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Dear Mother Earth, all of I long
To find a peace in being
I ache to lay me down to rest
Somewhere upon thy yielding breast
To turn my pavement-worn feet
Beyond the seeming endless street
And seek some dimpled country place,
Half cool, half warm, for thy embrace,
Then kiss me prone upon thy face,
Dear Mother Earth.

Like old Antaeus long ago,
Whose strength stung up from earth below,
I feel that there is peace in thee
Which thou dost whisper unto me.
When thus I press thee, cheek to cheek,
Thou art so strong and so sleek,
And some time there shall come a day
When tender, trembling hands shall lay
My head to mingle with thy clay,
Dear Mother Earth.

Thy gift to me shall come to thee,
And as thou art, so I shall be,
I owe thee all, and so must try
To make thee better as I die;
And as we twain are one, I see
Bettering myself may better thee.
Revived, and with a hopeful gaze,
Thus having met thee face to face,
Dear Mother Earth.

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ONLY ONE SINCE THE FLOOD.

A Monster of a Species Supposed to Be Extinct Killed in Paris After it Had Slain Several Human Victims.

Once a Week.

For many years it is undeniably stated that in the fourteenth arrondissement of Paris—called the tomb of Iseor—a number of persons living in that quarter had mysteriously and periodically disappeared. The most careful researches, the most minute inquiries, the most skillful agents of the police had failed to discover the least trace of them.

Every year successively some inhabitants of that quarter would suddenly disappear, leaving their friends overwhelmed with grief and anxiety. It is also stated that these strange, inexplicable facts always occurred in the early spring—from the 20th to the last of March—and without regard to age or sex.

First a lady disappeared. It was thought he had used his client's funds and fled to parts unknown. Then an old woman, returning late one night from market, was the next victim, then a laborer going home from work. The last victim had been a young girl—a flower maker out delivering her goods. From that time she had as completely disappeared as if the earth had opened and swallowed her up. Strange to say, no children had been among the victims.

This peculiar fact was noticed in this way. Always occurred late at night, when the children were at home asleep. As the time was drawing near for these periodical mysteries, the chief of police became very anxious, and instituted a strict surveillance, confiding the matter to a number of the most skillful of his assistants, hoping the combined efforts of so many zealous agents would surely be crowned with success. You will see the result.

One night—the fact can be verified by applying to the office of the procureur—a policeman, about 5 o'clock in the morning, heard a distant musical song, which seemed to come from the bowels of the earth. He listened, and fancied the sounds came from an opening in the center of the street, at the foot of an enormous rock called the tomb of Iseor, or the Giant's grave.

It may be interesting to state that this rock derived its name from a legend that a great giant had been buried there many years before the Christian era, and this rock had been placed there to mark the tomb.

Surprised at this strange discovery—for the opening had never been noticed before—the policeman waited, listening to this peculiar song, when he suddenly saw a young man approaching. He knew from his costume that he was a countryman lately arrived in the city. This young man also seemed to hear the subterranean sounds, first walking slowly with a peculiar wavering step, as if in cadence with this musical chant, then faster and faster as he drew near the fatal rock, until he ran with such velocity that in spite of the warning cries of the policeman he was swallowed up in this mysterious opening. Without taking a moment to consider the policeman recklessly followed, first firing his revolver and giving one or two vigorous blows on his whistle.

At this signal several of his comrades quickly arrived. The musical chanting had ceased, but they could hear in the dark, cavernous depths the muffled sounds of a desperate struggle.

By the aid of ropes and ladders they succeeded in entering the mysterious chasm. The light of their lamps revealed a sickening sight.

The countryman was lying on his back within in the grasp of an unknown monster, whose horrible aspect froze the agents of police with terror.

It was as large as a full grown tiger, covered with wartlike protuberances and bristling with coarse brown hair. Eight jointed legs, terminated by formidable claws, were buried in the body of the unfortunate victim. The face had already disappeared. Nothing could be seen but the top of the head, and the monster was now engaged in tearing and sucking the blood from his throat.

As soon as they recovered from their horror and surprise a dozen balls struck the body of this gigantic beast.

He raised up on his legs, a greenish, bloody liquid flowing from his wounds, and with a frightful cry, expired.

The first policeman, who had given the alarm, was lying unconscious in one corner of the cavern, where he had fallen, a distance of 30 feet.

It was with great difficulty they succeeded in removing the two bodies and the unknown monster from the cavern. The poor countryman was dead, but the policeman was soon restored to life.

The agents immediately sent for the commissioner of police, who summoned a naturalist in great haste.

The first established the identity of the victim; the second declared the creature lying before him was a gigantic spider. The species had been considered extinct for centuries—ever since the days before the deluge. It was called "Arachno gigans" and was said to have the power of enticing its victim by a peculiar musical song. None had been seen or heard of for ages, but it is now believed some of these sanguinary beasts still exist in the deepest galleries of the catacombs.

The dead body of the spider was conveyed to the Museum of Natural History, where it was carefully studied and is now on exhibition.

PROGRESS IN ALASKA.

An Electric Light Plant being put in at Juneau.

New York Evening Post.

In the matter of modern conveniences Alaska is emerging from its obscurity and raising up abreast of the times. A system of electric lighting, for instance, is being put in at Juneau, one of the best known of Alaskan settlements, but a place nevertheless of only 2,000 inhabitants. When completed this will be the first central electric light plant in the territory. Electricity, however, is not altogether new in Alaska. It has been used for some time in a limited way in the mines. Water power is abundant everywhere, and the current is generated on the

stream and carried to the mines by cables.

For Alaska, Juneau is a lively place, as the saying is. Two new wharves are building just now, and the water supply, having its source in a spring near the town, is being perfected. There is no boom, however, for the reason that private capital is repelled by the government ownership of the land on which Juneau is built. A petition is now in Washington asking for the establishment of an independent town site. If such action is taken, Juneau may have work for the unemployed to do.

A REMARKABLE WOMAN.

A Colored Girl Admitted to the Bar in Chicago—Destined to be an Ornament to the Colored Race.

Chicago Labor News.

Miss Ida Platt, recently admitted to the Illinois bar, can truthfully be said to be not only one of the most remarkable women of the day, but of the century.

When it is said that she is colored and has had to rise superior to the race prejudice which has proved a stumbling block to the course of others, ambitious as herself perhaps, the story is half told. What her struggles have been no one but herself can tell, although her friends hint vaguely at rebuffs which would have discouraged any one with less resolution than herself.

Mr. Holger de Rooze, the well known insurance man, was the first to extend a helping hand to Miss Platt. She had been a pupil in music of his sister, Madame Eugenie de Rooze-Nice, and he recognized her ability and the promise of something better in the future.

For nine years she was his stenographer and private secretary. In 1892 she entered the law office of Jesse Cox as a stenographer, and began the study of law in the Chicago College of Law. In law, in 1893, she established herself in the Ashland block as a stenographer and law reporter.

At the close of the term, June 15, 1894, Miss Platt graduated from the college of law. In order to pass in this institution a student must have a standing of at least eighty-five marks out of every possible 100 awarded at examinations. Miss Platt went eleven beyond that, standing ninety-six.

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Her success decidedly contradicts the opinion of Prof. Abbott, of the Northwestern University Law Department, who recently stated that "women are not a success as law students." Judge Shepard, one of the professors of the Chicago College of Law, thinks differently, however. He says:

"So far as my observation goes, women are remarkably good students, accurate and discriminating. The two members of the senior class, Misses Foskotte and Platt, especially attracted my attention, because of their ability to not alone learn the letter of the law, but to understand its principles and their application, and I predict a successful career for them at the bar."

Miss Platt is unusually fortunate in her antecedents. Her father, Joseph F. Platt, was a lumber merchant of this city, and was well known and respected. He was not southern born, but was a native of New York. Her mother was a Philadelphian. Among her nearest relatives is James Matthews, the celebrated colored lawyer of Albany, N. Y., who was nominated by President Cleveland during his first term to be recorder of deeds in Washington. Mr. Matthews is Miss Platt's cousin. Her sister has been for many years an assistant in the public library.

Personally Miss Platt is attractive. She is young, having been born September 20, 1863. She is of medium height, is light colored, and has pleasant eyes, always ready to smile. Her hair is just touched with gray. Her manners are perfect, and she possesses the rare attraction of a sweet, low-toned voice.

She was educated in the public schools of this city and graduated at 16 from the high school with honor. In the same class was Horace S. Oakley, of the law firm of Ball, Wood & Oakley; the well known lawyer, Joseph W. Errant, and Dr. Mary Mixer. She is particularly proficient in French, German and music.

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