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To don! in the hones of human beings would be an occupation repugnant to most usen. Yet in the vicinity of Sixth and South streets lives an old Freuchman who finds more pleasure in this ocexpection than anything else in his life, His store is a veritable den of siteletons. The weather heaten sign swinging over the door, creaking dismally with every gost of wind, bears this simple legend. "M. de Robniro, Parfumerio," which it is evident monsieur would have exclusively in those performed waters so By last skeleten in the close, however, and mondeur's family, which consists only of himself, is no exception to the general rule. He has his skeleton-in fact he has scores of them-in closets and otherwise, the majority otherwise. The truth of the matter is, the old Frenchman deals in skeletons.

The second floor boasts of only two more. small cooms, the rear one being used as a workshop, while the other, directly over the store and fronting on the street, serves the double purpose of budchamber and storegoom.

Such unother bedehumber as the one occupied by the old Frenchman probably does not exist, and how mondeur numuges to alsep the sleep of the just atnong such grewsome surroundings in an involvable mystery to the few who have been admitted to it.

The walls of the small room are ornamented with skulls and crossbones and real life size skeletons, or rather death positions. Four hideous skulls grin from their positions on top of the four posts of the best, and close to the sides of the hed stands a skeleton with arms outstretched doing duty as a clothes rack. The whole is dimly lighted up by a faint glimmer of light emanating from a lamp made of a glastly skull suspended from the middle of the ceiling with thougs of tanned human hide.

THE SEELETON TRADE. De Rebuire himself is an odd looking man, and the resemblance between him and one of his own skeletons is decidedly striking. He has gaunt, wolflike features, his thin upper lip and bony chin being adorsed with an Iron gray moustache and imperial.

For a score of years he has been carrying on his business in the old place, having emigrated from France in 1855, coming direct to Philadelphia, where he established himself in business. For a time he had a hard struggle to keep body and soul together, owing to the number of competitors in the field, together with the duliness of business. It seen became necessary for him, in addition to his other trade, to set himself up as a drug-gist, and he still runs his little shop.

though principally as a decoy.

Late in the sixties, when the Knights of Pythias were organized in this state, the demand for skeletons increased, as they were used to a great extent in the lodgerooms. De Robaire prospered, as a consequence, since most of his competitors had given up the business.

Off and on during the following twenty years business was dull and brisk by turns, but the old man had amassed a small fortune, and there is no reason why he should longer continue in the business except that he has taken a liking to his work, such as every true artist the word. There is undoubtedly no one who can articulate a skeleton as neatly as he, and it is no idle boast on his part when he claims that with eyes blindfolded he can take a mass of bones representing the human frame and build op the peleton as it was originally, with-

forth on the subject nearest his heart: only by the French. They clean the bones by a process of mageration with New York Historical society.—St. Louis muriatic acid, the whole operation requiring two or three months time, while in this country the bones are hastily and carelessly boiled and come out rough and dirty. In all my twenty years' service I have never come across a Chinese skeleton. This is due to the fact that a Chinaman believes he will not reach heaven unless his bones rest in the Flowery Hingdom.
The different prices of skeletons are

based upon their degrees of hardness and whiteness, upon the devolopment of the bones and the amount of absence of fat in their extremities. For this reason the French article is decidedly of more value than the American or German. Up to this year over 2,600 skeletons have been imported into this country, but they have become scarce of late for some reason, and to supply the demand I find it necessary to manufacture them of paper.

"Of course I have a stock of them in my bedroom, but I would not part with any of these. Mon Dient I have come to look upon them as dear friends and compartions. Here you see my artificial skelctors, made of papier mache, with artificial teeth, and the whole covered with a white polish which gives the appearance of the genuine article. I can make three of these each week, and they bring from ten to fifteen dollars, while the imported genuine article costs from thirty to thirty-five dollars and the domestic twenty dollars. But then the imitations are bought only by secret societies.

"Yes, I have grown old in the busi-ness and love it. I have articulated and handled over 5,000 skeletons in my time." -Philadelphia Record.

This limbit of naming lays after some friend and hanging two "last" names to a lad all of his life is about played out. At least that is what Mr. Sawyer Cook, of this city, thinks about it. His baby had the crataps the other night, and paregoric did not seem to have the significant effect upon the little sufferer, so Mr. Cook flew for the doctor post inste. He pulled the bell with a ronsing jerk. Up went the side window, and the physician's voice called excitedly, "Who's there?"

"Sawyer Cook," burriedly cried the auxious father.

"Slaw my cook, did you? Well, what the dence do I care if you saw the cook, was drugs. the chambermaid, the butler and the stable boy? You let that bell alone, you loon, or I'll break your face! Get ont of

"But I tell you I'm no loon, I'm Sawfrom yer-Cook!

"Confound it, what do I care if you the world believe that he deals almost | did see my cook? That's her business if she wants to gallivant around at night. dear to the feminine heart. Every fam- | 1 mind my business, she minds hers, and you had better go about yours if you want to keep out of trouble. Hear me?"

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"I don't know anything about your

eriel the dector in astonishment once "Myny, I'm Mr. Sawyer Coak, of 345

Gripe street, as I told you before, and my baby's dying with the cramp!" cried ; the agonized father. "Oh, beg perdon sir-I thought you

were some bam. I will be down diroctivi' The baby is all right now, but Mr. Sawyer Cook wants his name changed .-

Cincinuati Commercial Gazette. Rob Boy Had the Best of It.

The far famed Rob Roy MacGregor was confesselly the best awardsman of his day. His celebrity for wielding the size skeletons, in all sorts of grotesque | claymore excited MacNeil of Barra, to visit him for the express purpose of trying his prowess. Barra was a gentle man, possessing the qualities that endear a chief to his clau, with the accomplishments which confer acceptability in polished circles. On arriving at Rob Roy's house the MacNeil chieftain found he was at Bachanan attending the market, and thither he repaired. He met sevand thither he repaired. He met sev-eral gentlemen on horseback on their way home, and accosting the nearest, begged to know if Rob Roy was still at the fair.

"Who inquires for Rob Roy?" inquired a volce, more remote.

"MacNeil of Barra," said the chief. Rob Roy approached, announcing himself, and after exchanging salutes Barra

"I have heard Rob Roy extolled as the best swordsman of our times, and have come a long journey to prove whether he or I deserve that commendation."
"Chieftain of Barra," said Rob Roy, "I never sought a quarrel with any man;

the better swordsman I have no objection to your opinion." Barra.

and if it pleases you to think yourself

"Who dares to speak of fear to Rob Rob MacGregor?" said MacGregor. "Dis-mount, sir, and try if I'm afraid." The chivalrous encounter immediately commenced, and Rob Roy found Barra nearly his match; but after much dexterous play he wounded the chieftain in

the sword arm, so that he was for sev-

eral months confined at Buchanan .-

Scottish American. The Ring of Cheops.

Cheops was the builder of the pyramid which bears his name, and, as if to make the structure perpetuate his deeds for all does. He is an artist in the full sense of | time to come, the very stones and bricks of which it is composed are stamped with his name. Cheops lived nearly 2,500 years ago, his great pyramid being an antiquity in the days when the great nations of old were in their youth, and yet we of this Nineteenth century can the peleton as it was proposed out of place.

WHAT THE "DOCTOR" SAYS.

The "doctor," while standing in his ring are minutely accurate and beautifully executed, the ring itself being of fully executed, the ring itself being of the place of the ring itself being of the rin have the satisfaction of looking upon the The oval signet bears the name of Che-This skeleton you see me operating on ops, which is in hieroglyphics in perfect I have imported from France. You will necord with the stamp on the bricks of notice the high polish on the bones, due to a method of preparation practiced tiquity was found in a tomb at Ghizeh.

Writing in Erect Characters.

As most adults write without much regard to the angle which the words take, it is to them a matter of supreme indifference whether upright or sloping calligraphy is best for their health. But with children it is different. Hence there may be something in the recom-mendation of Drs. Von Renss and Lorenz to the supreme council of hy-giene for Austria that in future children should be taught to write in erect characters, for in this form of penmanship the scholar faces his work, and is spared the twist of the body and neck which is always observable in those who write slantwise, and the tendency to spinal curvature induced thereby.-London Tit-Bits.

Value of Musk.

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Hamidity About.

Quest (at restaurant in moist weather) -Waiter, I can't get any salt out of this

Waiter-You've forgotton to unscrew the top, sir.-New York Weekly.

A National | vent.

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Wonderful. E. W. Sawyer, of Rochester, Wis, a prominent dealer in general merchandise, and who runs several peddling wagens, had one of his horses budly cut and burned with a larent. The wound refused to heal, The horse became tame and stiff nowwithstanding careful attention and the application of remedies. A friend handed Sawyer some of Finiter's Barb. Wire Linement, the most wonderful thing ever saw to heaf such wounds. He applied it only three times and the

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