Queer Episodes and Thrilling Adventures Which Show that Truth Is Stranger than Fiction.

stands complete in his room at the foot of the bed.

In the Island of Corsica, near the headwaters of the Tavignavo River and about twenty-two miles from the city of Corte, there is a ten-acre field which is simply a subterranean lake covered with soil to a depth of about eighteen inches. On the soil this year there was cultivated a piece of wheat which produced thirty-five bushels to the acre. A curious person who desires to investigate for himself, and who will take the trouble to dig a hole the depth of a spade handle, will find that he has dug entirely through the thin covering of soil to the surface of a lake which is from 35 to 80 feet in depth. Through the opening thus made fish may be caught which have neither eyes nor scales. The ground is a black mart, and, in all probability, covers what was once an open body of water, but which centuries of accumulating vegetable matter has increased to a thickness sufficient to produce an excellent crop. All work on the soil which covers this subterranean lake must of necessity be done by hand, the soil not being of sufficient as trength to bear a horse and machinery. It is called "Corte's wonder."

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"The 'legger' in an English canal tunnel has a hard time of it," says a traveler. "I went through two canal tunnels this summer. The canals are just the width of one of the small barges used, and but very little higher than the board which runs from the alleged cabin to the tow-line pole. As it is impossible for a horse to tow the barge the animal is led around or over the hill, and a legger lies on his back on the board referred to, and, raising his legs from his hips, pushes the boat along by pressing on the dilapidated roof of the tunnel. As I sat and watched the man in this unnatural position I felt the depth of human misery had been discovered at last. The work is arduous, the light very bad, the atmosphere almost fetid, the labor degrading, and the effect almost equivalent to making a man a cripple. Yet the most the 'legger' can make is seventy-five cents a day, and when traffic is light or there is be on the canal he makes little or nothing. The old jail treadmill was bad enough, in all conscience, but this is a thousand times worse."

SOMEWHAT STRANGE.

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A Cathedral, a skating-rink entertainment, at which one of the novelties will be a ruge between native boys who never put on skates before, a rendering of Passion music in Music Hall, the Jubile Singers concert and many theatrical performances."

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While on his way home from Washington a few days ago. Pension Examiner Samuel B. Brackett lost his lower set of false teeth in a peculiar manner, says a Biddeford (Me.) newspaper. Mr. Brackett has an individual tendency to push his teeth out with his tongue when he is asleep. He fell asleep as the train was acaring Bridgewater, and, as usual dropped his teeth. A knavish fellow came along and was seen by the passengers to pick up something, which later on proved to be the missing teeth. He soon got off, and when Mr. Brackett awoke the sad news was broken to him as gently us possible.

A REMARKABLE instance of a dog's

PIG BREEDING IN SICILY.

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The boldest robbery of grain ever known in Kassan is reported from the security from the southwestern part of the county, from the southwestern part of the county from the southw

spear. It has borne a large crop, and is now covered with buls, and has some blossoms in full bloom.

Joe Warren, an employee of the cerealine mills in Columbus, Ohio, had one of his hands caught in the machinery and cut off, some weeks ago. One day recently a Quakertown (Pa.) farmer found a man's handin a newly-purchased bag of feed that proved to be part of a consignment just at hand from Michigan.

A QUEER sight to be seen almost any day upon the streets of Danville, Ind., is that of Johnny Craig, the largest man in the world, wheeling along his six months' old baby in an ordinary baby carriage. Craig now weighs 823 pounds, while young Master Craig, Jr., is not above the average six months' old child.

The Denver News says that Jonas Carpenter, of that city, is nearly 150 years old. He was born in Virginia and the family Bible gives the date of his birth as 1752. He is said to be in good health.

Incipient Melancholy.

Melancholia is a grave disease, especially because of its strange and terrible tendency to induce suicide and homicide. As the patient's reasoning processes seem to be perfectly clear, friends are realted to good a lark. He succeeded in picking the lock of his cage, and once free turned his attention to his few minutes to unlock a dozen of the various cages in the room, and soon a fully between the part of a wing.

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As extraordinary case has been developed at White Hall, Mich., near Muskes gon. George Beard, a young man aged twenty-one, has been on the patient's reasoning processes weeks of which time he has been in an unconscious condition. He seems to here lost covery seases such that are with a light downward pressure he will raise his arm. When an attempt is made to move his head to the right he will turn it to the left. In order to feed the patient four teeth had to be knocked out, as it was impossible to open his mouth either to insert food or to extract the teeth. Through this opening he receives his liquid nourishment. The attending physician pronounces it access of carus.

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Errors In Geographies.

"The publishers of school maps," says a teacher in the St. Louis Globe-Democrat, "are responsible for more errors than any other class of people on the planet. They use sometimes half a dozen different scales of sizes in a single book, and it is impossible for children to get a correct idea of the relative sizes of different countries because of their lack of uniformity in the scale. In an atlas for school use all the maps should be on the same scale, otherwise most incorrect ideas will be formed. I recently asked a bright boy who had just finished the study of geography and laid it by because he knew all about it, how large he supposed Arabia was. He reflected a moment, and then, with some confidence, replied that Arabia was about the size of Massachusetts. I suggested the possibility of his being mistaken, when he got his atlas and showed me that Arabia and Massachusetts were the same size, that is, on the map. He opened his eyes when I explained to him the mysteries of the scale, and that instead of being a mere speck Arabia was alsong as from St. Louis to New York, and contained more than one-third as many square miles as the United States. He had been misled by the maps, as his teacher probably had also, and thousands of other people besides. A uniform scale would prevent many false ideas, and if a national series of textbooks is ever adopted the atlases should have that feature prominent."

Spurgeon as a Detective.

On one occasion Mr. Spurgeon, the great London evangelist, in the midst of his sermon turned to the deacons, who occupied seats immediately behind, and without appreciably interrupting the course of his sermon, said in a low voice: "Pickpocket, Mrs. So and So's pew," and resumed the thread of his discourse. Two deacons left their seats, and passing out by the starts behind, re-entered the Tabernacle on the area floor from opposite, one of them bringing with him the policeman stationed at the doors. They met in the aisle by the pew indicated, and the pickpocket was taken out, most people supposing it was merely a case of fainting.—[Mail and Express.

"Witness My Hand."

In the early days only a few scholars, priests and clerks knew how to write. It was then customary to sign a document by smearing the hand with ink and impressing it upon the paper, accompanied by the words: "Witness my hand." Afterwards the seal was introduced as a substitute for the hand mark, and was used with the words above quoted, the two forming the signature. This is the origin of the expression as used in modern documents.—[St. Louis Republic.

Vanderbilt's

RISE OF THE "HARVESTER."

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The original cave dweller—dear child of the Working Scientist—harvested his when the working Scientist—harvested his active jaws. The plan had its adhina delive jaws. The plan had its adhina delive jaws. The plan had its adhina deliveration of the working as salmo villasus. A favorite way of eating the dried augmatfat is to take it by the tale, poke it into the oily blubber for a while, and then chew it down. Awful, isn't it? It is almost as bad as eating sardines. There is a deal in a name. Blubber is disgusting; oil, if for use on a salad is delicious and indispensable. I have eaten seal oil and found it (very unexpectedly) good. I had supposed it would have a flavor of fish oil. There is no such flavor about it. It is equal to the best extract of cotton seed—that quality soid as olive oil in all American groceries. Augmatfat and blubber, under a French label, would be esteemed a luxury in New York as in Arsuk. For the rest, the Eskimos trade seal oil and skins to their Governor for three kinds of hard tack, for coffee, sugar and tea. They catch Arctic codfish (misarkornak in Eskimo and gadus nacaga in the books) and salmon in the seasons; they shoot no end of gulls, ducks, ptarmigans, and the Arctic hare; they have eggs in endless quantity in the season, and very many foxes are trapped. The fox is to the Eskimo what the 'possum is to the plantation darkey. He likes to smoke and, under favoring circumstances, will swap anything he's got, including his wife, for rum.—Goldthwaite's Geographical Magazine.

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Chiquanga—A Queer African Dish.
Salah, Stanley's attendant, said it was curious to watch Stanley's white officers when introduced to chiquanga, a kind of pudding made of boiled manioc root. Neither the taste no door of this food is at all inviting at first, but necessity brings all whites as well as blacks to regard it as the bread of life before many months of residence in Central Africa.

Sometimes when deprived of it for many days I have often hailed a piece of toasted chiquanga as real luxury,

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and I have been rather disgusted with newly arrived whites whose upturned noses condemned my barbaric taste. When Stanley's white officers had finished their small stock of tinned provisions and rice, they were absolutely compelled to fall back on the manico dishes; but the sourness of taste of this African pudding is a serious berrier to the enjoyment of it, and some stubborn persistence is required before the white man hails chipmanga at delicacy; but like other white travelers, these officers began to like it, and when they passed beyond the districts where it grew, and were forced to adhere to a roast plan tain diet, they regretted bitterly that they had no mahice.—St. Nicholass.

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