

HIS CURIOUS FALL.

It Wedged Him Head Down in a Silt in a Steep Cliff. A personal experience of a highly sensational character is recorded by A. H. Savage Lander in his book "Across Unknown South America."

WEIRD DREAM STORY.

The Starting Vision That Saved the Life of Lady Vernon. The following dream story is told in "The Story of My Life," by Augustus J. C. Hare. The story was told to Mr. Hare in Rome in 1870.

Clews to His Writing. Sometimes the worst of handwriting becomes intelligible when one grasps the rules, for a man's script—particularly an author's—is frequently made difficult, chiefly by his deliberate or unconscious inversion of the accepted rules of calligraphy.

THE FIRST TEACUPS.

They Had No Handles, and Saucers Were Used as Covers. In the middle of the seventeenth century tea was introduced into England, and with it came the Chinese or "china" teacup. Strangely enough, the men who imported it from the orient did not themselves understand the method of its use.

The Chinese put a pinch of tea into a large cup without a handle, filled it with boiling water and then inverted a saucer over the receptacle, within whose rim it closely fitted. The object was partly to retain the heat, but chiefly to prevent the escape of the fragrance of the herb, which the Chinese found most delicious.

A BRIDE FROM THE TOMB.

Odd Romance of Benedetto Marcello, the Venetian Composer. Benedetto Marcello, one of the most famous Venetian composers, fell in love with a beautiful girl named Leonora Manfrotti, who married Paolo Seranzo, a Venetian noble. She died a short time after her marriage, a victim to the harsh and jealous treatment of her husband.

Damp Room Test.

To ascertain whether a room is damp or not place a weighed quantity of fresh lime in an open vessel in the room and leave it there for twenty-four hours, carefully closing the windows and doors. At the end of the twenty-four hours reweigh the lime, and if the increase exceeds 1 per cent of the original weight it is not safe to live in the room.

Silver Fox Fur.

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Cheap Carpet Cleaner.

"What can I use to clean carpets?" asked a correspondent who signed herself, rather bashfully, "Young Bride." "Have you tried your young husband?" replied the answers editor, who lost his position just a few hours after the reply appeared.—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

Getting It Right.

"He's broke, and the girl he was engaged to has dropped him." "She dropped and broke him, eh?" "No. She broke and dropped him."—Houston Post.

Just a Hint.

Mr. Staylate—Is that clock right? Miss De Pink (wearily)—I think it must need cleaning. It's been two or three hours going that last hour.—New York Journal.

Fortitude is a great help in distress. —Plautus.

WEIRD HOUSE WARMING.

Bad For the Old and Helpless Natives in Dutch New Guinea.

Concerning a peculiar custom discovered among the natives of Dutch New Guinea, this interesting description is given by A. F. R. Wollaston in the Geographical Journal: "On top of the first steep ridge we came to the first native dwelling that we had seen in the country. It was a rectangular wooden structure, raised on piles about five feet from the ground. A sloping ladder or two or three poles tied together leads to a narrow platform, behind which is the living room about ten or twelve feet square. In the middle of the floor is a square fireplace, usually lined with sand or small stones. The walls are made of split poles placed closely together, and the roof is made of the leaves of pandanus or of a palm if any happens to grow in the neighborhood.

"When we returned five days later we found the place utterly deserted and the house a blackened heap of ashes, on the top floor of which were lying the charred remains of human bones. It was impossible for any one to say five days earlier that the old man was going to die—indeed, he must have lived for months or even years. What we may imagine to have happened was this: That as he was unable to get about any longer and find his own food, his relations did not intend to support him and that the preparations we saw were really for his funeral feast, but we were puzzled by their having cremated him in a newly built house."

MADE HIMSELF SAFE.

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"Eh, mon, it's vary risky to show your wonderful invention. The world is vary dishonest."

To which the aspiring inventor replied: "Right, Mr. Nasmyth. I just calculated that I was coming to see, so with my last half crown I registered the invention on my way."—London Strand Magazine.

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