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EWHAT STRANGE. DENTS AND INCIDENTS OF EVERY-DAY LIFE.

Episodes and Thrilling Advens Which Show that Truth Is unger than Fiction.

of the many aneedotes of the late eidy, the anatomist is to the follow-teet, says the Philadelphia, Record, better had heard of two petrified theing accidentally disinterred in tient graveyard down town. Very ms to secure them for the Universi-Pomsylvania, he soon found the l known as the superintendent of ard. That dignitary, however, n't hear of such sacrilege. As the prepared to retrace his way, quite pointed at his failure, the superint, in a dwawling, half-conciliatory ejuculated; "It tell you what I'll do; ive up the bodies to the order of ves." This hint was sufficient, ming home, the doctor hired a furnivagem, and, fortified with a hastily in order reading, "Please deliver to the bodies of my grandfather and mother," drove to the cemetery, coveted specimens were obtained, re exhibited to this day in the mu-

of the university.

Extra Clifton Bridge by Bristol has been regarded as the great suicide of England, and on a recent week red its thirty-second victim. It is us how any man can want to take fe from such a spot, as the scenery a surrounding country is exquisitely if ut; but the attraction, of course, the bridge which is a suspension ful; but the attraction, or course, at the bridge, which is a suspension is very high and the valley below is lingly rocky, so that when once the earp has been taken, there is no slitty of anything in the nature of he courring to thwart the complefithe desperate design. The latest a is Mr. Stuart Boucher, of Bath, a way of independent means, whose nis Mr. Stuart Boucher, of Balli, a minin of independent means, whose del hody was found recently on the bocks on the Somerset side of the

of the university.

LLIAN HAMILTON GIBSON, who is a sel observer of plants and animals, ted himself some time ago that a grankes the flapping noise that acanies his crowing by striking his together over his back. The poportion is that the bird produces the by striking his wings against his notion is that the bird produces the by striking his wings against his fat thighs. Mr. Gibson discussed bject with a farmer once, and the laughed at the artist's idea and "I've been brought up among cus, and I guess I know how a rilaps his wings." "Very good." Mr. Gibson, "but you watch your lowls for a week, and tell me what hink then." The scomful farmer ised, and returned at the end of the with the humble confession that ribson was right. ibson was right.

the next assizes in London the trial now kind of thieves promises to be esting. Their method was to visit cupied houses in the outskirts of the upied houses in the outskirts of the n the day time. They drove up in the carriages, and when they found by at home the house was marked a night they came in a wagon, broke he house, and carted off their booty, it turned out that they were missuand that parties were in the house, simply offered to sell photographs lbums. One of the members rode cycle, and took his notes of the st that were good for robbing. Mr. If s. Clarke were the leaders of the I. They lived in one of the suburbs, highly respected by all their neighand were extensively invited to teass, dinners, &c.

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z of the queerest superstitions that entered the human head is that of a g the body of a drowned man by of the shirt. Last spring a man-rowned in the river in front of the St. Louis levee. Search was made boats for the body, but without suc-Some one recalled the superstition is saurchers took the shirt the man be searchers took the shirt the man id aside when he entered the water, bt it float away. It floated for a , and then sank, and they searched be body where the shirt went down, sure enough, found it not far away. ase of this kind of course does not a rule, but the man who becard the a rule, but the man who bossed the this instance said he had seen it a dozen of times and it never failed.

the earth a large snapping turtle. Some days ago the limb which imprisoned the turtle was removed and the animal turtle was removed and the animal that time it had existed without food or so one day on foot nothing in his cet but a jackknife. He was absent one week, and returned driving a of horses harnessed into a top-buggy, thed to the rear axle was another and cow, while a head was a dog, how your pap does it?" said "Lije" is son, as he gazed at the time of day a handsome watch, For a fact, he got the whole turnout for his jack. The and swapping turtle was removed and the animal days ago the limb which imprisoned the turtle was removed and the animal that time it had existed without food or water.

The Rev. Mr. Whittaker of Machias, Me., while out for deer, got lost, and wandered in the woods for two days without food or shelter. Just before he was found he saw two herds, numbering fiftyis son, as he gazed at the time of day a handsome watch. For a fact, he got the whole turnout for his jack. The and swapping the proceeds into RE is a most remarkable swapping e and swapping the proceeds into thing and another.

ARIAMA, Fla., is talking about a derful man in their midst. His is Ebenezer Long, and he was a black, sixty years ago. "He is now actly fair, except a few dark spots may be discovered by looking at closely. His chifdren are as dark as as in his youth while his now seems may be discovered by looking at closely. His children are as dark as was in his youth, while his now seems be one of the whitest of white as. When he was about twenty-eight re old the change began to appear at place of the beaty. Someone is quite healthy, looks him years younger that he is. Good the control of the on the one is the one of the one of the one is the one of the one of

Ms. J. E. Dixson records in the Viatoria Naturalist a curious fact which came under his own observation. During a ramble along the Kooyong Creek, Oaktelgh, he was somewhat surprised to see a specimen of the ring-tailed opessum hanging, as he thought, by her claws, to a sharp-pointed limb of a gum-tree, about twenty fact from the ground. Upon closer observation he found that the creature was dead, and that death was due to the fact that in her flight she had become impaled. In the pouch were two young ones almost old enough to leave her. Ms. J. E. Dixson records in the Vic-

E. A. Boyer, of Michigan City, Ind., is the owner of a Jersey cow, which recently gave birth to five calves, two males and three females. They all appear healthy and strong and are doing nicely. Considering the number they are quite large. The cow is of ordinary nicely. Considering the number they are quite large. The cow is of ordinary size and this is the third time she has become a mother. She is very fond of her family of calves and is as watchful of each one as an old her is of a broad of small chickens. Mr. Boyer has already received a number of flattering offers to exhibit his animal freaks in Chicago museums.

A QUEER Submarine boat, for which the inventor claims some wonderful things, yet to be attempted, has been launched at the Detroit Boat Works. It is the invention of George C. Baker, of Chicago, The propellers are reversible and placed amidships. They are intended to regulate the immersion of the boat and propel it. The craft is 40 feet in length, 9 feet in width, and 14 feet in depth. It is elliptical in shape, and it draws 8 feet of water. A cover of prepared canvas is stretch over the frames, and that is covered with one-inch plank. The boat will withstand a pressure of 86 feet of water. Air is stowed at a pressure of 15 pounds, and sufficient can be stored to last three men for several hours while submerged. An observing tower two feet in height is on top of thetboat. A ougge submarine boat, for which the

French in America. M. Rameau de Saint-Pere author of "Acadieus et Cana-Saint-Pere author of "Academs et Canadiens," in an article in the Revue Francaiso on the "Fronch in America," says, "If we sum up, under all reserve, the general, statements of the French in America — Canadians, Acadians and Louisianans—we think they number 2,400,000 souls, as follows: Province of Quebec, 1,200,000; other provinces of the Dominion, 250,000; Northeastern the Dominion, 250,000; Northeastern United States, 400,000; Western States, 350,000; others, including Louisiana, 200,000."

A FOOLISH fox was caught in a ver A poolish for was caught in a very odd way in Glastonbury, Conn., recently. He had a very long and bushy tail, and, maybe, was extremely vain of it, for he swished it from side to side instead of trailing it along the ground. A pack of hounds chased him, and to clude them he tried to bolt through a barbed wire fence; but somehow that tail curled itself about a barb and the fox was as fast as if the jaws of a steel trap him. An hour later the hunters despatched him.

Frank Birch, a farmer of Decatur County, Ind., has presented a petition to the County Commissioners to have the stone monument, erected in that county stone monument, erected in that county last spring to mark the center of population of the United States, moved two and a half feet toward his house. A few days ago his wife presented him with a bouncing set of triplets, two boys and a girl, and he claims that by careful calculations he has demonstrated that their advent has changed the center of population to that-extent.

An electric light wire touched the vest of the janitor of the Chelsea Flats, in New York City, while he was leaning over to adjust it, and a strange experience resulted. The wire burnt a hole in ence resulted. The wire burnt a hole in his vest, came in contact with his watch, gave him a slight shock, burnt several small holes in the case, causing the globules of gold to drop in the case, and some on the floor, and so magnetized the ocks of the watch that they are worth

SOMETIMES in his sleep a man in Dun-dee, N. Y., gets out of bed and wanders away from home. He has struck upon the ingenious expedient of having along-side his bed an-easy-moving treadmill. Now, when somnambulism forces him to exercise his limbs, he can walk himself exercise his limbs, he can walk himself tired on the treadmill without risking his precious neck in perilous places.

In June last a tree on the farm of In June last a tree on the farm of Mortimer Hamilton, in Jackson County, Ind., was blown down and pressed into the earth a large snapping turtle. Some days ago the limb which imprisoned the turtle was removed and the animal orawled, apparently unhurt. During all that time it had existed without food or

gazing at the remarkable sight.

CHINESE ingenuity seems equal to CHINESE ingenuity seems equal to every emergency. A man-of-war attacked a Chinese junk engaged in illegal traffic, and was eager to capture the crew alive. The sailors on the junk threw overboard thousands of coconnuts, and then leaped among them. The man-of-war's men could not distinguish heads from coconnuts, and nearly all of the Chinamen expenses. nuts, and nearly all of the Chinamen es

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A scene of extraordinary religious for B equacition

Australasia, under the auspices of the Intercolonist Christian convention. At one stage of the proceedings one of the spoakers called upon the audience to make offerings either of themselves or their goods "for the, service of the Lord in foreign mission work," and in response a large number of young men and women stood up and publicly preclaimed their readiness to undertuke foreign mission work either in China, India or elsewhere. A list of names was taken amidst the

work either in China, India or elsewhere. A list of names was taken amidst the greatest enthusiasm. This scene was immediately succeeded by a peculiar exhibition of intense fervor.

Numbers of Indies and gentlemen divested themselves of their jewelry, including gold watches, rings, brooches, carrings, bracelets and other ornaments. carrings, pracelets and other inflamins, and passed them on to the platform for the benefit of the foreign missions; others promised land, one gentleman stating that he would give a house and nine acres of land, while a large sum in checks and coin was donated. Many gently subscriptions were guaranteed, a well-known lady and gentleman promising an annual contribution of \$500. The value of the offerings is roughly estimated at considerably over \$5,000 for the one service.—[San Francisco Chronicle.

QUEER ROADS IN CHINA.

Curiosities of Travel and Postal Ser vice in the Flowery Land.

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Minister Denby has just sent to the Department of State a very interesting description of roads in China. Outside of the cities they are of the most primitive nature, being merely lines of ruts across the fields. In summer they are fathomless, impassable bogs, and travel, except on foot, is practically suspended. The pig-tailed orientals have never taken much trouble with road-making, partly because throughout their country the plains are a network of waterways, natural and artificial, while human labor for carrying burdens has always been preferred to that of beasts over the narrow and circuitous mountain passes. Roads and circuitous mountain passes. Roads for military purposes seem never to have been thought of by the Chinese. The great campaigns of the Mongol and Manchu emperors were conducted with hordes of flying cavalry along no fixed

China has telegraph lines now, but previous to their introduction intalliganca was conveyed to the center of government from outside provinces by an elaborate system of post stations. These were placed about thirty miles apart, and relays of horses & macconstantly kept in readiness for the imperial couriers. By such means dispatches were sent to distant provincial capitals at the rate of 250 miles per day. Kubla Kahn, the Mongol emperor, had more than 10,000 post stations, with 300,000 horses, especially kept for the use of messengers. In connection with the mounted couriers an elaborate system of foot messengers was also maintained. The latter were swift runners and their stations were only three miles apart. By them the emperor is said to have received news from places ten days' journey distant in twenty-four hours or information from points 100 days away within ten days. Fruit gathered in Peking in the morning was thus transmitted to the summer palace, distant ten days' travel, arriving on the evoning of the next day.

Express couriers who carry imperial messages between Gartok and L'llasa, the capital of Thibet, make the entire distance of 800 miles on horseback in eight days without relief, riding night and day. Dispatches are placed inside their robes, and the latter are sealed upon their bodies, so that they cannot be removed until the end of the journey, when the seal is broken by the proper official. These messengers are lifted at the post stations from one horse to another and arrive at their destination with cracked faces and eyes bloodshot and sunken. They sometimes die on the way from exposure and fatigue.

All private correspondence is transmitted by private post offices, of which there are several rival establishments in each city. These firms employ their own couriers, who travel on horseback, on foot or by steamer when possible. Between cities, where the business justifies a regular mounted service, letters was conveyed to the center of government from outside provinces by an elab-

own couriers, who travel on horseback, on foot or by steamer when possible. Between cities, where the business justifies a regular mounted service, letters and small parcels are carried at the rate of seventy-five or eighty miles a day. The charges for small distances are not excessive, a letter being sent from Peking to Tientsin for about 10 cents. For long distances, however, the postage is disproportionately large. The United States legation has frequent occasion to communicate with missionaries in the interior, particularly in the provinces of

the smaller streams must be forded. At the ferries the ferry boats are intentionally constructed with a high side board so that carts cannot be driven on without unhitching. This gives employment to a crowd of hangers on in lifting on and off the earts for a compensation. In time of flood there is apt to be no way of crossing the streams at all. Where nature has afforded no convenient impediment bad characters sometimes dig holes in the road so as to obtain employment in helping carts through. helping carts through.

The styles of many so-called Paris bonnets seen on this side of the Atlantic are totally unknown in the French capi-

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