

OMEWHAT STRANGE

ACCIDENTS AND INCIDENTS OF EVERY-DAY LIFE.

Queer Episodes and Thrilling Adventures Which Show that Truth is Stranger than Fiction.

The country people living some few miles from Jetmore, Kan., and to the east of the Leona River were much startled shortly after dark on a recent evening by the approach of an enormous meteorite, which skimmed the earth for a quarter of a mile, and at last disappeared in a small pond in the vicinity of Shackelford's farm. The glowing spherule came from the north, moving very rapidly and illuminating the country about for nearly a mile. As near as could be judged, it was about twenty feet long by seven or eight in thickness and width, and was of a most beautiful rose color, nearly translucent and very peculiarly marked with bands of coppery black, the bands being about two feet in width and placed at regular distances. Approaching the earth rapidly and at an acute angle it skimmed above it about twenty feet, marking its course by a line of dead vegetation, killed by the scorching heat as it passed. The meteorite struck the summit of a small eminence known as Wilson's Mound, which it demolished for a distance of five or six feet. This caused the stone to swerve from its course, and some hundred yards further on it dropped into the pond mentioned. This it did with an accuracy that made it seem that some giant hand had so aimed it. The report of the fall could be heard for half a mile around, and clouds of steam continued to rise for some time.

A GENUINE hermit with a life secret, only a part of which he would reveal, is a curiosity that is creating a sensation a few miles west of the town of Alexandria, Mo. He has for over thirty-five years lived a life of solitude, his habitation being a mammoth rock from which enough had been chiseled to form quite a good-sized room. For some reason known to himself he refuses to reveal his name. It is known, however, through admissions made by himself, that just before the breaking out of the late war the father of this unknown personage was a wealthy planter, living at some place in the State of Virginia, the exact location not being known. The son was somewhat disposed to be romantic and seemed adverse to remaining under the parental roof, and at the breaking out of the war left the home of his boyhood and built a house in the rock near Alexandria. That is the story told by the hermit himself, but there is an air of mystery surrounding him which leaves room for doubting the entire truthfulness of the same. The reason is that no one is allowed to enter the hillside house without first showing beyond a doubt that the visitor is only on curiosity bound. The place is well stocked with all the latest periodicals and the most popular works of the day. The matter is very mysterious, and no one is able to account for the life of solitude which surrounds the unknown man.

THAT was a wonderful operation performed a few days ago by Dr. Boerne Bettman, a Chicago oculist. The matter, says a writer in the Chicago Post, has created so much interest in medical circles that I called upon him for the full particulars of the case. The name of the patient is John Knight. He is a machinist working at Beloit, Wis. He was adjusting a large screw and, striking it with his hammer, a piece flew off and hit his eye. He rubbed his eye once or twice and not feeling inconvenient he continued his work, but before night the eye pained Knight so that he had to go home. He consulted doctors in Beloit and Rockford, but they could give him no relief. Finally, suffering greatly, he came to Chicago and called on Dr. Bettman. The doctor detected the bit of steel in the eye—in the interior—by means of a glass. He made an incision into the eye-ball, first applying cocaine. This was done in the presence of a half dozen other doctors. With a powerful magnet he drew out a piece of steel which was from one-tenth to one-eighth of an inch in length and one-tenth of an inch wide. The presence of the metal had already begun to cause suppuration. The patient was then put in a dark room for two days, and in four days thereafter he was discharged perfectly cured.

CHARLES DAVIS, the head hunter and guide of Ellitsville, Mo., had enough deer shooting and bear fighting the other day to satisfy a dozen men. While out hunting he saw two deer and shot them. As he was preparing the carcasses for transportation to camp he was startled by a savage growl, and looking up, saw two bears making straight for him, snarling and showing their teeth. Davis grabbed his repeating rifle and opened fire, and at the first shot the big she bear, which led the charge, rolled over. Two bullets made the young bear ferocious, and he was soon re-inforced by the old one in a deadly onslaught upon the hunter. Three shots in rapid succession finally settled the she bear as she was closing in upon Davis, and the seventh and last shot of the rifle did the business for the ugly cub, which fell dead across the carcass of a deer at the hunter's feet.

A CELEBRATED banker in New York has four beautiful daughters. Two are trained school teachers, one is an artist, the other a pianist. He obliges them to work at their trades and become not only theoretically successful, but practically successful. Upon being asked the reason of this rather unnecessary treatment when he possessed such immense wealth, he replied, "Money is flooding in my bank, and I am determined that all my daughters shall be able to take care of themselves."

SOME time ago the Post contained a story of a woman at Sandy Lake, Mercer County, who calmly pulled a bell rope and stopped a running train in order that she might call up her son and bid him good-bye. This illustrated the statement that every passenger conductor at some time in his career met with some cool exhibition of female nerve that made each particular hair of his conductorial head stand on end. Another story illustrating the same thing is the story of a woman who

few days ago, as one of the evening trains on a nearby short-line had neared the end of its run, the coast-alice of the conductor, who was passing down the aisle, was grasped by a woman, who told him that he had forgotten to stop the train three stations back, where she should have got off, and where her ticket called for. She demanded that the train be backed to that station. He laughingly refused her demand. She insisted and quoted Blackstone in support of her rights until the cold sweat stood out on his conductorial brow. He argued, but she was inexorable, and finally he backed the train to the required station, much to the disgust of the remainder of the passengers, but to the satisfaction of the woman.—(Pittsburg Post.)

THE earliest mention of writing in the Bible his probably found in the book of Job. "O," says the patriarch, "that my words were now written: O that they were printed in a book, that they were graven with an iron pen."

THE method of writing here alluded to is still practiced in the island of Ceylon. There all the old manuscripts are written in Pali—a language not now spoken—upon the leaves of the talipot palm. These leaves are cut into strips of the required length and are then carefully dried. In writing an iron pen or stylus is used. It is guided by a notch cut in the thumb-nail, and the marks so engraved are rendered plain by being rubbed with a dark dye extracted from the juice of the palm. A short distance from the end of each leaf-strip a hole is made, and a couple of colored cords, passing through the covers and leaf-strips, bind the whole together as a book.

THE covers are made of the wood, and the cords of the fiber of the palm, and to give a finish to the whole, the edges of the leaves and the covers are generally dyed red.

At Olden, Mo., there is a fruit farm of three thousand acres, which was started in the spring of 1884 by the planting of 16,000 peach trees. In the spring of 1885 some 3,000 apple trees, 12,000 peach trees, and ten acres of berries were planted. In the spring of 1886 ten acres of berries, 3,000 apple and 10,000 peach trees were planted. In 1887 five acres of berries, 1,000 pear, 4,000 apple and 5,000 peach trees were planted. In 1888 five acres of berries, 5,000 apple and 5,000 peach trees were planted; and in the spring of 1889 ten acres of berries, 500 cherry, 1,000 pear and 5,000 apple trees were planted. The total fruit-plant of the farm up to March 1, 1890, covered 700 acres, of which 300 acres were in peach trees, 300 acres in apple trees and 100 acres in pear, plum and cherry trees, raspberries and blackberries. This year between 75,000 and 100,000 bushels of peaches have been picked. The entire crop was sold to the New York firm of Wing Brothers for fifty cents a bushel. The peach crop this year will almost pay the original cost of the farm.—(Illustrated American.)

CONCERNING the piscatory part of the expedition, as an angler, Governor Hogg grew enthusiastic. "I was sitting in the boat, and one day," he said, "just inside the entrance to the pass, when I felt a nibble; I jerked the line gently, when I knew I had him. I began to haul in, and felt the line grow heavier. Then began a succession of heavy rushes, and all grow still as the breast when the spirit hath flown. When the end of the line came to the surface I found a tangle of fish. I had first hooked a snapper, the snapper had been seized by a terrapin, which was unable to free itself. The terrapin had been run through by a swordfish, which was fastened by his long blade, and a stingaree had wrapped himself around the swordfish and stung him to death. I suppose there must have been 300 pounds of meat on the hook."

ASKED if there was any one else in the boat, the Governor replied that he was alone.—(Fort Worth Gazette.)

THREE miles an hour is about the average of the Gulf Stream, though at certain places it attains a speed of fifty-four miles per hour. In the Yucatan Channel, for instance, where it is ninety miles wide and 1,000 fathoms deep, the current is not over the fourth of a mile an hour. In the Straits of Bemin the current is so rapid as to give the surface of the water the appearance of being a sheet of fire.

IF an electric current be passed through a solution of a metallic salt, such salt is decomposed and the metal may be deposited on a plate suitably arranged for the purpose. In treating a solution of a gold salt, chloride of gold for example, the first deposit of the metal will appear of a beautiful and most delicate pink color. As the deposit thickens it changes to a deep, rich purple. The purple then turns to a fine green color which darkens perceptibly as the process goes on, finally changing to the metallic lustrous of burnished gold.

THE medical profession of England seems to be taking an interest in the possibilities of hypnotism as a medical agent. It is reported that an audience of 2000 physicians recently assembled at the Westminster Aquarium, London, to witness some experiments in hypnotism, and that an American professor and a German were appointed a committee to arrange for making experiments at a number of hospitals to test the value of hypnotism as an anesthetic.—(Pittsburg Post.)

THE Missouri Fruit Farm.

GOVERNOR HOGG'S FISH STORY.

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