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HIS CURIOUS FALL.

It Wedged Him Head Down In a Slit

In a Steep Cliff. A personal experience of a highly sensational character is recorded by A. H. Savage Landor in his book "Across Unknown South America:"

"The forest near the Secundury river was at first overgrown with dense vegetation that gave us a good deal of work and extra exertion, but after that, when we got some distance from the water, the forest was fairly clean. except of course for the fallen trees. We found troublesome ravines of great depth where streamlets had cut their way through

"In going down one of those difficult ravines I had an accident that might have been fatal. The ravine, the sides of which were almost vertical, was very narrow-only about ten metres across. We let ourselves down, holding on to a liana. When we reached the bottom we found a tiny brook winding its way between great round boulders that left a space about two feet wide for the water. I began to climb the other side, and I had got to a height of about thirty feet. In order to go up this steep incline I had set one foot against a small tree and I pulled myself up by a liana. Unluckily the liana suddenly gave way The weight of the load that I had on my shoulders made me lose my balance so that my body described a complete semicircle. I dropped down head first from that beight on the rocks below.

"Providence once more looked after me on that occasion On the flight down I already imagined myself dead; but no-my head entered the cavity between two great rocks, against which my shoulders and the load became jammed, while my legs waved wildly in midair. I was forced so hard against the two side rocks that I could not possibly extricate myself It was only when Benedicto and the new man came to my help and pulled me out that we were able to resume our journey I was much shaken and a good deal bruised, but otherwise none the worst for that unpleasant

WEIRD DREAM STORY.

The Startling 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:

"Lady Vernon dreamed that she saw the butler with a knife in one hand nora Manfrotti, who married Paolo and a candle in the other, crossing the Seranzo, a Venetian noble. She died entrance hall, and she awoke with a a short time after her marriage, a vicgreat start. After awhile she composed herself to sleep again, and she of her husband. dreamed-she dreamed that she saw Her body was the butler, with a knife in one hand and a candle in the other, on the middle of the staircase, and she awoke with a great shock. She got up. She thought she could not be quite well. and she took a little sai volatile. At last she fell asleep again, and she dreamed-she dreamed that she saw the butler, with a knife in one hand and a candle in the other, standing at her bedroom door, and she awoke in a great terror, and she jumped out of bed, and she said, T'll have an end of this; I'll have an end of these foolish imaginations'

"And she rushed to the door and threw it wide open. And there just outside stood the butler, with a knife in one hand and a candle in the other And when he suddenly saw Lady Vernon in her white nightdress, with her hair streaming down her back, he was so dreadfully frightened that he dropped the candle on the floor and rushed off down the staircase and off to the stables, where there was a horse ready saddled and bridled, on which he meant to have ridden away when he had murdered Lady Vernon. And he rode away without having murdered her at all. and he was never heard of again."

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. Henry Ward Beecher had a daughter who acted as copyist, and she read him with ease simply by remembering three principles-that in her father's manuscript no dotted letter was meant for an "i.' no crossed letter stood for "t" and that no capital letter ever began a sentence.

Two Bores. "Well, dear Emmi. do you not think that there is a peculiar marriage state with our neighbors? He is always traveling and leaves-ah-his poor wife alone. That must bore her terri bly, the poor woman!"

"Well, it is just as one takes it. You are always at home: that is a still greater bore."-Fliegende Blatter

Easily Settled. "Pa. the doctor at the hospital said that he would have to have a lot of

cuticle to cure Mamie's burns." "Well, tell him to telephone to the nearest druggist for all he wants and charge it in the bill."-Baltimore Amer

Drawing the Long Bow. Hokus-I once saw an Egyptian smoking an Egyptian cigarette. Pokus -I'm a better liar than you are. once saw a Turk taking a Turkish bath .- Judge

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 Chision was permitted to stand for five minutes, when it was decanted into a second cup without a saucer and daintily sipped.

John Bull, however, emphatically declined to take his tea in Chinese fash-He liked the appearance of the ornamental ware upon his table, but he insisted on placing the cup in the saucer, like a miniature flowerpot, and used it exclusively to drink from, preparing the beverage in a common instead of an individual receptacle.

In course of time England began the manufacture of cups and saucers, and pictures which have been preserved from the days of the Stuarts show big. flaring cups, four inches across the top, with saucers less than three inches in diameter. By degrees one dwindled and the other expanded, until in the middle of the nineteenth century the opposite extreme was reached, and fashionable tea services had cups only an inch and a half in diameter, accom-

panied by five inch saucers. The handle of the teacup came from Mediterranean lands. Originally it was made of thick and strong earthenware and applied to heavy jars and lamps. Its decorative possibilities popularized it with Greek and Roman potters, who extended its use to small amphorae and flagons; but, as the word "amphora" indicates, the handle was double. Single handles crept into use by slow degrees and were probably applied to drinking cups about the time that coffee came into vogue in southern Europe, the beverage being taken almost at the boiling point, so that some device for lifting the cup without burning the fingers was found desira ble.-London Tatler.

A BRIDE FROM THE TOMB.

Odd Romance of Benedello Marcello. the Venetian Composer.

Benedello Marcello, one of the most famous Venetian composers, fell in love with a beautiful girl named Leotim to the harsh and jealous treatment

actually succeeded in stealing the corpse and conveying it to a ruined crypt in one of the islands, and here he sat day and night by his lost love. singing and playing to her, as though by the force of his art he could recall her to life.

Leonora had a twin sister, Eliade, who was so like her that her closest friends could scarcely distinguish them. One day Eliade heard a singer in a gondola singing so exquisitely that she traced the gondola to the deserted island, and there she learned later the fate of her sister's corpse and the identity of Marcello. Aided by a servant. Eliade substituted herself for her sister's body, and when Marcello returned and called Leonora to awake he did not ask in vain, for apparently she rose alive from the coffin. Marcello when he found out the delusion was quite satisfied and married Eliade, but his happiness was short lived, as he died a inventor? few years afterward.-London Telegraph.

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 twentyfour 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.

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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.

Mr. Staylate-Is that clock right? Miss De Pink (wearily)-I think it must need cleaning. It's been two or can be secured. Also International Stock Food and feed of all kinds. three hours going that last hour .- New York Journal

Fortitude is a great help in distress ·Plantus.

WEIRD HOUSE WARMING.

Bad For the Old and Helpless Natives

In Dutch New Guinea. Concerning a peculiar custom discov-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 nese found most delicious. The infu- 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 happen to grow in the neighborhood. There was a mystery about that first house which we were never able to solve. It was evidently quite newly built, a small clearing had been made about it and a few banana and dracoenas recently planted.

"Outside the house were a number of men, women and children, the men occupied in cooking large quantities of yams and sweet potatoes and great lumps of pig's flesh. We naturally supposed that it was a sort of house warming, as in one sense it turned out to be. The men shook their heads and pointed in a mysterious way toward the house and made the curious sign which they are accustomed to make when they talk of something disagreeable. Then they invited us to enter the house, where we found an old man sitting by the fire. He was diseased and decrepit, but appeared by no means likely to die. He took a keen interest in our appearance and enjoyed the tobacco which we gave

"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.

Young Bessemer Had a Cautious as

Well as an Inventive Head. The most trivial incidents have often originated the fortunes of our richest men. Take, for example, the fortunes made out of Bessemer steel. This genius, young Bessemer, had some idea one of the churches, and her lover of making steel out of iron, but a poor, newly married young man has no means of experimenting on a large scale. The story I must tell as I heard it from an intimate friend of Bessemer and is a true tale.

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Scotch financiers possess. What do you think Nasmyth said to his excited "Eh, mon, it's vary risky to show

your wonderful invention. The world is vary dishonest." To which the aspiring inventor re-

"Right, Mr. Nasmyth. I just calculated who 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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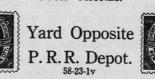
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