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EARTHQUAKE IN CASHMERE.

The City of Serinagur Destroyed and Many Lives Lost.

London, June 2 .- Dispatches from Bombay slate that news has just reached there of a disastrous earthquake in Cashmere. The seismic shocks began on Sunday and have continued at intervals of ten minutes ever since. The shocks were very severe in Serinagur, the capital of Cashmere. The barracks in which several hundred soldiers were quartered, was completely destroyed, collapsing so sud-denly that nearly half the men were imprisoned in debris. Fifty are known to have been killed, while fully 100 were more or less injured. A portion of the city has been demolished, while very few of the remaining buildings escaped injury, many having large rents made in them. The people became panic stricken shortly after the disturbance began, and fled from the city, taking refuge in boats and tents in the open fields.

One part of the city has been entirely demolished and many hundreds of people are supposed to be buried in the ruins. The palace is almost deserted, the citizens having become panic stricken and fled. At last accounts the seismic disturbances continued unabated, and the complete destruction of the city of Serinagur was imminent.

Serinagur is near the centre of the Vale of Cashmere, and the whole territory experienced the terrible earthquake shocks. The damage caused throughout the Vale is enormous. The loss in cattle alone is very great. The shocks have not yet ceased, and this fact greatly retards the work of rescuing the people pinned down in the debris, and it is feared many of these must perish before they can be reached by relief parties.

FROM A SENSE OF DUTY.

Some people shrink from making public the good they have received, while others are free to tell it abroad for the good of fellow mortals. Of the latter kind is J. H. Coppuck, of Mount Holly, N. J., who writes, "I am one of the many who give their cheerful appreciation of the merits of the efficacy of your valuabe Brown's Iron Bitters, from a sense of duty. This bitters is doing much good in our county, for which I can vouch."

IN A FIERY PIT.

Three Hundred and Fifty Men Entombed.

Durham, England, June 3 .- A fire broke out in the Philadelphia Colliery near here at noon to-day. Three hundred and fifty miners were imprisoned in the pit and at first it was feared that all must perish. After the most strenu-ous efforts all were rescued but twenty-

Later advices say that the colliery on fire is the property of the Earl of Dur-ham, and is known as the Margaret.

The fire was caused by an explosion, which killed twenty-two men and boys outright. The explosion was followed by a rush of water in immense volume into the Sutton seam, but the miners in

FRENCHMEN AND CATS. ser-6.14 Among French Ministers Cardinal

Richelieu and Colbert always had kittens playing around their (cabinets Richelieu sent the kittens away when they were more than three months old and had ceased to be amusing. Louis XIII. distinguished himself as a boy begging for the lives of cats, whom it was a custom-brutal enough-to throw into the bonfires on St. John's Day. More interesting is the tenderness toward cats of distinguished soldiers like Gen. Houdaille. As a Colonel he was suddenly fordered to lead his regiment across France from Toulouse to Metz ; he was obliged to leave his cats behind, and he used his first leisure to retrace his steps to Toulouse for the purpose of fetching them back. Chateaubriand's love for cats is well known; for him they were not merely an amusement but a study. They were the companions of the many vicissitudes of his life ; as an exile, as an ambassador, as the arbiter, for a while, of French literature, he was devoted to cats. For Chateaubriasnd, Buffon was to natural history, or at least to this department of it, what the encyclopedists were to theology, and the Jacobins to politics -- a misleader. The cat Micetto, which was presented to Chateaubriand's Memoirs abound in referances to the animal, whose independent bearing-"the indifference with which it passes from the salon to the housetop"-reflected a quality which Chateaubrianed could appreciate. Not that French cats are to be identified too closely with the Church or the Restoration. In a painting by the Republican Prudhon, representing the Constitution, a cat sits at the feet of Liberty. Victor Hugo's favorite cat indolence," is, or was, fa living expression of feeling toward the church, with which we cannot exprect our clerical readers entirely to sympathize. Sainto Beuve's cat was allowed to walk over his table, amid an accumulation] of notes and papers, which no servant would venture to disturb. M. Prosper Merimee's enthusiasm for cats was grounded on their "wellbred" manners, and in the afternoon of the great restorer of French cathedrals, when combined advanced Republican and Voltairian opinions with his love of mediæval

architecturs-M. Viollet le Duc-there was a mosaic of cats, which could hardly have been, professionally speaking, useful to him.

RANDOLPH'S STOR MY DEATH.

The last days of John Randolph of Roanoke, are full of pathos. He thought he was dying for years before he did so, and when asked how he was he would reply : "Dying ! dying ! dying !" His death occurred in a Philadelphia hotel. A few minutes before he died the doctor wanted to leave him, but Randolph objected, and his slave took the key, locked the door and put the key in his pocket. With his last words Randolph declared that he wanted his slaves freed, and kept the doctor there as a witness to his dying declaration. A skeptic through life, he appreciated his condition when on his death-bed, and among his last words was "remorse." He was lying perfectly quiet, with his plus flesh about him. He was tremendeyes closed, when he suddenly roused up and screamed out in an agitated voice, "Remorse! remorse! remorse!" He then cried out, "Let me see the poles was so heavy that it required two word ! Get a dictionary; Let me see the word !" There was no dictionary at ed, "Write it, then ! Let me see the word!" The doctor picked up one of his cards labeled "Randolph, of Roanoke."

THE PAMPAS.

The peculiar characteristics of these vast level plains which descend from the Andes to the great river basin in un. broken monotony are the absence of rivers or water storage, and the periodical occcurrence of droughts, or "siccos," in the Summer months. These conditions determine the singular character both of its flora and sauna. The soil is naturally fertile and favorable for the growth of trees, and they grow luxuriantly wherever they are protected. The Eucalyptus is covering large tracts wherever it is inclosed, and willows, poplars, and the fig surround every estancia when fenced in. The open plains are covered with droves of horses and cattle, and overrun by numberless wild rodents, the original tenants of the Pampas. During the long period of drought which are so great a scourge to the country, these animals are starved by thousands, destroying in their efforts to live every vestige of vegetation. In one of these siccos, at the time of my visit, no less than 50,000 head of oxen and sheep and horses perished from starvation and thirst, after tearing deep out of the soil every trace of vegetation, including the wire roots of the Pampas grass. Under such circumstances the existence or an unprotected tree is impossible. The only plants that hold their own, in addition to the indestructible thistles, grasses, and clover, are a little herbaceous oxalis, producing viviparous buds of extraordinary vitality, a few poisonous species, such as the hemlock, and a few tough, thorny, dwarf acacias and wiry rushes, which even a starving rat refuses. Although the cattle are a modern introduction, the numberless indigenous rodents must always have effectually prevented the introduction of any other species of plants, large tracts are still honeycombed by the ubiquitous biscacho, a gigantic rabbit, and numerous other rodents still exist, including rats and mice, Pampas hares and the great nutria and carpincho on the river banks. That the dearth of plants is not due to the unsuitability of the subtropical species of the neighboring zones cannot hold good with respect to the fertile valleys of the Andes beyond Mendoza, where a magnificenct hardy flora is found. Moreover, the extensive introduction of European plants which has taken place throughout the country has added nothing to the botany of the Pampas beyond a few specious that are unassailable by cattle, such as the two species of thistle which are invading large districts in spite of their constant destruction by the fires which alway accompany the Siccos.

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the burning colliery is intense, and the relatives of the imperilled miners crowd around the month of the pit weeping and wailing in a heartrending manner. Strennous efforts are being made to reach the miners in the pit, but it is believed they have all perished.

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"Shall I write it on this?"

"Yes ; nothing more proper," was Reports reach us that in the southern Randolph's reply. The word remorse was written on it in pencil and handed to him. He looked at it a moment with great intensity. "Write it on the back," he exclaimed. It was done and handed him again. He looked at it said. "you can have no idea of it whatever; it has brought me to my present situation-but I have looked to Jesus Christ, and I hope to obtain pardon." He then asked the doctor to draw a line under the word, and told him to keep

the card. A short time after this his keen eyes began to dull, his powerful mind gave way, and within two hours he died.

AN EXPLANATION.

The origin of the word "stick" in the sense of to cheat, dates back a hundred he drank much more in his old age. He years, and is probably mucholder. "I'm was a great lover of fine wines and stuck," is a common phrase to express horses. that the speaker has spent or lost all his money, and can neither play or pay any longer. In theatrical parlance to stick is to forget ones one's part in a preformance. "Stick on," is overcharge or defraud. "Stick up for," is to defend a person, especially when slandered, in his absence. To "stick to a person," is to adhere to one-to be his friend though adverse circumstances. The word is very common among valgat people, in the applications above allud-ed to, and, indeed, is often used among the higher and more refined classes.

At one of the customary school examinations an urchin was asked, "What is the chief use of bread ?" To which he replied, "To spread butter upon."

Embroideries and white goods-Gar-

Washington's boots were enormous, says a writer in The Chicago Trillanc, They were No. 12. His ordinary walking shoes were No. 11. His hands were large in proportion, and he could not buy a glove to fit him, and had to have his gloves made to order. His mouth was his strong feature, the lips being always tightly compressed. He weighed 200 pounds, and there was no surously muscled, and the fame of his great strength was overywhere. His huge tent when wrapped up with the men to place it in the camp wagon. Washington could 1Gt it with one hand and throw it into the wagon as easily as if it were a pair saddlebags. He could hold a musket with one hand and shoot with precision as easily as other men did with a horse pistol. Itis lungs were his weak point, and his voice was never strong. He was at this time in the prime of life. His hair was a chestnat brown, his' cheeks were prominent, and his head was not large in contrast to every other part of his body, which seemed large and bony at all points. His finger joints and wrists were so with his blazing eyes. "Remorse !" he large as to be genuine curiosities. As to his habits at that period I found out much that might be interesting. He was an enormous cater, but was content with bread and meat if he had plenty of it. But hunger seem to put him in a rage. It was his custom to take a drink of rum or whisky on awakening in the morning. Of course, all this was changed when

he grewold. I saw him at Alexandria a year before he died. His hair was very gray and his form was slightly bent. His chest was very 'thin. He had false teeth which did not fit and pushed his under lip outward. I beliave

A RUSSIAN SENTENCE.

The lack of liberty of any kind in Russia is illustrated by a court sentence which was pronounced at Odessa not long agd. A native of that place became converted to a creed somewhat resembling Methodism and took to preaching. He was accused of having denounced image worship as practised in the Russian Church, was arrested and tried under the old law of blasphemy. Notwithstanding that he had the most incontestable proof that he did not use the words imputed to him, he was convicted by a jury and sentenced to imprisonment for three years and nine

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