destruction of the greater portion of the city of Manila by a hurricane will, for several reasons, awaken more than merely sympathetic interest...

Aside from the commercial interests involved, this disastrous storm possesses great interest from a scientific point of view. The study of the phenomena of the atmosphere is being pursued more vigorously than ever before...

One of the features of these storms which specially needs investigation, is the fact of their tendency to break out at intervals with unexampled fury, sweeping everything from their track...

Of late years much attention has been given to theories which recognize causes outside the earth as influencing its meteorological conditions. The most conspicuous of these theories relates to the supposed coincidence of the periods of sun-spot maxima with storm cycles on the earth...

According to some theorists earthquakes also occur most frequently in cycles which depend upon extra-terrestrial influences, and we are now entering one of these cycles. In light of the great displays of the aurora borealis like these of last spring and summer, and by magnetic disturbances which affect the needle and sometimes cripple the telegraph...

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Beetles, Etc., as Jewels.

Insects have always been used more or less in decoration, especially in Brazil, where the richly-colored beetles of the country are affected articles of personal adornment...

Within ten years the alligator has become an important factor of the artistic manufacturer. The hide, by a new process, is tanned to an agreeable softness and used in innumerable ways. The most costly bags and trunks are made from it...

A Boy's Pistol of Fifty Years Ago. Week before last Titus Darlington, carpenter, in tearing down a portion of the farm-house of Taylor Hoopes, of West Goshen Township, Chester County, Pa., in order to erect a building across a large-sized horse pistol that had been lost for fifty years...

The Last Josiah Quincy. Mr. Josiah Quincy is dead at a ripe old age. He has been during all his life a prominent figure in the annals of the Commonwealth, and his name is connected with some of the most useful improvements and beneficent enterprises of the last half century...

Jealousy recently induced a large Berlin dog to attack a five-year-old boy. The boy was playing with the dog, when the big dog jumped upon him and threw him down. The lap-dog, going to the boy's assistance, was killed...

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London Times. A Chicago statistician counts up 120 fatal accidents to fishermen in the past five months, and yet liars don't seem at all scarce...

About Dogs.

A correspondent writes to the Louisville Courier-Journal: "During the late war my regiment, the Eighty-third Illinois, was stationed at Fort Donelson, on the Cumberland River, or rather, half mile above, the rebel fort there...

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feeling no heat, he applied his nose to the game and smelt it. It was cold as ice. With his tail curled between his legs, the dog trotted out of the room, not even casting a look at the party in the room, evincing supreme disgust.

The Decay of China.

There is every reason to believe that this country has fallen off enormously in wealth and population during the last fifty years. The last complete census of the Empire was taken in 1812 and the returns then gave a total of 360,000,000, which is the figure at which the population ever since has been popularly supposed to stand...

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Formidable Savages.

The head of the Siburo River, in Borneo, where the massacre of the explorer Witti and his comrades is believed to have taken place, is on the confines of the British North Borneo Company's territory, occupied by a tribe of a very different character to those among whom Mr. Hatton Frank is at work in the more northern regions round about Kina Balu...

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granted and her majesty's ships are ordered to recognize them, but it is not unlikely that they may come a time when it will be found to the interest of England in the east to make terms with Rajah Brooke, the Government of the Netherlands, and the Borneo association for the general transfer of the island (next in size to Australia, the largest in the world) to the sceptre of Queen Victoria...

Supernatural Victim.

A colored man of Camden, N. J., being out of employment, consulted a black seaman who agreed to furnish him for a trifling two dollars, a place in a warehouse. She gave him a white powder and instructed him to scatter some of the same upon the floor of the warehouse, when he made application for a job, and to repeat these words: "As the dead remain, so let them be, in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost..."

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