MARVELOUS JUGGLERY.

The jugglers of India have for centuries been noted for their remarkable skill in the mysteries of the "black art." The editor of the *Commercial Bulletin*, traveling in the East, has contributed to that paper some very interesting letters on the customs of the strange people he has visited. Under the above heading he tells his readers in his last issue, that "novelescence is a capital time for mild amusements which will not tire the languid brain, and we had some jugglers up almost every day. We never could find out their tricks, which are very marvelous. Of course every body has heard of the basket trick, where a small boy gets inside a basket, and a juggler plunges a sword through and through it, bringing it out reeking with blood, and then holds up the basket, shows there's nothing there, and calls the boy, who calmly appears from outside the circle of spectators. And also the mango trick, where a seed is placed in the ground, is covered with a cloth, and appears as a shrub, growing visibly before one's eyes, and then bears fruit, which ripens and is edible in five minutes from the first planting. These fellows have very scanty clothing and apparently no apparatus whatever. There are some wiseacres who profess to know all about these tricks. I never saw the disemboweling and immediate healing of fakers, in India, nor men sitting in the air, 'leviated,' as Madame Blavatsky calls it. But I have seen some other tricks as surprising and equally unaccountable by any art or science with which Europeans or Americans appear to be acquainted nowadays. I have seen a man throw up into the air a number of balls, numbered in succession from one upwards, As each went up, and there was no deception about their going up, the ball was seen clearly in the air, getting smaller and smaller till it disappeared altogether out of sight. When they were all up, twenty or more, the operator would politely ask which ball you wanted to see, and then would shout to No. 1, No 15, and so on, as instructed by the spectators, when the ball demanded would bound to his feet, violently, from some remote distance.

"Then I've seen them swallow three different colored powders, and then, throwing back the head, wash them down with water, drunk in the native fashion in a continuous stream from a *lotah*, or brass pot, held at arm's length from the lips, and keep on drinking till the swollen body could not hold another drop, and the water overflowed from the lips. Then these fellows, after squirting out the water in their mouths, have spat out the three powders on to a clean piece of paper, dry and unmixed. As to the thimble-riggery of their minor tricks, they are exceedingly expert, but are probably equaled by many of our distinguished prestidigitateurs; and whatever may be said of the basket and mango tricks, or the sitting in the air, I don't think any of our people are up to the sending of balls into space and recalling them in an unpremeditated ord r. This reminds me of the trick Marco Pole, the great, Venitian traveler of earlier times, speaks of having seen at the court of Prester John, in Central Asia, when a bean was planted and sprung up rapidly toward the heavens, its summit being lost in the clouds. Up this one juggler traveled, and then another after him with a drawn sword. In a few minutes down dropped ears, a nose, a head, and limbs of No. 1; No 2 leisurely descends, wiping a bloody sword, shovels up the fragments of his victim into a box and goes on with other performances, presently calling out to his defunct companion, who thereupon presents himself, as large as life, all alive and kicking, from the throng. This is not a modern trick, but those I have seen are certainly not less marvelous. Then too, it is a well authenticated fact that some of these jugglers, on more than one occasion in recent years, have suffered themselves to be buried alive, and have been dug out alive after the lapse of a year."

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Feats,	Eggs,
Rats,	Nuts,
Pantaloons, Hats,	Dress Shirts or Collars,
Respondent Cravats,	Adoring Bodies,
Nurses or Beds;	Houses to Rent,
Financial Relief,	Stores, Tenement,
Socks,	Cash to be Lent,
Cradles,	Cash to be Spent,
Locks,	Scent,
Sacks,	Tent,
Portmanteau or Box,	Boston Cement,
Pig, Sheep or Ox,	Gin,
Green's Book.—	Lost the advice,
Then to a Grocer	Take the advice
Take the advice	Will be below—
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Ebensburg, Oct. 18, 1876.-tf.

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ISAAC CRAWFORD.

Ebensburg, April 27, 1877.

DANIEL McLAUGHLIN, *Attorney-at-Law*, Johnstown, Pa. Office in the old Exchange Building, (up stairs) corner of Clinton and Locust streets. Will attend to all business connected with his profession.

WM. H. SECHLER, *Attorney at Law*, Ebensburg, Pa. Office in Colonade Row, recently occupied by Wm. Kittell, Esq.) Centre street. [1-21.76.-tf.]

F. A. SHOEMAKER, ATTORNEY-AT-LAW, Ebensburg. Office on High street, east end of residence. [1-21.76.-tf.]

J. G. LAKE, ATTORNEY-AT-LAW Ebensburg, Pa. Office with Register and Recorder, in Court House.

GEO M. READE, *Attorney-at-Law*, Ebensburg, Pa. Office on Centre street, three doors from High street. [8-25, 75.]

A FORGOTTEN PAST.

McElmo Canon is one of the most and most romantic ravines in the globe; but of all its marvelous creations is the fact that that portion of Southwestern Colorado, now so densely populated with human beings, the ancient ruins of whose dwelling places stand on all sides to be seen with the solemnity and awe which fill at the unearthing of Pompeii. Commencing explorations in the valley of the Mancos, between Mesa and the mountains, the benches which border the valley on either side have been found covered at some very remote time by a people in communities. A careful investigation revealed the fact that great square blocks, such as are used in building at the present time, were so overgrown with pinion pine and cedar as to be entirely concealed from view. Such indications of antiquity, however, are the rule rather than the exception. Broken pottery is found on the ground in many places, curiously indented pieces of stone, unquestionably of human origin. Not a few articles have been found larger than a man's head, all evidently hewn out of solid rock, and bearing about them the unmistakable tokens of the handiwork of man. Upon one of the ruins, which is located on the point of a bluff, there is still visible the outline of a human face, which, though very much defaced by the ravages of time, is still quite distinct. In points, side by side, are ten or twelve perfect specimens of any kind of pottery, which are all alike, and are of a quality of workmanship which would be remarked in the face of the hill.—*Salt Lake Tribune.*

SAILING OVER BEARDS.—A successful plan has been tried of placing in Mr. Crow's wheat field a number of grains with a horse hair attached to them. He is found to be very fond of them, and his note of alarm is soon heard. It is impossible for him to see the grain, and it he can fly over a sufficient length of time to be out of sight, he can never see to get his own through the grain. I can assure you life to him is as miserable as he would even wish it were dead. It has been noticed that after the note of alarm has been sounded all the crows in the vicinity leave that field and approach no more that season.

A NOVEL SCARE-CROW.—A successful plan has been tried of placing in Mr. Crow's wheat field a number of grains with a horse hair attached to them. He is found to be very fond of them, and his note of alarm is soon heard. It is impossible for him to see the grain, and if he can fly over a sufficient length of time to be out of sight, he can never see to get his own through the grain. I can assure you life to him is as miserable as he would even wish it were dead. It has been noticed that after the note of alarm has been sounded all the crows in the vicinity leave that field and approach no more that season.