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The Blue Whale.
What is claimed as the largest animal in the world is represented by a colossal skeleton in the museum of Christchurch, New Zealand, says the London Globe. This is the remains of a large specimen of the blue whale stranded on the coast of that country. This whale is probably the largest of all living animals. The length of the skeleton is eighty-seven feet, and the head alone is twenty-one feet. The weight of the bones is estimated at nine tons. This gigantic whale gets its name of blue whale from the dark bluish gray of its upper surface. The tinge of yellow on its lower part has led to the name 'sulphur bottom,' by which it is known on the western side of the Atlantic. It is otherwise known as Sibbald's rorqual (Balenoptera sibbaldi).

The chief food of this gigantic animal is a small marine crustacean (Thysanopoda inermis), known to the whales as 'krill.' Another species of the same shrimplike group has been obtained in thousands from the stomachs of mackerel caught on the Cornish coast. The nearly related opossum shrimp found in enormous numbers in the Greenland seas form the chief food of the common whale. Some of the thysanopoda are phosphorescent and contribute to the luminosity of the sea.

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Take Hall's Family Pills for constipation.

DIRECTOR WAS ALARMED.

Russian Contracto Who Wished to Spare Mammalian Trouble.
M. Andrea Dippel, one of the twin bosses of the Metropolitan Opera House, sat at his desk the other day, when a breezy lady blew in, the Cincinnati Times-Star New York correspondent says. M. Dippel just gobbled at her, he was so surprised. She was Mme. Anna Mettschik, a Russian contracto, and had not been expected for a week or so. "But why did you not let us know you were coming to-day?" she asked, after he had caught his breath. "I would have had some one meet you, and find quarters for you, and spare you all unnecessary trouble."

"I didn't want to worry you," said Mme. Mettschik in Russian. "So I came on by myself, and I have found very satisfactory quarters in a good hotel."
M. Dippel cogitated a moment. "My Russian is not very good, mademoiselle," said he, courteously. "I fear I have not thoroughly understood you. Would you be so kind as to repeat that statement in another language?"
So Mme. Mettschik repeated it in German. M. Dippel scratched his head. "I do not wish to annoy you, mademoiselle," said he. "But I certainly am not hearing rightly this morning. If you would be so kind as to say it in French?"
So Mme. Mettschik said it in French, although she was a bit annoyed.

"Extraordinary," said M. Dippel, earnestly, at last convinced that he had mastered her very remarkable statement. "Mademoiselle, I have been in the opera now for many years. I have met every opera singer in the world of rank equal to your own. And never, mademoiselle, never, have I ever heard an opera singer even intimate that she wished to spare any one any trouble whatever. Mademoiselle, are you quite well?"
Here she there.
A man was waiting patiently for a street car the other day at a transfer station, says the Boston Record, when a woman, highly excited, rushed up to him, and cried, "Are you the man here?"
"I don't understand," he said.
"Are you the man here?" she repeated.
"No, madam," he said, concealing a smile. "The man here is that man over there."

The Quest of Betty Lancey

By MAGDA F. WEST

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CHAPTER III.

They held the inquest that same afternoon, and in the room where Cerise Wayne's body had been found. Dr. McGann, the coroner, could find no trace of violence on the young and perfect body.
"She died of heart failure," he remarked, very simply. "Probably the animal who caused the police such fright and trouble gained access to the room, and the slight and shock were too much for her patently fragile constitution to withstand. Remember, that this apparatus has brought on Mrs. Desterle a stroke of paralysis, and may result in the permanent derangement of her mind."
"I have wired Doubleday, Franz & Co. in San Francisco," he continued. "Their reply just received is that they know but little about Cerise Wayne. They declare that they knew her as Mrs. Wayne. Also that for five years past \$2,000 a month has been deposited to her credit with them. Parke & Gray, solicitors, of London, England, had handled the drafts sent to the San Francisco bankers. Mrs. Wayne drew on this amount so freely that at times her balance was practically nothing, and frequently her account showed a small overdraft. For the past several months, however, her demands on the account have been very slight. Last month \$4,000 was for her credit, and her present balance is approximately \$6,000. Besides this they have a check, said to contain almost priceless jewels, that belong to her. A copy of a photograph of Mrs. Wayne, which they have in their possession, has been forwarded, and Henry Franz, one of the junior members of the firm, is coming East to view the body. They report they have cared for her mail for some time past, and during this time she has had it forwarded to nearly every imaginable point, both in this country and abroad. In her handbag there was nearly \$100 and nothing to indicate that she had been mentally depressed or was in poor health. Over-indulgence in cigarettes may have unduly excited her mind. It is patent that she read and smoked till she grew drowsy and then lightly tossed her book aside. Possibly she awakened from some quiet dream to behold the creature in the room, and died of fright. There was no sound of intense horror and all was over."
"How did that—that—that get in, doctor?" interrupted the still disheveled Doherty.

"Don't you know that there's no place on the front of this, nor any other building in a foot of it? Ain't they all smooth sandstone, worn as slick as me last year's coat. And wasn't both of the windows there closed and locked in the bargain, and no chimney in the room? Maybe the creature killed the pretty little girl after it got in all right, but how did it get in? Here's another thing. Will you look at that bed? Now there's been two people sleeping in that bed, sir, one of them far heavier and bigger than the poor little girl you've just been inquiring over. And here, now, is a cigarette stub, but it's different from the others—stronger, can't you see?"
The policeman held out the stub in question, and it was passed wonderingly from hand to hand, and later marked exhibit "A."
"Entrance might have been effected from the hall," said the coroner with a puzzled frown.
"So? Wasn't the door bolted from the inside? Can't you see where it was broke to get in?" retorted Doherty.
"Ah, someone was inside and rushed out when Mrs. Desterle opened the door," muttered Larry Morris to the "Tins."
Everybody in the room directed his attention to the corner where the newspaper folk were sitting. There were eight or ten men in the little group and one woman, a fair, calm-eyed girl, Betty Lancey of the "Inquirer." Betty was barely 23, one of those tall, athletic, wholesome girls who demand classification in the mental menu as well-cooked oatmeal with rich cream, country honey, baked apples or new milk. Larry Morris was very much in love with Betty, but he didn't know it and neither did she.

Pierre Desterle denied Larry Morris' suggestion. His wife Annie Desterle could not come as a witness to corroborate his statement. Raving and shrieking they had carried her off to the hospital hours before. Pierre, for his wife, and himself, told all he knew of the unfortunate boards.
"She came Monday night," quavered the little black-skinned fellow. "She was all dressed in green. She had the prettiest eyes you ever saw, they were just like those of a hurt baby. So many violets were pinned on her breast you'd have thought 'twould have worried her to carry them. She brought no trunk, only the green bag there. Said she wanted room and board for two weeks and would pay well for them. Annie took her because of what she paid, and because she was so pretty. She slept late mornings and Annie was going to make her move to-morrow because she slept so late it made breakfast drag along till noon. The women in the house didn't like Miss Wayne. They said she painted her face and smoked cigarettes. The men made soft eyes at her and the woman got jealous. Annie said she had awful fine things in her valise, and lots of jewelry. Annie came up stairs to wake her, for it was lunch time, and then it all happened. There couldn't anybody have rushed down the stairs. I was in the hall when Annie fell, and Doherty was with me, and he came right up here after we'd carried Annie to her room. That was the only time the hall was alone."
"How long did that take you, Doherty?" asked Johnny Johnson of the newspaper coterie. He was thinking that the coroner was a shade too judicial and prosy about the inquiry.

"Some six minutes or so," slowly answered Doherty. "Mrs. Desterle's a weight to carry; she's pretty fat, you know, lately. Her room, too, it's clear back on the second floor."
They read the letters aloud. The

enterprising newspaper boys had already had them photographed so that their papers might reproduce them.
The longer of the two was undated, the other bore date of eight months previous, in mid-August and ran:
"Cerise—Dear—Heart of mine, I have so longed for a letter. Do you still refuse to remember? Will you not forgive or must I die without word or sign from you? Forgive me, Cerise, dear, forgive me."
The other, couched more formally, though in the same writing, read:
"Cerise—So the wander-lust still pervades your heart? Can you calm your restless mind and soul and body sufficiently long to realize that home, husband, children and the development of womanhood's ideals is the little life exacts from each of your sex?"
"You must pay now, Cerise, or pay at the end. If you defer payment of your indebtedness to the scheme of all creation till the end you will find the interest hard to handle. I shall appeal no more. Entreaties do not move you. Neither do threats and commands are naught to you. But let me impress one thing upon you. If you do not return to me before the first of the coming year, I will kill you. Do you understand what I mean when I write this? I have never seemed able to make you comprehend anything I have ever written or said. You won't understand this, but I realize that you will be dead, murdered, before the blossoms weight the orchards if you still persist in absenting yourself from me."
"Seems to me that 'H' whoever 'H' is, must have been intoxicated, drugged or doped on his correspondence course," whispered Larry Morris to Betty Lancey.

"Oh, don't joke," replied Betty. "How can you at such time? Such a beautiful woman as she was, too. I'd have loved to have seen her as she must have been when she was alive."
"Death from causes unknown. Probably heart failure superinduced by fright," came the coroner's verdict.
This ultimatum disposed of the body, which was buried next day. But it didn't do the Monster. That was in a cage in the municipal zoological gardens, snarling, whining and making the walls of his cage rattle and knock. He had not disposed of the story. That went flapping around the world on the wires, while newspapers the country over seized the scent to track the "greatest crime mystery of the age."

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Larry's forehead was twisted into half a dozen corrugations. He was hoping none of the fellows would come in to see him, but he couldn't help but take a rubber at the conventional game. Wasn't that girl a stunner, though? And did you notice, too, what a dead match that her hair was for the color of the pet on the beast?"
Now every man at the table had noted that point. For ten years it was a point that it was startling. Each had been loath to launch an opinion on it. But Johnny had a way with him of pumping all you knew by hold plays. Each man took counsel with himself wondering what Johnny would do next. For ten years it was boys and Johnny had met every Monday night, and the crowd had learned when to give him rope.
But just now Johnny and his bowl of rice and milk relapsed into silence while his companions ranged far in wild theories as to what was, what part had played in the life and death of Cerise Wayne, whether she was wife, widow, murdered or simply another victim of the suicide list.
By and by Johnny dug down into one of the ever bulging pockets of his always baggy trousers. The by-word was that Johnny had always looked so much like a burglar that he never had any trouble gaining the confidence of the rather reticent people of that profession.
"Hunting for a quarter, Johnny, or a toothpick?" questioned Larry Morris.
"Here, look at this," answered Johnny.

"Into their midst he twirled the something he had drawn from his pocket. It was a man's garment of lavender silk elastic, the buckle hand wrought from rose gold, set round with amethysts and on the face the initial 'H,' worked out in emeralds and amethysts of excessive smallness but exceedingly great brilliancy.
"Where did you get that?" came the chorus.
"Well," said Johnny, "I picked this up in the Desterle house about an hour ago. Say, everybody about that house has got a queer light on all moving out. An earthquake couldn't move them quicker than they are going. The death watch has got its grip on the whole thirty-five boarders. More than half of them are speeding away to spend the night with hand-baggage only. Great show, too, that house has always looked so sleepy up there to-night. I picked this garter up in the closet where it had rolled down behind a little shelf. Now women, you know, don't wear garters like this."
"Might," believed Hank Smith. "Say a telegraph story the other day

that they had taken to wearing half hose in New York."

"But here's the question," continued Johnny, "no man in the house knew Mrs. Wayne nor anything about her. Why, the only decent word any one of these fellows passed about her was that no one had come to see her since she arrived, and that she had appeared embarrassed when her fellow boarders of the sex masculine attempted to pay her any attention."
"I'll just wager that she was some poor, sweet little girl who had married some old fool for his money," interposed Philip Hartley, whose sympathetic heart beat for all the mistreated women in the world. "She's found him unbearable, and refused to live with him, and he's just hounded her to death. That 'H' may have stood for 'Hubby,' in the letter that had the threat to kill her. I believe she's been taking slow poison, and came here where she wasn't known to sniff it off quietly."
"How about the Man-Aperilla?" flouted Larry Morris. "Proceed, Jules Verne. Why don't you go farther, and have it written up in next evening's paper, bloodhound-fashion by the ore-husband, to choke her to death?"
"Because she wasn't choked," contended Hartley. "Heavens, what a woman she must have been."
"To kill from jealousy," added Hank Smith. "Why, here's Betty Lancey at this hour of the morning. Betty, don't you ever get through work? And you're all out of breath. What's wrong, Mamie, get her some tea. What is the matter, Betty?"
Betty, white as print paper, sunk on a chair. Her big blue eyes were open and wide. "Boy, don't say a word, but tell me, am I crazed or dreaming; has it really happened or am I halcyon? Oh, no! don't stop to finish eating; come quick or it will be too late. I am afraid to stop alone in that awful room. You know I missed my train home and stopped at the hotel to-night, and oh, it started me so."
"What's up, anyhow?" asked Johnny. "Tell the rest of them, Betty. I'm going up to get chummy with the mystery, sleeping all night in the Desterle house. Maybe I'll have a visitation, something as how my own head is some reddish." "But like you to have stage fright, Betty."
"I haven't got it," she snapped. "But just as I started to get into bed and went over to raise the shade, I looked across the court into one of the dormerlike of the hotel. And in there what do you think I saw?"
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HALLEY'S COMET SOON TO BE VISIBLE

HALLEY'S comet, which is moving in this direction at an inconceivable rate of speed and will soon be visible to all who have the time to look up at the sky, is a story of human ambition equal, in its way, to most of the stories that make up the pith and pulp of history. Why are astronomers so keen on Halley's comet? Thousands of comets as good or better than Halley's nightly sweep the horizon and may be seen by the mere effort of looking up at the sky through a telescope. Why this particular talk of Halley?

Edmund Halley was the son of a London soap boiler and was born at London in 1656. He studied for a time at Oxford, but left that university without taking his degree. He may be said to have been the father of comets, or rather the tamer of comets. It was he who, armed with the invincible, sure-cutting sword of higher mathematics, scaled the empyrean and cut out the comets from the mass of superstitious terror with which they had been surrounded from time immemorial. Early in his career Halley took up the study of comets and calculated the orbits of no less than twenty of the species. Among the twenty were three which Halley regarded with peculiar interest: These were the comets which had appeared in 1531, in 1607 and 1682, three comets the orbits of which seemed so much alike that Halley suspected that in reality they might be one and the same comet returning to the sun at regular intervals of about seventy years.

Revising his calculations and going more deeply into them, he became convinced that this notion of his was right, and after submitting his theory to every conceivable test and finding it good, he decided to make a bold stroke and to predict the return of the comet in 1757 or 1758. Halley died in 1742, sixteen years before the date he had set for a return of his comet, and the world for a time forgot about him and it. But the astronomers did not forget, and were watching. Clairaut, a French mathematician, redded Halley's calculations by new methods and found them correct. The big planet Saturn, he said, would hold the comet back 100 days, and the gigantic world, Jupiter, would hold it back 518 days. This would bring the comet to its nearest to the sun in the middle of April, 1759.

Halley's comet was scheduled to return in 1835, and again were the astronomers on the watch, and were not disappointed. The astronomers who saw it then are all dead. The astronomers who see it now will all be dead when it makes its next appearance in 1885. But the present appearance of Halley's comet will be useful in another and a fascinating way to the men who have nothing to do but watch the sky and figure on the doings of the contents.

THE DECADES' FARM EXPORTS.

Cotton Alone Shows \$3,651,000,000 in Shipments to Foreign Lands.

Nine billion dollars' worth of agricultural products have been exported from the United States during the last ten years, those exported in the fiscal year 1909 having amounted to practically \$900,000,000, against less than \$800,000,000 in 1899.

The above statement summarizes the results of a special compilation made by the Bureau of Statistics of the Department of Commerce and Labor showing the exports of the principal products of agricultural origin in the period from 1899 to 1909. The exports of agricultural products as a whole have increased from \$785,000,000 in 1899, to \$898,000,000 in 1909, the highest record having been made in 1907, when the total exceeded \$1,000,000,000, or, to be exact, \$1,049,000,000.

While the general agricultural group thus shows a gain of over \$100,000,000 during the decade under review, it must not be understood that the growth applies to all or even a large share of the important items. On the contrary, most of the staple farm products used for food, such as breadstuffs, meats and live cattle, show decreased exportations during the period, the loss in that line of articles having been more than offset by the great increase in cotton and certain comparatively new industries whose chief development has occurred in the last few years, notably cottonseed oil, corn oil, oil cake and oil cake meal, oleomargarine, lard compounds, sugar and molasses, fruits and nuts, etc.

Cotton, the largest item in the agricultural group, shows a total exportation in the last ten years amounting to \$3,651,000,000, its annual exports having increased from \$210,000,000 in 1899, to \$481,000,000 in 1907 and \$417,000,000 in 1909. This increased exportation is due, in some degree, however, to higher prices prevailing in more recent years. In 1899 the average export price of upland cotton was 5.6 cents per pound; in 1909, 9.4 cents.

MEAT INSPECTION.

There Must Be Local Co-operation to Make It Effective.

Under the present Federal system of meat inspection during the past year 26,000,000 animals were inspected at the time of slaughter and 1,000,000 were condemned in whole or in part. On re-inspection more than 25,000,000 pounds of meat and meat products were condemned which had become unwholesome since inspection at the time of slaughter.

On the face of it this report indicates a very satisfactory condition. It shows that a vast quantity of meat, which otherwise would have reached the consumer and been purchased as wholesome, was declared unfit for food and was kept from the market as such. But this inspection was federal. Its main effect was in assuring the foreign purchaser that the American meat he purchased was from animals which were in a state of health at the time of slaughter. But the result is not so reassuring to the local consumer. Rigid Federal inspection drives to those slaughter houses, not under Federal inspection because their product is not intended for interstate trade, thousands of animals which could not pass inspection. The result is that the local consumer is more likely than ever to have imposed upon him meat from animals which could not pass inspection.

Dr. A. D. Melvin, chief of the United States bureau of animal industry, in his annual report calls attention to this condition and recommends more rigid State and municipal inspection.

A tack hammer, the head of which holds into a recess in the stick, for conveniences in carrying, has been patented by a Pennsylvanian.

Lightning will strike more than once in the same place. A transmission line in Colorado was recently struck five times in the same place.

CHICAGO MERCHANT MAKES STATEMENT.

After Spending Thousands of Dollars and Consulting the Most Eminent Physicians, He Was Desperate.

CHICAGO, ILLS.—Mr. J. G. Becker, of 134 Van Buren St., a well-known wholesale dry goods dealer, states as follows:
"I have had catarrh for more than thirty years. Have tried everything on earth and spent thousands of dollars for other medicines and with physicians, without getting any lasting relief, and can say to you that I have found Peruna the only remedy that has cured me permanently."
"Peruna has also cured my wife of catarrh. She always keeps it in the house for an attack of cold, which it invariably cures in a very short time."

The average value of land on Manhattan island, according to the assessment, is \$272,173 an acre.

Tone of the World.
A series of 50 post cards in colors will be mailed to any address upon receipt of 15 cents in coin or stamps. Address The Evening Wisconsin Co., Milwaukee, Wis.

Sectional Prejudice.
"Have you any good apples to-day, Mr. Barlow?"
"Yes, we have some unusually fine Northern Spies."
"O, ha, g' your northern spies!"

BETTER THAN SPANKING.

Spanking does not cure children of bed-wetting. There is a constitutional cause for this trouble. Mrs. M. Summers, Box 4, Notre Dame, Ind., will send free to any mother her successful home treatment, with full instructions. Send no money, but write her to-day if your children trouble you in this way. Don't blame the child, the chances are it can't help it. This treatment also cures adults and aged people troubled with urine difficulties by day or night.

After regarding it is a true mollusc for many years, French scientists have found that a small snail-like creature found on trees is the larva of a species of fly.

DON'T NEGLECT THAT COUGH
It certainly ticks your system and may do something serious. Allen's Lung Balm will check it quickly and permanently. For sale at all druggists.

Experiments are under way in Boston with nickel-in-the-slot turnstiles in elevated railroad and subway stations. The idea is to save the pay of ticket sellers.

Only One "BROMO QUININE"
That is LAXATIVE BROMO QUININE. Look for the signature of E. W. GROVE. Used the world over to Cure a Cold in One Day. 2c

FASHION HINTS



Draped sleeves are back again as the newest sleeve touch. There are many ways of doing them, but the accompanying sketch shows one of the most attractive arrangements.
She who has remodeling in her mind sees boundless possibilities for the slightly worn waist of her silk gown—a little chiffon, net, or novelty stuff, and there you are.

Not Handing Out Statistics.
The Missus—Norah, how many families have you ever worked for?
The Maid—Wurried, is it, ma'am? I'll have you know, Mrs. Pa-arker, I've wurried fr' every family I ever lived with!—Chicago Tribune.

WHEN DINNER COMES

One Ought to Have a Good Appetite.
A good appetite is the best sauce. It goes a long way toward helping in the digestive process, and that is absolutely essential to health and strength.

Many persons have found that Grape-Nuts food is not only nourishing but in a great appetite. Even children like the taste of it and grow strong and rosy from its use.
It is especially the food to make a weak stomach strong and create an appetite for dinner.
"I am 57 years old," writes a Tenn. grandmother, "and have had a weak stomach from childhood. By great care as to my diet I enjoyed a reasonable degree of health, but never found anything to equal Grape-Nuts as a standby."
"When I have no appetite for breakfast and just eat a teaspoonful of Grape-Nuts with good rich milk, and when dinner comes I am hungry. While if I go without any breakfast I never feel like eating dinner. Grape-Nuts for breakfast seems to make a healthy appetite for dinner."
"My little 15-month-old grandson had been very sick with stomach trouble during the past summer, and finally we put him on Grape-Nuts. Now he is growing plump and well. When asked if he wants his nurse or Grape-Nuts, he brightens up and points to the cupboard. He was no trouble to wean at all—thanks to Grape-Nuts." Read the little book, "The Road to Wellville," in pgs. "There's a Reason."

Ever read the above letter? A new one appears from time to time. They are genuine, true, and full of human interest.

