

GREAT EARTHQUAKES.

THE DISASTROUS SHAKES OF LISBON, CARACAS, AND JAVA.

The Iberian Peninsula's Convulsions—A City Destroyed in Half a Minute—Visible Oscillation of the Andes—Recording the Shock.

[London Telegraph.] The Iberian peninsula has long been notorious for disastrous natural convulsions. One of the greatest ever recorded was the famous one at Lisbon, when at least 60,000 persons perished.

It is only to be expected from the fact that Spain is situated on the line of one of the most active zones of subterranean activity. This comprises the valley of the Mediterranean, Asia Minor, Sumatra, and Java, the Philippines, and so on through Mexico to the Andes.

Trustworthy writers, however, state that the advance of some of the Iberian earthquakes has been distinctly observable. First comes a low rumbling sound, increasing in volume with the progress of the earthquake wave.

Curiously enough the Japanese government whose islands are greatly subject to earthquakes, has been the first to establish a state department for securing a consecutive series of records of earth tremors.

In Great Britain accounts are extant of about 256 shocks of similar severity. The most disastrous were those of Lincoln in 1142, of Glastonbury in 1274 (when the abbey was destroyed), of a wide part of England in November, 1318, and April 6, 1580, when London was visited by a shock which brought down part of Old St. Paul's and Temple church.

One of the most terrible convulsions recorded in modern times occurred only a few months ago in Java, on which occasion, it will be remembered, about 30,000 lives were either engulfed by the irush of the ocean or the land or perished miserably amid the scoria and ashes discharged from the volcano in the straits of Sunda.

Go Into the Stubble-Field. [Arkansas Traveler.] A southern writer says: "The Italian skies, how beautiful, how charming, how inspiring!"

"Our dull skies," said a southern poet, "Wonder if he ever dreamed tangled oases on a hillside? During the summer season the Arkansas sky is decidedly bright, too bright, in fact."

"I think it was right mean for them to make him play it all by himself. They might have helped him out a little, anyhow."

Carrying Pistols. [Charleston (S. C.) News.] There should be small grace for the man who kills another with a pistol which he makes it a practice to carry.

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DEATH NOT TO BE FEARED.

Investigation of the Phenomena Attending the Closing of Life. [Demorest's Monthly.] Dr. G. L. Beardsley, a medical expert, has been giving to the public the latest investigation by physicians respecting the phenomena attending the closing of life.

The sensations peculiar to the therapeutic operation of opium, hashish, ether, etc., are not improbably akin to the mental activities of the dying. Barring the hallucinations experienced in the stupor as it gains on the subject, the moribund is familiar with naught that borders on suffering.

Under these conditions there is no physical or mental recoil from death. Dr. William Hunter was sorry he was unable to write "how easy and delightful it is to die." Dr. Solander, the traveler, was so delighted with sensations of excess in cold that he was the first to lie down in the snow to realize the luxury of such a death.

During the boyhood of the poet Beranger, a place as stable boy was provided for him by a pious old aunt at Perronne, but he was soon sent to her house in disgrace, having neglected his horse to read Voltaire. It was a sultry summer day, nor had he received a tithe of the scolding in store for him, ere the coming up of a thunder-storm sent off the old lady to sprinkle her house with holy water, to ward off the lightning.

The sleighs sent out from the east this year are widely ranging in design, repeating in outline Dutch, Russian, French and Canadian types. They this year display fine carvings on their bodies and dashers, designs of animals' heads being a popular finish.

Last summer when Pete Phillips, of Jefferson, Texas, was in New York, some of his friends took him out to Coney Island. He was very much impressed with everything he saw, but particularly with the performance was a cornet solo.

"That feller knows how to toot. There is no mistake about that, but what made those other musicians go back on him?"

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NIGHT AND DAY: [Sidney Lanier.]

The innocent, sweet day is dead, Dark night hath slain her in her bed, O, Moors are as fierce to kill as to wed— Put out the light, said he.

The Tribune office has been for some time afflicted by the fitful and irregular but frequent visitations of a young man who professes great friendship for the management, and an overwhelming desire to furnish items of interest for the benefit of the Tribune readers.

"I came in to say," he began, in a voice trembling with the emotion he strove in vain to conceal "that I saw the recent fire at the Academy of Music. I saw the desperately narrow escape of Mr. Billy O'Neill, and—and—I will not try to tell you what my feelings were, but I wish you would just say that, 'Had not Miss Blossom started yesterday for the New Orleans exposition, where she will spend the winter, she might have accidentally witnessed the frightful peril of Mr. O'Neill and it is fearful to contemplate the shock it would have given to her delicate and highly-organized constitution.'"

"I never heard of such a thing," replied Mrs. Quibley. "It's not by any means improbable," rejoined the captain. There's our old friend George Gaines. He is a great smoker, you know."

"Yes, with interest. Well, the other day—I forgot to mention it, by the way—he was coming down stairs and his foot slipped and down he went. He always smoked a long-stem pipe, you know."

"Great goodness, captain!" "Yes, he had a passion for long-stem pipes. One day when we were out hunting he found a cane root about five feet long. He took it home with him and had it bored out. Beat any?"

"But when he fell did he drive it through his head?" "O no. You see he had to stop smoking on account of his health, but I was going to say for example—"

"Quibley, you are the biggest fool I ever saw. Go on, now, and spit up some wood. You ought to be ashamed of yourself to disappoint any one that way."

A London letter describes a novel dish introduced by a cockney restaurateur called "Pepper-pot." The mess is made of meat and spices preserved till three years old by the introduction of a West India vegetable liquid called cassareep.

Wished She Was an Orphan. [Boston Transcript.] A little Newport child of rich parentage, carefully nursed and richly clothed and guarded tenderly by its elders, was driving by the orphan's home the other day, when it caught the sound of the many childish voices in the yard where the children were at play.

The armory of Moscow, which is not familiar to the average European tourist, has lately been rearranged and its treasures photographed. Besides the curious specimens of armor, representing various phases of Russian history, there are weapons of Oriental tribes that have contested the advance of the empire and silver ornaments and vessels which illustrate the artistic skill of conquerors and conquered.

Tocsis. A man who is overworked is not only injured himself, but he is the means of injuring his unemployed fellow-worker.

Railroads.

Table with columns: Station, Time Table in effect May 12, 1884, WESTWARD, EASTWARD. Includes stations like Bald Eagle Valley, Westward, Eastward, etc.

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