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DOCTOR'S SKELETON.
 Obtained the Corpses Which Furnished It.
 My family is supposed to have a skeleton in its closet," remarked Dr. J. W. H. of Wichita, Kan., to a party of who met him at the Union depot last night, says the Kansas City Herald-Examiner. "I had one in my closet until last week, when I shipped it to the State University. I don't see it again."
 It happened like this: Many years ago I commenced the practice of medicine in a small Missouri town, the James boys paid a visit. They came to the bank and got away with a thousand dollars, but firing was general on both sides. I had a revolver, and during the general excitement shot one of the robbers. He was when we picked him up. A finer specimen of physical manhood I have never seen. The natives in the little Missouri town made no objection when I showed the youth's skeleton as my

last week, one rainy night about 10 o'clock, a genuine old-fashioned man came to my office. He gave me his name, then inquired if I had a skeleton in my closet. His face was red and sunburnt, but there was something about him that made me of the young man I had killed years before. I was alone in the office and I didn't like the color of the man's eye. However, I answered his question in the affirmative.
 "I would see the skeleton!" said my visitor.
 I would scarcely do to refuse. I went to the rear of the office, where was a small table out of sight of the doctor. I drew out from the desk a box, the same one that had ended the career of the youthful bandit years ago. Holding it in my hand, I went to the closet, threw open the door and remarked with as much coolness as I could command by force of

will are the skeleton?"
 "I put up your revolver," remarked the stranger. "I won't hurt you. If I wanted to shoot you I would have done so when I came into the office. It has been down in Oklahoma, and I am my way back to Tennessee. I am the story of your killing one of the boys, and as near as I can make out of my boy that was killed. He ran from home when only twelve years old. I never saw him after that. I did not have any grudge against you. You were right, I suppose. But what I would take this chance to do is to let the poor boy live."
 He showed the stranger the skeleton which was handsomely mounted, described the raid as briefly and as possible. The old pioneer's remark was as he gazed upon all that of his boy was: "Well, he was low, wasn't he?"

WYOMING JOURNALISM
 and Tribulations of an Editor in the Far West.
 I may talk about the hard times and the hustling of the reporter who "specials" for a metropolitan paper, but all these are nothing to the trials and perplexities of the reporter in the Far West.
 From T. B. Waters, editor and publisher of a paper at Silver Cliffs, Wyo., we are accurate, says the Chicago Herald-Examiner.

In Wyoming," he continued, "sometimes have to get assistance from those who know nothing of the business, and the mistakes and blunders are disastrous. I have had a roller political meeting, a roller tournament, and a wedding the night I got out town clerk to the wedding for me. He came and I turned his copy in without looking at it. Then I went home and another got out the paper. When I was a fit subject for an inquest. After stating that Bill and Mary Sablin were married, the coroner proceeded to describe the couple as follows:
 The bride, red frock, white sack, hair bunched; Emma Hill, green hair-heeled slippers; Mabel Bull, kind of thin stuff, white, and tied with red tape, and hair frizzled; with red hair, red dress, feet and stuck out a mile behind; a girl, dressed to kill, gennet dress and seven rows of teeth; gloves, her hair a dead yellow; the groom, hair tied up like a ball and had a lot of vegetables in his dress hoisted up the side with a rope; Willie Churchill, hair last summer's dress with a few shavings."

the way the account read. I was not notified much at home my rivals down the Elkhorn chance to poke a little fun at the bullfight in Japan.
 A battle is reported to have taken place in Tokio. A stream runs the compound of Tobakuji in Sagami, and a few days ago a crowd of bullfights gathered on the bank. Then a terrific battle ensued from nine a. m. to four p. m. It is stated that, when the combatants, the brook was blocked to such an extent with the bodies of the dead that the course of the water was totally impeded. Large numbers of people have visited the place to see the strange spectacle.

HOSPITABLE VOICES.
 What Choir Singers Are Paid in the Large Cities of the Country.
 A soprano, in an average city, will be paid, as a beginner, anywhere from \$200 to \$300 per annum, writes E. Alina Ogden in the Ladies' Home Journal. As she becomes better known, and is in more thorough command of her voice, she will average from \$500 to \$800. Boston pays about \$200 per annum better to choir singers than any other city in my knowledge. Several sopranos there receive yearly salaries of \$1,000 and \$1,200, and a few \$1,500.
 A woman with a good contralto voice will begin at an annual salary of \$300, which, if she is successful, may rise to an average of \$500. There are two churches in Philadelphia, I believe, which pay their contraltos \$400; but this, in cities outside of Boston, which, as with sopranos, average about \$300 higher, is unusual. And even a genuine alto—that rarest of things in these days—will command but from \$300 to \$400 per annum. The Hub, of course, does better than this, by adding \$200; but even with this addition, none of these salaries appear precisely extravagant, or to admit of much luxury in living, and salaries are rarely increased. Should a rival church make an offer for a voice, if the first church is desirous of retaining it, the rival's price is outbid, and the voice retained.
 But this is the only reason, of which I have knowledge, for increasing salaries. However, it must be remembered that this salary is paid for singing only at two services, and for attendance at one or two rehearsals a week. All the rest of the singer's time is her own to dispose of as she pleases. Prove she an apt pupil to her new master, he will send her, for instructions, scholars whom he has not the time to teach. Or she may secure engagements to sing at different church concerts, or, laying aside her music, may take to sewing, painting, decorating, or any of the many ways in which girls are able to make a living. No work must be undertaken which will in any way conflict with the choir singing, for this, remember, is the reason of her existence. She is first and foremost a singer; that is her profession. Let this never be forgotten.

Human Beings Ten Feet High.
 In a prehistoric cemetery lately uncovered near Montpellier, in the south of France, among other things found and reported to the Paris Academy were two skulls, evidently belonging to the Aryan race, and some human bones that, judged from their proportions, must have belonged to a man at least ten feet in height.

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