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Harged There.
Ellis island is haunted. There is no
doubt about it, for the watchmen who
guard Uncle Sam's immigrant station
on the historic little istand say they
have seen sights given to few motals onave seen sightst gitle istand to few mortalts they
to see, and have heard moans and
cries and shouts cries and shouts which never came
from lips of man. More than this,
one man there knows what it is to in. cur the displeasure of the disembodied.
He was prowling around the ghost
well at the forbidden hour when a heavy spade wielded by ghostly arms
descended on his head and knocked him senseless. A great bruse on the
back of his head is sitl there to con-
found the incredulous. At midnight shadowy forms, clad in
long capes and three connered hats, walk abroad, and, arm in arm, make
the circuit of the island. The thosts the circuit of the island. The ghosts
are ssidd to be those of the prates
hanged years ago on the "pirates
tree" in the shat tree" in the shadow of the ancient
governors hhouse. This house is still
sanding.
standing. It has defied the ravages of
time, and it oaken beams and white
ash shingles are as sound sate the day they were taken to the island
by the villagers of "Neu Yorke," who
urned out in force to turned out in force to erect the build-
ing.
Southeast of the old house stands
the "pirates' tree." In summer its eaves rustle against the shingled side
of the house, and in winter the branches of one gaunt limb-the very one upon
which the pirates were hanged-beats
a mounnful tattoo. against the low
eaves as if sounding the "long roll"

## ior the souls of the departed buccal cers. strange sounds.

 A few feet from the tree is an artes.ian well. It was sunk at the expense
of the government, but no water was
found, and after boring nearly a thou-
sand feet the project and well were
abandoned. Nothing but a deep, black hole, four feet in diameter and
eighty teet deep, now remains to mark
the spot. Four men lost their lives
in that well by bein sand, and their bodies were never re
covered. The branches of the prates
tree extend over the mouth of the well, and the ghosts of the pirates make it
their headquarters at midnight, and
at that time it is said the branches of the tree are mightily agtated and
blow uparara, is if rgeat trati issued
from the deth of the big hole
Despite from the depth of the big hole.
Despite the most searching investi-
gation the residents on the sliand can-
not account for the strange sounds not arcount for the strange sounds
and sights in any other way than that
ghosts are abroad. A feeling of terror
has seized upon the government em-
ployse ployees who are forced to remain
night atter night on the island. At
times when the spirits become unusu ally festive, doors known to have been
securely locked were violently slam-
meci, and windows known to have meci, and windows known to have
been lastened were raised and lower-
ed,
Lights have been mysteriously ex Lights have been mysteriously ex
tinguished, and mighty gusts of wmd
have come down the chimneys. This
latter strange proceedings is said to latter strange proceedings is said to
be due to the fact that the more ven-
turesome ghosts take special delight
in rushing dow the chimnes Aushing down the chimneys.
After the ferryboat J. H. Brincker-
hoff makes its last trip the island be hor makes its last mp the island be-
comes a lonely spot indeed. Business
ceases, and as the setting sunis ceases, and as the setting sun's rays
become dimmer and dimmer and the shades of night envelop the little isle,
a feeling of desolation pervades the
place. place.
Those on the island say that just
before midnight the wraiths begin to before midnight the wrauts fegin to
appear, and they are out in fulf force
when the ciock in Trinity tower begins
to toll 12 . Sepulchral tones are heard
isoling from the direction of the well issuing from the direction of the well.
Suddenly a dozen shatowy forms
dressed in long capes, high top boots
and three cornered hats leap up from the darkness of the well and dance
frantically about the edge. Then the
branches of the "pirates tree" shake
violently the tree rets from side sidently, the tree rocks from side
side and groaning is heard.
The spints of two buccancers seen bent over the ground beneati
the tree going through the motions o
digging. At times the hanging of the
pirates is rehearsed. Two of the number are dragged forth from the
shadows of the old gunner's house and
hanged from the fatal branch. When the moon shines brightly the ghosts
seldom venture from the black pt.
On Wedneslay night Watchman On Wedneslay night Watchman
Sprague was missed and it was tought
he had fallen iuto the ghosts' well The watchmen and Treasurer Man
ning armed themselves and sallied
forth to find the belated watchman They came across him lying near the
doctor's quarters, partially stunned.
When he recovered he said he heard noises that froze his blood, and berore
he could run he was felled by a spade.
which lay near where he had fallen which lay near where hele had ailen
Sprague' head was swollen, but it was
not cut. While they were leading

Sprague away Treasurer Manning saw
something
uncanny and
"Gelled,
"Gosto "Ghosts." There was a stampede
and poor Sprague was seft stragling
belind, He hid himself in a trunk and poor Sprague was left straggling
behinit, Hee hid himself in a trunk
and remained there until morning. and remained there until morning.
HIstory or the stand. The very next night Watchman
Jahn and two of his assistants set out Jahn and two of his assistants set out
to unaravel the mystery. They lay in
wait near the well until midnight.


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& \text { The liver. Hood' Pills, } \\
& \text { By invigorating the liver, } \\
& \text { ickly overcome the headache }
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 $\xrightarrow[\text { Not a }]{\text { ening the system. Voter. }}$ We know of but one county in the
United States that hasn't a voter with.
its boundaries in its boundaries. Dewey county, $S$.
Dak., which has an area of 2200
square miles (it is larger than the
whole state of Delaware), was returnWhole state or Federal census as hav-
ed by the last
ing no population, and, though offici-
ally orgat ally organized as a county, no votes
were cast in it in the Presidential
election of 1896 -there was no one to election of 189 -there was no one to
vote. Delano county, in South Da-
kota, has an area of 10.45 square miles,
yet was returned by the last census as having a population of only forty per-
sons, and it contianed at the last
Presidential election five voters, four of whom cast their ballots for McKin-
ley and Hobart and one for Bryan
and Sewall. When bilious or costive, eat a Cas.
caret, candy catharic, cure guaranteed, Vermont maple sugar has a national
fame, and no finer is made, yet, ac-
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makes less than one-fifteenth of the
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