BURIED ALIVE.

A Sure Method of Ascertaining if Life is Extinct.

Fire Applied to a Corpse's Finger Will Raise No Blister.

About once in so often the newspa pers are filled with accounts of premature burials, and writers with abnormal imaginations are in demand to paint in vivid colors the agonies that must have been endured by the hapless wretches who up and found woke themselves dead. few days since such a case was reported in South Carolina. When the coffin of young girl who had recently been buried was exhumed the body was contorted in a horrible manner, the finger nails were deeply buried in the palme of the hands, the face was lacerated, and the appearance of the corpse indicated that death had not finally come without a fearful struggle. It was a good story, and whether or not it was a "fake," it will probably start the fakers of the newspapers to work, and there will be no lack of similar blood-curdling tales for a month or two.

A well-known Chicago physician read the yarn referred to, and he was so much wrought up over it that he came down-town to the office of the Herald to learn whether the case was duly authenticated.

"There are plenty of people mouldering under the sod," he said, "who were buried before life became extinct, but they were never made aware of the fact. Coffins nowadays are hermetically sealed, and there is not enough air in one of them to bring a person to life out of a trance. The lungs must have a certain amount of oxygen before the heart will begin to act, and one full inhalation would exhaust all of the oxygen in a modern casket, and the lungs would, of course, be unable to take another. All these stories of fearful sufferings endured by persons buried alive are false; there's nothing to them.

"No doubt, bodies are frequently interred while life is yet extinct, but this would not be the case if everybody knew of a certain infallible and absolutely certain test of death. Such test I have. It has never, so far as I am aware, been in print, and the Herald could do no better service to humanity than to publish it. I was a coroner once upon a time, in one of the Southern states. An old colored man had died suddenly, and I was called to sit upon the body and determine the cause of death. When I arrived the man had been dead twenty-four hours, and his friends in the neighborhood were preparing to hold the funeral. I impanelled a jury; the family of the deceased testified to the extent of their knowledge; but I was unable to find that the old fellow had any disease sufficient to kill him. I looked at the body, and examined it carefully. Then a thought struck me, and I lighted a match and applied it to the end of one of the fingers of the corpse. Immediately a blister formed. I had the dead man put back into his bed, applied various restorations and today that same o'd colored man is alive and well.

"That is the test. Do you see the philosophy of it? If you are alive you cannot burn your hand without raising a blister. Nature, in the effort to protect the inner tissues, throws a covering of water, a non-conductor of heat, between the fire and the flesh. If you were dead, and flame should come in contact with any part of your body, no in the crowd. I don't think he was a blister would appear, and the flish professional thief. The blood has been would be burned. with Irawn from the arteries, and your body is like so much beefsteak.

"All you have to do is to apply match to any part of the supposed corpse. If life remains, however little, a blister will at once form. Simple, isn't it? Why, it is so simple that the most ignorant person in the world can apply it, and no expert physician could settle the question of life or death any more certainly."

Identification at a Bank.

One thing that a paying-teller must be very careful about is the matter of identification of persons who present checks. In the case of small checkssay of \$100 or less-a personal identification is not always required. If the applicant seems "all right," and can show a marriage certificate containing his name, or any similar document not likely to be in the possession of any but the rightful owner, the money is paid over. Caleb B. Bradbury, one of the oldest bank-tellers in Boston, has had men show him their name; marked on On anything like a large amount, how ever, a formal identification is rigidly insisted upon, no matter how much the applicant may protest or how angry he may be at what he sometimes denounces as impertinence. - Boston Herald.

Snow-Packing.

We are apt to think of the use of ice or the obtaining of a freezing tempera ture in warm weather to preserve meats and other perishable articles, as a practice of quite recent origin. Our grandfathers, and even in many cases, our fathers did not cut ice in winter, and accordingly had no store of it to draw upon in summer. The natural coolness of an underground cellar had to serve for the preservation of such articles of food as would be spo led by heat, and the butter was kept hard by dangling it in a pail in a deep well.

The Romans, however, understood and practised, many centuries ago, the art of maintaining an artificial temperature. They were fond of oysters, and transported them inland by the use of snow. E ch oyster was packed in closely compressed snow which was surrounded by a layer of straw, and that

in turn by a wrapping of woolen cloth.

This method succeeded so well that Apicius was able to send oysters from Brindisi to the Emperor Trajan in Acmenia. These oysters by the way, were from Lake Lucrinus in Italy, which was famous throughout the ancient times for the excellence of its oysters. They were the "Blue Points" of antiquity, and the Emperor of Augustus thought so highly of the lake which produced them that he provided it with a constant supply of water from the sea by cutting an artificial channel at a considerable expense.

It would be interesting to compare the quality of these aucient oysters with those of our own day, as might possibly be done if Lake Lucrinus was still in existence. But the spot where Apicius gathered his oysters for the Emperor Trajan is now covered by a mountain about four hundred feet high, which was raised during an earthquake and volcanic eruption in the year 1538.

The epicurean Emperor, Heliogaba-lus, undoubtedly understood the art of snow-packing, as described by Apicius, for it is related that he would never eat sea fish except at a great distance from the sea. He would then bring from the salt water, at an immense expense, great quantities of the choicest kinds of fish, and distribute them among the peasants of the inland country. --Youth's Companion.

Opportunity Often Makes the Thief.

S metimes the suddenness of an opportunity to grasp something transform man into a thief for the first time. In the dusk of a recent afternoon, says a New York letter to the Cincinnati Eaquirer, a young weman stood on the corner of a cross street in Fifth avenue, apparently awaiting the arrival of a friend. The avenue was by no means deserted, and it was natural that the young girl should feel secure. The slender figure of a youth approached through the cross street. He was trotting carelessly along, and, as he wore a a small cap with a visor, it would be believed that he was a messenger boy hastening with a message. He crossed the avenue and was running by the girl, the latter not dreaming that he contemplated a theft. But just the instant the girl was reached the youth reached out and whipped her purse away from her, the girl having it clasped in her hands in the manner so popular and fatal with all of her sex. The young thief never paused, yet he did not quicken his pace as he left the screaming girl behind. Many passers-by ran to the victim's assistance, but no one started for the thief, and before she found her voice to tell what had happened he had turned into Broadway and became lost

A Queer Mexican Custom.

If you chance to be a visitor at a Mexican "baile," quietly sitting on a bench minding your business and watch ing the show, do not be surprised if some bewitching senorita, ceremoniously smashes an egg over your head. Don't be alarmed or frightened, but take it all in good part. The egg is not addled, nor has it contents of any kind save some sort of sweet-melling perfume, sachet powder, or perhaps bits of fine gilt paper, all of which drop about your head and shoulders in a per fect shower. This curious action is merely to show her preference for you, and means an invitation for you to get up and dance with her. - Cleveland

Sent to a Harness Store.

It is related of a Bath sea captain who was stout that he once went into a Boston store and inquired for a No. 18 collar. "No. 18? Haven't one, sir. Never keep that size in stock," said the clerk. But he kindly gave the nursber of a street further up town where he their linen or engraved on a watch-case. felt sure the captain would have no difficulty in finding a collar sufficiently large. At last the store was found, but imagine the captain's disgust when it dawned upon him that the oily counterjumper had directed him to a harness

QUAINT AND CURIOUS

The greatest elevation ever attained by a balloonist was 37,000 feet, or about seven miles.

A single pine tree cut near Winter ourn, Penn., not long since, yielded 6310 feet of boards.

Of the more than 3000 people of Nantucket, Mass., not one died between November 28 and January 1. John Thompson of Williamsport,

Penn., suffered from an attack of hiccoughs which lasted for a week. There was \$100,000,000 worth of

jewels worn at the New York New Year') ball, but not one was stolen. A powder horn which was once the property of the Indian chief Tecumseh has been given to the Grand Army of

the Republic post at Laurenceburg,

Ind. While digging in his ear with a pin Charles Mowers of Shippensburg, Penn., did himself an injury which resulted in lock jaw.

Separation from his wife is sought for by a Chester (Penn.) man, and he backs his claim for it by the statement that she danced for joy when he chopped his fingers off.

A Michigan man, true to his ruling passion, beat down the trader from whom he bought a pistol with which he committed suicide. He got 25 cents off from the price.

Antrim, N. H., with a population of about 1300, boasts of four nonogenarians and twenty-five octogenarians. Twenty-one of these twenty-nine old people are women.

A s, ranger fell headlong through the window of a store at Bloomsbury, Penn. He produced a \$20 bill and offered to pay for the damage. The proprietor took out \$1.50, but after the fellow had gone discovered that the note was a counterfeit.

Sardines have lately appeared off Malaga, Spain, in such immense numbers that, although every available person was engaged in catching them, it has been impossible to take half the swarms of fish that seemed to be waiting to swim into the nets.

It is claimed that phosphate is found in only three places throughout the United States—South Carolina, New Mexico and Florida. In New Mexico it is about exhausted, while in Florida it is more extensive than in South Carolina and assays 25 per cent. more.

The wife of a Philadelphia veterinary accidentally mixed her own prescription with one made out by husband for a horse, and sent the wrong one to a druggist. She was horrified when she found that the druggist had sent her pills home in a cigar box, and frightened when she found each pill was bigger than a plum.

Rapid Transit to Matrimony.

T. J. Munson, living a few miles from Black River Falls, Wis., in La Crosse County, should be credited with one of the shortest courtships on record. Last week he went to see the sights, and while eating dinner at one of the restaurants was smitten with the waitergirl, whom he engaged in conversation. In a few moments they were friends, in an hour lovers, and before sundown were man and wife, he returning Saturday night with his bride, having been gone from home but three days.

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Prepare for Spring

Now is the time to attend to your personal condition in preparation for the change to spring season. If you have not "wintered well," if you are tired out from overwork, if your blood has become impure from close confinement in badly ventilated offices or shops, you should take Hood's Sarsaparitia at once. It will purify and vitalize your blood, remain a good annetite, and give your whole system

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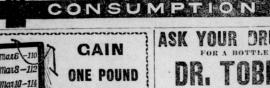
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