TALES FROM OVER THE SEA.

Queer Phases of Life Among the People o the Old World.

WEALTH FOUND INSIDE A STATUE.

An Undertaker's Gruesome Error Strange Story of an Old Pipe-Shared Her Bed with Cats -Romeo and Juliet.

Pygmalion, the ancient artist, could not be more overjoyed when his statue became transformed into a lovely woman than the heirs of the late Mme. Artaud, who recently died in Paris, when they discovered a considerable fortune carefully hidden away in the interior of a common plaster-of-paris reproduction of the famous Venus of Milo, says a Paris dispatch to the London Telegraph. The history of the sudden find is curious and entertaining. Mme. Artaud died without without making a will, and as she had no notary, her children and grandchildren appealed to a financial adviser of the deceased who used occasionally to put her money out in stock exchange speculation.

That the old lady had left a fair share of lucre was certain, and as not a stiver nor a bank note could be found anywhere in her rooms, the heirs came the natural conclusion that the financial agent must have been intrusted by Mme. Artaud with her money before she made exit from this world. The agent declared in the most positive manner that he had received nothing for a long time from Mme, Artaud, who, feeling her end approaching, gave up bourse specu-

This did not satisfy the heirs, who promptly accused the agent of having appropriated what did not belong to him, but as they had no proof against him they were unable to begin legal proceedings. They accordingly set work to divide the furniture and general belongings of the deceased between The dining room and saloon chairs, tables, and trappings were in empire style and worth from £300 to £400, but as it would be impossible to obtain more than half their value, the discontent among the heirs increased.

A lottery of the effects having been organized, an old statute representing the goddess of love fell to one of the daughters of the deceased, who was about to break it with vexation, when one of her relatives proposed to examine it to see if by any chance it were a rare work of art. The base of the statue was covered over underneath with oil cloth, and when the covering was removed out tumbled a choice collection of bank notes, bonds, securities and obligations, the whole amounting in value to about £2,000. The plaster-of-paris Venus will be piously preserved by the family now as an emblem of luck and a happy heir-

A gruesomely humorous incident occurred at Potsdam recently. A certain widow by the name of Wachterpausen had a daughter Amelia who had gone to Nice for her health and there died. The mother telegraphed to the undertaker in that city to forward the body. This was apparently done, and in due time a box arrived inclosing an elaborate coffin which, in its turn, was supposed to contain the body of the maiden. Just as the ceremonies of the funeral were about to begin the mother insisted upon having the coffin opened, which was done forthwith, and in place of the young girl there was found the body of an old Russian military officer dressed in a uniform, decked out with medals and holding a drawn sword in his hand.

Telegrams were immediately patched to Nice and it WAS earned that the bodies had been mixed up; the maiden had to Smolensk instead of Potsdam. gone Smolensk was wired and the Russian authoricies were interrogated in every direction. An answer came saying the body of the young lady had been duly buried, with full military pomp and circumstance, and a general holiday had been enjoyed in town to do reverence to what was supposed to be the officer's What to do with the Russian s now puzzling the widow.

The body of an unknown man was brought into the morgue on Sunday night about two months ago. His pock ets had been stripped of whatever they may have contained; his garments were worn threadbare, though they had evidently once been of fine material; a piece of cord was tied tightly around his throat, and there was at first a suspicion of foul play. A protruding tongue, star-ing eyes and bloated features strongly suggested murder. The face was terri-

The body had been in the water some time. It would probably have been buried or dissected among other unknown unclaimed bodies but for the chance visit of a well known boulevarder to the morgue. He at first passed from one to the other of three bodies on their lcy slabs and was about to pass the third when something attracted him.

It was an old, blackened, nicotinestained, burnt-out meerschaum pipe. He stopped, stared and tried to recall the features. Then with a sudden exclamation he made his way quickly to the keeper of the morgue to claim the body of his once dearest friend.

Victor Lesclides was ten years ago one of the brightest feuilletonists in all the brightest galaxy of writers for the Paris press of that day. A strangely morose man at times, but a man, it is said, with a history, his long hair and unkempt beard, his slouch hat and illfitting clothes were known all over

Among his other eccentricities was Without this ugly, blackened thing he was never seen; was a part and parcel of About a year ago appeared. He was getting old it is true, but he was so subject to occasional disappearances that at first no one thought anything of it. Then he was

missed and his absence was talked about. Then some one suggested he had gone to Algeria or America, and then he forgotten. Yesterday afternoon he was recognized in the morgue, and today he was buried and nearly a hundred of the oldest literateurs of Paris followed his body to the grave.

A curious case of especial interest to elderly spinsters and lovers of house pets is shortly to come before the Berlin courts. A young woman was engaged as companion to an old lady at stated wages, but ran away from her place two days after entering service. Her mistress procured her arrest under the law that a servant must give due notice before leaving her situation; but the police, after hearing the girl's state-ment, told the lady that she could not compel the girl to return, and could only

claim damages in the civil court.

For the girl stated, and her statements have been proved true, that on entering the lady's flat four immense dogs jumped at her, although they did not do her any harm. In the next room another big dog with a litter of pups mot her gaze, while the third room was

tenanted by at least three dozen different varieties of birds. The kitchen of the old lady was given over to cats, and the girl's sleeping room was converted into a temporary hospital for invalid members of the ani-

mal world. "The old lady," said the girl, "was very kind to me, but as my duties consisted in washing all the dogs daily, and I had to share my bed with half a dozen dogs and cats, I was obliged to run away to avoid sickness."

How the terrible fire which has destroyed the village of Moor, in Hungary, originated is thus told by our Vienna correspondent, says the London Daily News: A farmer's wife was ironing in her kitchen, using a flatiron filled with charcoal, when a spark flew out and set fire to her muslin dress. In her fright she ran into the court yard, where her husband and his people were threshing barley. The barley caught fire from her, and was no sooner ablaze than the wind blew the sparks in all directions, setting fire to the thatched roofs of the houses which stood in two long rows forming the main street. All was so sudden and people were so dumb-founded that for a little time they could not even call for help. Most of the heads of families were in the vineyards and heir help was not available until they had been recalled by the alarm bell. The old people and children in the houses had not presence of mind enough

to save themselves. In Hungary it has not rained for a long time and the wells contained no water, so that nothing could be done to save even a single house. In all 109 homes, were destroyed and 134 families are without a roof above their heads. The harvest was over and the corn in the barns wasconsumed in the general conflagration, which was a terrible spectacle as night came on. Ten bodies have been found and some children are missing. Nearly everybody in the neighborhood is suffering from burns received in rescue work.

Parisian women, as in London, have an insatiable mania for carrying or leading by chain pug dogs of all degrees of ugliness, says the London Telegraph. During a shower of rain one was seen walking along the Quai Jemmapes, where a number of workmen had just finished discharging a cargo of coal from a barge. The lady held in one from a barge. The lady held in one hand an umbrella, with which she carefully protected from the least drop of wet an ugly little dog with a gorgeous blue ribbon round its neck. By her side trotted her daughter, a little girl about three years old, her shoes not so waterproof as they might have been, who, deprived of the protection of the umbrella monopolized by the dog, was rapidly getting drenched. As she was about to cross the bridge which spans the canal one of the coal heavers went up to her and said: "Allow me, madam, to relieve you of your dog, so that you may carry your girl to the other side. The woman accepted the offer, but when the party arrived at the other end of the bridge the coal heaver threw the pug into the canal, telling its mistress at the same time: "That's a lesson to you not to shelter a dog while your child is getting wet." The woman screamed, and soon a crowd 'collected to whom she pathetically narrated the assassination of her pet. Two policemen at her instigation took the coal-heaver to the station, but the superintendent declined to formulate any charge against him. All she could do, he told her, was to bring a civil action for the value of the dog.

An extraordinary comedy of errors has just made itself public in connection with the workhouse administration in France. It starts from that familiar basis of a hundred plays and novelstwo children who were changed in the nursery. Two girls, with names almost identical, were placed by their mothers about the same time in the institution called Enfants Assistes. Ten years ago one of them was taken home by her supposed mother, given a dowry and married. Of course she was the wrong one; and the other, having just come out on the attainment of her majority, ciaims to have proved her substitute changing. She demands the dowry, it seems, and may possibly put in a claim for the husband. It may prove a nice point of law whether she is entitled to both; but it appears that every one all round has a claim for dam-ages against everybody else, the public authorities—the fairies who effected the change-coming off the worst. The poor girl who has just emerged from the workhouse no doubt looks upon the comparatively comfortable and respectable circumstances to which her namesake has wrongfully succeeded much in the way as the claimant to an earldom regards that dizzy prospect of wealth and advancement. The situation reminds one of Mr. Besant's plot in "The Children of Gibeon," and there are great Gibertian possibilities about it. A panic occurred in a large public

school in the Friedenstrasse in Berlin. It seems that the children were possessed by the idea that the school house was haunted by the spirit of a former teacher who had committed suicide many years ago, says Dunlap's cable news service. At noon a girl of the first class became hysterical and ran into the main hall crying out that the ghost was choking her. All the pupils caught the nervous crisis and rushed from all the class rooms, catching frantically at their throats and yelling out that the ghost was attacking them. The teachers were powerless to restrain the terrified children and the staircases were soon strewn with them, toppling over each other, Fortunately the exits were ample and all gained the street with slight injur-The school building is being watched by the police in order to find out the cause of the fright.

A curious case about doctors' fees has ust been decided at Liverpool assizes before Mr. Justice Smith, says the Lon-don Daily News. Dr. Day sued Mr. Lamb, a tenant farmer for £365 6s. Mr, Lamb declared the charge excessive. and he paid £180 5s into court. Here is "item" in Mr. Day's bill: conversation with Mrs. Sykes on behalf of Mrs. Lamb with regard to the use of some quack remedy which she recommended and I declined, 10s 6d."

guinea for gossiping with s. Sykes about his patient. s. Lamb! You needn't have done it, observed cross examining counsel plaintively. There was also an entry of 7s. 6d. for "writing a letter to a specialist" about his patient, Mrs. Lamb. "Worse than an attorney; he would only charge 6s. 8.," remarked Mr. Justice Smith amid loud laughter, Several medical witnesses said that Dr. Day's charges were, under the circumstances, too high. The jury found a verdict for Mr. Lamb. Dr. Day is to receive only the balance of the £180 5s, after the defendant's costs have been taxed.

At Assens, in the canton of Vand Switzerland, September 9 of the present year, while some grave diggers were removing the contents of a grave from a low, wet portion of a cemetery, a coffin, which contained the remains of a woman, was found to be full to overflow ing with crisp, curly black hair. The coffin was of wood and lay the undermost of three, all in one grave. As soon as the first two had been removed

workmen noticed that the clay on the lid of the under coffin, as well as the cracks in the lid and sides, was matted with hair which seemed to be pushing out through the cracks. removing the lid a most remarkable sight met their gaze. There was the whole figure of the corpse, exhibiting the eyes, mouth, ears and every part, every square inch of the body covered with the long, curly hair. Exposed to the air for a few minutes, the contents of the coffin became a shapeless mass of hair, one hand and the great toe of the right foot only retaining their shape.

Another mysterious drama of love and death has occurred at Perigneux, France. Ohe other day, in the afternoon, a young man, seventeen years of age, the son of a merchant in the place mentioned, and a young woman of twenty, daughter of a reputable citizen residing close by, left their homes about the same hour, and nothing more was seen of them until the evening, when lifeless bodies were discovered lying side by side under a tree some distance from the town. The two were in love, but despaired of receiving the assent of their relatives to marry. Neither he nor she desired to live except in honorable wedlock, and as this seemed to be beyond their power they resolved to die voluntarily. The couple accordingly agreed to meet on Sunday afternoon in the fields under a Each drank a small phial of morphine, and to make the result more cer-tain the man fired a pistol shot through the woman's head and then did the same to himself. The empty phials were found by their sides, and also a revol-

Reports have reached this city of a remarkable excitement prevailing at Luttenberg, says Duglap's cable from Vienna. A young girl in that town declares that she has witnessed a mani festation of the Virgin Mary in a tree, and, exhorted by the excited people, has gone with her foster-mother to Marburg in order to demand permission of the archbishop for the people to witness the miracle under the tree. Seven gendarmes have already been posted the tree in order to keep away the peo ple, who are anxious to get close to it in the hope of being able to see the manifestation.

A sad story of the laying on and he rubbing in of affliction comes from Paris. Said a fellow traveler to a "shootist" returning by train with a bag of partridges: "Let me carry your game in my big overcoat pockets; the octroi officials wont notice it and you will escape paying duty." The friendly accommodation was gladly accepted, but on arrival at Paris, alas! the kind friend had disappeared, together with the feathered outcome of "le sport." Outraged in his sportsmanlike feelings, the victim haid a complaint before the sport. victim laid a complaint before the police and as a result-is to be prosecuted for defrauding the octroil

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The Empress of Japan

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Five years have passed over the chrysanthemums since, on one of these very rare solemnities, where a few privileged ones are admitted to her presence, I had the honor of seeing her in her gardens. She was ideally charming, passing like a fairy among her parterres, flowered in profusion with the sad flowers of autumn; then coming to sit beneath her canopy of violent crepon (the imperial color) in the hieratic stiffness of her robes, tinted like the wings of a humming bird. All the delicious quaint pageantry with which she the nsurrounded herself gave her the charm of an unreal creature. Upon her painted lips hovered a ceremonial smile, disdainful and vague. Beneath the powder her exquisite face preserved an impenetrable expression, and notwithstanding the grace of her greeting, one felt her offended by which according to the new customs she was forced to tolerate -she, the only empress, invisible of yore like a religious myth.

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AMENITIES OF THE TEA COWN

When Properly Made it is a Gorgeous Piece of Feminine Finery.

HOW ROUGH MINERS RESPECT WOMEN.

Chivalry is at a Prem'um in Camp When .Wives or Mothers are There-Gossip About the

Fair Sex.

People in general have curious ideas of a tea gown, and a peculiar and mistaken habit of confusing this important and elegant bit of feminine finery with 11 manner of loose and flapping matinee gowns, dressing gowns and ill-shapen, ill-fitting wrappers, which a woman should allow herself to wear only in the sanctity of her own apartment, says the New York Sun. The tea gown proper is, in its way, as elegant as a dinner gown, rich in material, costly in decoration, carefully fitted, and exquisitely combined as to colors; it is supposed to be worn at the twilight hour in the fragrance of the steaming cup that cheers when parlors are bright with lady visitors; when men drop in informally and are at their brightest and best, when the lights glow faintly through roseate shades over dainty service and delicate china, and fair woman is faire st and most irresistible. Stiff, rustling brocades and heavy velvets enter [into its construction, but so arranged and fitted that it adapts itself readily to the pretty unconventional attitudes a wodrops into in the sleepy hollow chairs of the tea room, or the double rocker in the library, or may be on the luxurious divans, piled high with bright soft pillows. These new gowns seem to be more closely fitted and less suggestive of comfort and somnolence even than those seen last year, and while loose in front are fitted smoothly in the back and at the side in Princess fashion. One gown in golden bronze bengaline, with a generous train, has a front of lemon surah, wrought with gold and bor-dered with bronze velvet ribbon. It hangs very straight and smooth in front, and has a train of considerable length. Full bengaline sleeves are puffed to the elbow, and fall over deep gold cuffs, and a high colar faced with lemon color rolls back from a gold neckband. Another gown, in an uncommon and beautiful shade of green, has a loose front of cream China silk, embroidered at the bottom and laced down with a Swiss girdle of black velvet, Point de Venise sleeves and deep collar finish, which is very stylish and pretty in every way. You can't go wrong if you duplicate it.
Still more elaborate and less sug-

gestive of its purpose is a tea gown of striped cream satin and crepe de chine. The sash encircting the slender waist is of pink and green satin ribbon, bound round and round, to be tied at one side in the late pretty device affected by slim women, and the yoke and armlets of beautiful silver embroidery. The sleeves are of cream chiffon, and the atmosphere of the whole is decidedly of the French, Frenchy. Of the two tea jackets which follow and are worn by some ladies in preference to the gowns, one is of pale olue nun's veiling, with white Chinasilk let in front and back, overlaid with cascades of Valenciennes lace, and the other of violet bengaline, with a paler violet pouf in front and a gold decoration.

Stories of Bernhardt.

which has become production of each fresh play, says a agreeable beginnings of an acc Paris letter to the Savannah News. ance. It is, to an idle girl. a When Bernhardt puts her genius at the service of her charlantry the result is such glorious and unique hum-bugging as only the boulevard could appreciate, but for which they love her for Parisians will not soon forget how Bernhardt advertised one place by going to a horse fair, buying two splendid horses for her son, returning to Paris after midnight and stabling the animals, for lack of other accommodations, inher magnificiently fitted studio. Next morning all Paris was agog. "How could you allow such wanton de-

struction?" "Ah," said the Berhhardt, her eyes

alight with maternal devotion, could I deny Maurice anything?" Nor has Paris yet done talking of how she posed as an angel at Maurice's wedding, a ray of light sifted through stained glass falling softly on her uplifted face as she knelt at the altar wrapped in religious ecstacy. This was almost as good an advertisment as the news which not so very long ago startled all France—Bernhardt had become insane. No, said monsieurs, the journalists and dramatic critics, you have deceived us too often; this time we positively refuse to believe one syllable. of Figaro was especially firm in his posi-tion. By the great gods he had sworn, and he would stand by his oath, that Bernhardt's name should never again appear in type which he controlled. But private information came to him from ources deemed incorruptible, and he was brought to call on Bernhardt to see with his own eyes. In her boudoir, with lights turned down, she kept him waiting, and then bounced into the apartment like one of her own tiger cats and leaned against the man-tel, hair dishevelled, face haggard, features blank and unintelligent, fingers trembling. Her complexion was ghastly, her eyes wandering. Not a word did she answer to his questions, but mumbled to herself in undertones. After a little she dropped to the floor and lay staring into the fire, babbling. M. — was convinced. Next day he came out with a layout light had with a lamentation; a great light had gone out; Bernhardt had had her faults; but it would be long ere they looked on her like again. This was the moment for which Bern-

hardt had been waiting. In two hours a card from her was in every newspaper office in the city. She was not insane; she could not imagine how such a cana. d started; her head had never been clearer, as she hoped to convince the public by production of —, in which she should open the week following.

But none of her recent performequalled a somewhat evement. There are ances have earlier achievement. gossips who still laugh as they remember how, after her marriage with Damala, the rumor got about Paris that, owing to domestic duties, Bernhardt would be unable to finish her season. Fashion writers who visited Worth discovered that in good truth Bernhardt had ordered a complete outfit of new stage dresses designed with the view of hiding her figure. It became the fashion to go and see the actress in those gowns. Bets were up as to how many more nights she would play, when suddenly, without warning, as the interest reached

credit that she sincerely loved Damala. She pulled him out of the gutter, and, in spite of much, at the end she mourned

How Miners Respect Women. Mr. W. C. Tonkin of Silver City, N. M., a mining expert and engineer, was at the Midland in Kansas City the other day. Mr. Tonkin has spent a number o years in the western wilds and has met the American miner in almost all of his many phases, says the Journal. In the course of a conversation with a group of friends yesterday the question of the in-born gallantry of the American citizen to the fair sex became the topic under discussion.

One gentleman remarked that a lady could travel all over the United States alone and suffer no inconvenience or aunoyance so long as her conduct did not render her liable to the approaches of the masher. He mentioned the play of "The Danites," where a group of miners are waiting the arrival of the new school teacher on the stage. They have bricks, broomsticks, baskets, have bricks, broomsticks, baskets, tin cans and other "weepins" to make life pleasant for him. The coach drives up and a neat, trim young lady gets down. The miners drop their weapons sheepishly, smooth their heads and, taking in their uncouth appearance,

sneak away.
"That reminds me," remarked Mr. Tonkin, "of an instance in a mining camp that illustrates the veneration with which these rough men regard a woman. A few months after my mar-riage I was sent through Lin-coln county, N. M., to survey some mineral lands for a railroad com-pany. My wife wanted to go with me. It was a camp-out expedition and a case of 'roughing it' and no mistake. I finally consented to her going with me, and we set out with an ambulance, cooking outfit, etc., across the plains, 150 miles from any railroad and into the heart of the wilderness. "One day a terrific rain set in and

continued all night. In the storm lost my bearings and wandered about until 8 o'clock at night, when I saw a light. I drove towards it, and came up to a small miner's cabin. I got down knocked at the door and was admitted. stated my case and asked for shelter. "'Come right in, stranger, and wel

come, was my answer. "I glanced around the one room and saw four roughly dressed miners. The room had no floor and only an open fire place, over which their frugal meals were cooked. A few necessary articles completed the entire furniture of the cabin. 'My wife is with me.' I said, 'and is out in the wagon now.', 'Here, boys, bundle out o'this and help the stranger in with his things. Be lively, now,' said the spokesman, pulling off his hat and squaring things about. "They helped us in with our goods,

got a roaring fire to going and then forming a line near the leader, said: Yer kindly welcome, mum. We ain't got much tooffer, but yer can take the ranch. Me an' my mates'll roost outside. Jess make yerself at home an don't mind us.'

"They were standing uncovered all this time, and when the speech was ended filed out of their cabin and stayed out all night in the rain, in spite of the earnest protests of my wife and myself. Those great big-hearted, rough men vacated their home for a lady and would not let us remunerate them in any way. 'We don see no wimmen folks in these diggins' the leader said-'an' we feels proud to know yer been here. What we done ain't nothin's to talk about and we'd lick a mean skunk which wouldn't do like wise for a lady."

Attraction of the Foreign Suitor. One reason why American girls wish to marry abroad is that foreigners have Bernhardt's little scheme for apply-ing a live snake to her bared breast in which is very attractive to women writes the death scene of "Cleopatra" excites a Mrs. John Sherwood in Harper's Bazaar. The hand kissing, the flattery, quite used to being fooled by her on the erential manner, all these are the most agreeable beginnings of an acquaintpleasure to find a man who has all his day to devote to her. European man has made a study of how to amuse himself d ay long, and no doubt he has picked up education and much that is very agreea ble along with this effort to get rid of time. The American man has had no such difficulty in disposing of the golden hours; he has worked hard to make his living; he has had a terrific struggle for it, and his love making has been a thing apart, an interlude in the busy life. He has had no time to enlife. amel himself with foreign manners, and to an idle and a selfish girl he is far less agreeable than a man who can take her to picture galleries, to races, to the Bois, to dine, who knows all about dress makers, their prices, their degree of style, and their costumes. A European man is a gazette, a newspaper amongst other things, and he is full of delightfu anecdote. He knows all the gossi; about the Prince of Wales, about Agatha, and the Duchess of Nowhere; he is selfish in every thing else, but he is not selfish in this. He does try to make himself amusing and agreeable, and to do him justice he generally succeeds. If he goes to theater or opera with a party of la-dies, he knows the history—and it is apt to be a piquant one-of every prima donna, every tenor, every basso. He re-members what happened at Nice two winters ago, and he has an amusing story about the Grand Duchess of Pim pernickel. We all know that there is no more fascinating reading for the idle and cultivated than stories in which titles abound.

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without warning, as the interest reached its climax, the special wardrobe was thrown aside. Bernhardt laughed and Paris laughed with her as it saw how well it had been fooled.

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