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PROBING A VOLCANO. A Walking-Stick Almost Causes the Destruction of Its Owner. It was in 1773 that Papandajan, the Japanese Venusian, broke forth in its worst eruption of ashes and scoriae, dealing death and ruin over a radius of seven miles; sweeping into eternity 5,000 peaceful inhabitants of the forty villages destroyed, all in a single night, writes Theodore Purdy in the New York Mail and Express.

Next day the sun smiled down upon the scene, and only wreaths of smoke over the blackened ruin of forest and home told the tale. This morning, after 120 years, we gazed with some emotion at the awful surroundings of precipitous rocky cliffs and descended into the living craters, into the clouds of steam, stepping carefully on the hot crust of lava and sulphur, which burned the soles of our boots.

One of our party, a champagne manufacturer from Rheims, evidently fond of a "fiz," foolishly poked with his stick about one of these bubbling geysers. The effect was instantaneous and awful; the earth was rent with a horrible noise of an explosion; he was thrown down, scalded with boiling water, red-hot lava and sulphur. We fell on our hands, expecting instant destruction; but the one burst was the end, and we hastened to our companion, who was badly, though not fatally injured. We left the awful spot, whilst the geyser spit forth and roared like an enraged beast. Volcanoes are interesting to read about and explore, but, like buzz saws, are dangerous to meddle with.

SUICIDE OF A COW. Terrible Effects of a Long Drought in Arizona Territory.

A Phoenix (A. T.) dispatch says: Everybody knows Charlie Duchet, who is a typical western character. He knows every inch of ground between Phoenix and the Navajo reservation, and has had hairbreadth escapes by the dozen. He returned recently from a trip to the Mogollones and had quite a rough time. He left Fort McDowell and went up to the Verde and through quicksand, high water and other drawbacks; was three and a half days without food, himself and horse, and traveled in that time eighty-three miles. He reports a terrible condition of affairs in the ranges of that section. It is dryer than ever before known, and cattle are perishing by hundreds. At one place he was in a box canyon and observed that cattle which came to drink were so weak and exhausted that on coming to the creek they fell in to the water, some of them drowning and others drinking so much that they could not walk.

The country is utterly barren of feed, and cattle walk lowing over the mesas, cropping brush and anything that bears signs of vegetable life. Mr. Duchet was near a cliff at least three hundred feet high over the Verde, on Murray's ranch, and saw a cow walking slowly toward the edge. He expected to see it stop at a reasonable distance, but instead, without slacking its pace, it walked right over the edge, striking two or three times in the precipitous descent and landing mangled and dead. It was as clear a case of suicide as ever occurred. Other cattle have been known to walk into quicksand and be smothered.

LONGEVITY OF TREES. The Forest Monarchs Live for Thousands of Years.

Prof. Abbott estimates the age of the Woodbridge oak at about two thousand years. During the revolutionary war Lafayette and his army rested under its limbs. Its remains are now in the form of seats for the Quinipiac club. I do not know that anybody in all the world cares who the Quinipiac club may be, but we venerated the Woodbridge oak, says a writer in the St. Louis Globe-Democrat. An oak in Marion county, Fla., is reported as measuring over ten feet diameter and spreading its branches over a diameter of 138 feet.

A California sequoia felled in Calaveras county had a diameter of 15 feet at the height of 125 feet above the earth. The German forestry report makes the maximum age of European forest trees to be not above 800 years, except in rare cases. The pine is stated to reach 500 to 800 years; the silver fir attains an age frequently of over 400 years; the birch stops at 200 and the red birch at about 250 years.

Oaks begin to decay at the heart when about 300 years old, the holly oak excepted, which goes on to above 400. Scotch firs are known to live from 200 to 300 years. The sequoias, however, are estimated to have covered 3,000 years.

Serenaded by Twenty Thousand Swallows. The swallow nuisance continues with unabated vigor at the Naval academy, Annapolis. From eight thousand to twenty thousand swallows gather every evening in the five or six maple trees in front of the superintendent's residence and make evening and morning hideous with their cries. All efforts to drive them away have failed, and a bell and gong are kept going at intervals to drive the pests from the two trees next the superintendent's house. Every year from the 15th of July to October this disagreeable rendezvous is maintained by the swallows.

The Toothless Tortoise. Very few people know that neither a turtle nor a tortoise nor a toad is provided with teeth, remarks an exchange. There is a general superstition that a turtle can bite off a man's finger, but the turtle can do nothing of the kind. Its jaws are very strong, and the horny membrane that runs around the jaw, where in other animals teeth are found, is so hard and tough that the turtle can crush the bones of the hand to pulp, but as for biting off even a finger the feat is, to the turtle, an impossibility.

TAKEN FOR HORSE THIEVES. A Romance and Tragedy on the Frontier Border of Texas.

"The most pathetic scene I ever witnessed," said a Texas judge to a representative of the St. Louis Globe-Democrat, "was a scold of a century ago, but it is as plain to my eyes to-day as it was then. We had been bothered by horse thieves down on the frontier, and you know what that means in a wild country. A crowd of us started out after the scoundrels, and just before we reached the Rio Grande we saw two horsemen off to the left, who acted suspiciously. After them we went, and it was a pretty race for awhile till they disappeared behind a clump of trees. We had shot to stop them, and when we got in sight again we found that one horse had been shot, and they had deserted him, while both were riding the other. They were evidently Mexicans—a man and a boy—and the man showed fight, turning and firing at us, finally hitting our deputy sheriff. We gained on them rapidly, and presently a well-directed fire sent them all in a heap. When we reached them the boy was kneeling in front of the dying Mexican, sobbing and moaning as if her heart would break, while her hair, which had fallen from her cap, fell below her waist. It was a case of elopement, and they had taken us for her father's servants, while we had been equally stupid and had taken them for horse thieves. When he began to gasp she drew a little pearl-handled revolver, and before anyone could think of stopping her placed the muzzle under her ear and fell into his arms, a corpse. No, we never heard who they were. We buried them and went after the horse thieves."

THREE-TOED GAME. The Tapir is a Difficult Animal to Find and to Capture.

In the wilder part of South America you can bag a deer or a wild hog almost any day if you set wisely about it, but months may pass without even the sight of a tapir, though you may be in their haunts continually. You see plenty of unmistakable three-toed tracks, and now and again you may hear tapirs moving in the forest—not leaping through openings between the vines and branches as a deer does, nor pushing the brush aside like a jaguar, but crushing their way by sheer strength, with a great crackling of twigs, says St. Nicholas.

It is almost useless to follow tracks or sound; clumsy as the animals appear, they can race through the underbrush faster than a dog can follow, and they are so keen of sight and scent and so prone to concealment that even the most experienced hunter rarely catches sight of one in the daytime, unless by accident. The best plan is to lie in wait for them, as the lithe and crafty jaguar does, by their drinking and watering places, and this must be done at night.

I may as well add here that tapirs are common all over South and Central America except the thickly-settled regions and the Pacific coast. Naturalists distinguish several species, differing mainly in size and the structure of the bones, but they are much alike. All go singly, or in bands generally of two or three, and feed on fruits and leaves.

INSANITY AND GENIUS. The Fundamental Cause of Both Is Excessive Nervous Energy.

"It is generally held in science that the average man is the soundest man, for it is upon him that nature relies for the continuance of the species, and not upon extremes of variations," said Dr. A. Macdonald the other evening before the Washington Anthropological society, according to the Post of that city. Human abnormality may be divided into three general forms, insanity, genius and crime. The conclusion is not that geniuses are insane, but that great talents are not given to men without some cost to the healthy equilibrium of nerve and brain. If it be objected that these morbid symptoms are very common among the dullards and weak minded, this would indicate that they are as far below the average as the geniuses are above.

In saying that genius manifests the symptoms of a nervous or mental disease we mean an excessive nervous or brain action. Many forms of insanity are also manifestations of similar excessive action. Such action in one individual can give rise to most wonderful, original and brilliant ideas, and we call it genius. In another individual it produces also wonderful and original thoughts, but often highly absurd, and we call it insanity. But it appears that in general the fundamental cause in both genius and insanity is the same—that is, it is excessive mental or nervous energy.

QUEER DUCAL STONE. Spiteful Act of a Nobleman Endowed with Scant Nobility.

In a shady lane near Totnes the attention of visitors is attracted by all cross of the finest Aberdeen granite, which, together with a ponderous slab of the same material, occupies the corner of a field. On it is inscribed the name and arms of the late duke of Somerset, with the following extraordinary lines at the foot: "The twelfth duke was the Sheridan duke. He defrauded and nearly ruined the Seymour family."

"This stone was prepared by the thirteenth duke in his lifetime, and was erected here in pursuance of his express directions." It appears that the duke, who died last year, suffered all his life from an idea fixé concerning some imaginary wrong done by his predecessor, and the obnoxious headstone was refused admittance to Berry Pomeroy churchyard, though a fund was left in perpetuity for its maintenance, and it cost over one hundred pounds sterling.

As a matter of fact the twelfth duke was a man of considerable talent. The Miss Sheridan he married figured as the queen of beauty in the Eglinton tournament, and in no way deserved the aspersions thus cast upon her by this execrable net of posthumous spite. The "Somerset stone" was visited during the summer by thousands of tourists.

A Fla de Steele Crowd. Visitor (at poorhouse)—Where did that fine-looking pauper come from? Superintendent—The city. He owns the St. Fashion hats. "My goodness! Why is he here?" "He charges such high rents that they have been empty since the second year." "Hum! He seems to be on familiar footing with a good many of the other paupers." "Yes, they are the people who were his tenants the first year."—N. Y. Weekly.

A Hard Winter. Wife—I don't see what we are going to do. Husband—What's wrong? "The iceman won't stop leaving ice until his bill is paid, and the coal man won't bring any coal unless he has the money in advance." "Um—well, I still have credit at the drug store. Get some phosphorus and put it on the ice."—N. Y. Weekly.

The Thing to Do. Kenniboy and Whitney had found a dead bird. "Let's bury it in my garden," said Kenniboy. "No; let's bury it in mine," said Whitney. "I'll tell you, we'll bury it in both, only mine first," said Kenniboy. And they did.—Harper's Young People.

A German Joke. Corporal (to soldier)—Why is the blade of the saber curved instead of straight? Soldier—It is curved in order to give more force to the blow. Corporal—Humbug! The saber is curved so it will fit the scabbard. If it was straight how would you get it in the crooked scabbard, blockhead!

A Misuse of Terms. Bilton—It is a great misuse of terms to say a man is the architect of his own fortune. Chilton—How so? Bilton—When an architect plans a \$5,000 house it costs \$10,000 but when a man plans to get a \$100,000 fortune he usually lands somewhere in the neighborhood of \$1,500.—Puck.

That Was Enough. Maud—I have just refused an offer of marriage which I received by mail this morning. He said his love for me was very great, but that his income was small. Marie—What a pity! Whom was it from? Maud—I really did not notice.—N. Y. Herald.

Perhaps He Was a Candidate. Debtor—You can't collect that from me, sir. Collector—No? Debtor—No. You can't get blood out of a turnip. Collector (in disgust)—Apparently not; neither can you get money out of a dead beat.—Texas Siftings.

He Meant Another Way. Young Wife—What did you think of mamma's threatening to leave us? Husband—It quite frightened me. Young Wife—Did it really, darling? Husband—Yes. I was afraid she would not keep her word.—Brooklyn Life.

New Way of Putting It. Mildred—What are you looking at me for? Jack—I know what I'd like to look at you for. Mildred—What? Jack—For ever.—Boston Globe.

Probably Not. Tom—When you promised to be a "sister" to me, did you mean it in a Scriptural sense? Ethel—How would that be? Tom—To love your brother as yourself.—Truth.

Adequate Protection. Maddox—The emperor of China has ten men whose sole duty it is to carry his umbrella. Gazzam—Is there so much danger as that of its being stolen?—Judge.

Once Too Often. "Why haven't you been to church," she said. "Since we were wed. May I inquire?" Then he replied to his one-year bride: "They say: 'A burnt child dreads the fire!'"—Life.

"BOOKS THAT HAVE HELPED ME." A Joy Forever. "Ward is engaged to Mamie Eccles." "Why, he has only known her a week." "True. But he invited her to go to the theater last evening, and she didn't keep him waiting."—Life.

Cruel. "What did Miss Morrell say when you proposed?" "Said she wasn't undertaking kindergarten work just now."—Chicago News Record.

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