

MARVELS OF FICTION.

Even Authors Who Have Studied Medicine Fall Into Errors.

Doctors laugh, according to the Boston Globe, and with reason, when authors dabble in medical matters...

Dumas made a gullitined head speak and weep.

One of the strangest things in "Monte Cristo" is the way in which the revolutionary manager manages to live on, paralyzed in every part of his body...

Yt the old fellow reasons acutely, and finds difficulty whatever in swallowing food or drink.

Dumas seemed absolutely unaware that such a paralytic condition as he describes in Nottier's case involved necessarily brain damage of the most serious kind.

Then there was Krovk, the "lord chancellor" in "Black House," who went off this earthly stage by spontaneous combustion.

Dickens might well be excused for falling into the error which was the fate commonly believed in by people who ought to have known better.

Halver Lytton went in for medical marvels in "Zanoni," but he was a student of mystic lore, and actually learned magic from a professor than a surgeon.

While Collins made a specialty of his medical knowledge, but his medical men and their wonderful doings could never have existed outside his own imagination.

The poets are, if possible, even worse offenders in the matter of their death scenes than the novelists.

A man plays a two-drummed viol of some poison from his breast, swallows the contents, proceeds to make a two-hundred-line speech without a pause...

Many of the most noted were discovered by accident.

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Brazil and other parts of South America are being rapidly settled by Italians, Portuguese and Spaniards...

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WORLD'S FAIR EXHIBITS.

The flag carried by Pizarro and his followers during the conquest of Peru will be a notable object in the Venezuelan exhibit at the world's fair.

SEVEN London-built coaches and sixty English horses, together with professional drivers and guards, are to be taken to Chicago to ply between the principal hotels and the exhibition...

A POPULAR piece of world's fair jewelry, designed for sale in Chicago this year, takes the form of a chain-link, with objects in the shape of diamonds, emeralds, and sapphires, all done in silver.

A REPORT is current in London that Prince George of Wales, contemplates a trip to the United States this spring. His intention is to participate in the naval review in New York harbor with a large squadron of warships, after which he will go to Chicago and visit the exposition.

AN effort is being made by the managers of the world's fair to induce Jean Armand Burns Brown, the great-granddaughter of the inventor of the typewriter, to come to Chicago this coming summer.

THIRTY-SIX foreign countries, principally and colonies will be officially represented among the world's fair exhibits. The appropriations for this showing amount to \$5,843,594.

THE thirty-one states of our own country which will be represented will spend about \$5,000,000 in their exhibits and headquarters.

ONE of the most comfortable royal homes in Europe is the palace at Berlin in the duke of Northumberland, who is in the German capital.

M. EFFEL, who is in such sore trouble about his share in the Panama swindle, has designed the new bridge over the river at St. Petersburg, upon the construction of which \$14,000,000 will be expended.

ONE of the oldest of British noblemen is the duke of Northumberland, who is nearly ninety. He has been a member of five cabinets and in parliament for twenty years before he succeeded to his title.

PRINCESS VICTORIA has learned to operate the typewriter, as has also her daughter, Princess Beatrice, and the click of the machine may often be heard in the private apartments of the sovereign at Windsor and Osborne.

ASIAN Europeans who have a money interest in this country are Mrs. Gladstone, who owns three acres of land in St. Albans, England, and Prince Bismarck, who is said to hold \$50,000 worth of stock in the street car lines of Milwaukee.

A LAUNDRY in England owned by women and employing only women earned \$25,000 last year.

A French doctor recently celebrated his one hundredth birthday anniversary, and the fact was commemorated by that among the large number present who had been his patients not one was over fifty years old, and most of them were much younger.

THE cholera commission of the senate of Hamburg has decided that all medical officers who rendered their services during the cholera epidemic there "in the belief that their services were to be remunerated" shall be paid out of the treasury of the city.

IN Rome there is much talk about an old beggar who used to frequent the doors of the Church of the Minerva, and who, dying lately, was found to be possessed of 100,000 francs.

AT A recent meeting of the Swiss Society in Switzerland, a Swiss society of archaeology is laying bare the site of a Roman theater.

THE house of ten goats and the work of a hundred men for two years are required to make a genuine cashmere shawl a yard and a half wide.

THE superiority of tea over brandy in many cases is beyond question. The tea still lingers in the system, and the cold, Awa matter of fact, mountaineers have found by repeated experience that the opposite of this holds true.

RABBITSKIN is the name of a town in West Virginia.

A NEW York woman testifying in a case the other day called herself a panther. She said she was a panther.

TEXAS has fifty-seven counties each of which is larger than the state of Rhode Island.

ACCORDING to the president of the State Bar, the association of lawyers to grow to a pound of wheat than to make a pound of milk in that state, and the wheat sells for three-quarters of a cent, a pound and the milk for a cent a pound.

SCIENTIFIC SUBJECTS.

IT is said to be a geological fact that gold strata underlie Philadelphia.

PLATE 200 carbide lights, one on each side and Saturn's outermost ring could easily inclose them.

THOMAS Pasteur has had twenty years' experience in grain culture, he is a practical expert in the beginning.

PITCH pine beams will shrink in thickness from 18 1/2 inches to 18 1/4; spruce, from 8 1/2 inches to 8 1/4; oak, from 12 inches to 11 3/4; yellow pine, a trifle less. Cedar beams will shrink from a width of 14 inches to 13 1/4; elm, from 11 to 10 3/4, and oak, from 12 to 11 3/4.

AN ANKLE laboratory, for the study and strictly scientific conditions, of snake poisons and cures for snake bites is to be established in California. It is to be founded by a native of the province, and will be the only institution of its kind in the world. It will be thoroughly equipped and perfect in every respect.

THE late M. de Quartreages, the French ethnologist, said all mankind came from a central mass in northern Asia, and that there were three fundamental types—black, white and yellow. These three types scattered over the world and intermingled, forming, in course of time, seventy-two distinct races of human beings.

A Caste Snake skinner. A prominent Germantown manufacturer owns a setter dog called Bravo, which has a singular penchant for hunting snakes. After killing one he places one paw on the reptile's head and, seizing the neck with his teeth, he proceeds to skin it after the manner of skimming an eel, says the Cleveland World. These trophies he proudly carries to his master who nails them on the woodshed, much to the satisfaction of Bravo. During a month's gunning trip in Perry county Bravo's collection numbered forty-one skins, five of which had been stripped from good-sized rattlesnakes.

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AMERICA'S FAIR DAUGHTERS.

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Mrs. GEORGE HEARST, widow of Senator Hearst, of California, is the most heavily insured woman in the world.

MISS HELEN GOULD is, in her own right, the richest unmarried woman in the world, yet she is very simple in her tastes and unaffected in her manners.

Mrs. HUGH J. GOULD's sister, who receives by her will a gift of \$50,000, and \$2,000 yearly, is the wife of a retired Methodist minister.

Mrs. PRARY, who shares in the fame of her husband, Lieut. Peary, the famous explorer of Greenland, said in conversation a few days ago that she thought she felt the cold more here during our recent slight of severe weather than she did last year up where a zero temperature is considered moderate.

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