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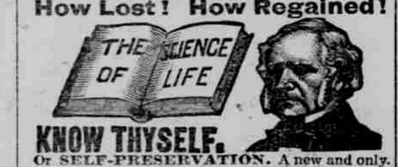

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A Tidal Wave That Carried Away Everything but a Lighthouse and Destroyed Over 40,000 Lives—The Steamer Intact but Is in the Midst of a Jungle.

Tourists that visit Batavia nowadays are quite out of the fashion if they fail to make the passage through Sunda strait and see all that is left of Krakatua and the vestiges of the ruin wrought by the terrible eruption of 1882. If they push up the Bay of Lampong, on the Sumatra side of the channel, they are likely to land on the low shores occupied by the village of Telokh-Betong, and hire carts for a short jaunt into the interior; and when they have gone about two miles they will pause to take in the curious scene presented; for here is seen one of the most interesting results of the great wave of Krakatau.

There was just one man amid all that wild scene of death and devastation who was not overwhelmed in the common ruin. He escaped while 40,000 perished. He was the lighthouse keeper, who lived alone on an isolated rock in the strait. It was broad daylight when Krakatau burst asunder, but in a few moments the heavens were so densely shrouded by dust, mud and smoke that the darkness of midnight covered all the channel. The guardian of the lighthouse was in the lantern 130 feet above the sea level. Here he remained safe and sound in the midst of the terrible commotion.

He felt the trembling of the lighthouse, but it was so dark that he could not see the threatened danger. He did not know that a tremendous wave had almost overwhelmned the lighthouse, and that its crest had nearly touched the base of the lantern. He did not hear it because he was deafened by the awful detonation of Krakatua.

In a few moments the wave, over a hundred feet in height, had swept along a coast line of a hundred miles on both sides of the channel.

Scores of populous villages were buried deep beneath the avalanche of water. Great groves of cocoanut palms were leveled to the ground. Promontories were carried away. New bays were dug out of the yielding littoral. Every work of human hands except that lighthouse was destroyed, and 40,000 persons perished in the deluge that mounted from the sea or beneath the rain of mud that filled the heavens.

A little sidewheel steamboat was borne on the top of that wave through forests and jungle, over two miles into the country, and was left as the wave receded. It will be remembered that for weeks before the final cataclysm at Krakatau, the volcano was in a state of eruption. Pleasure parties were made up at Batavia to visit the volcano. Not a few people landed on the island, little dreaming that in the twinkling of an eye two-thirds of it was to be blown into the air as though shot from a gun. They wished to get as near as they thought they might safely venture to the growling, steaming crater.

This little steamboat, on the day before the explosion, carried one of these parties to the island. There were only twenty on board besides the crew. They spent a couple of hours around the island and then steamed up the deep and narrow Bay of Lampong, and it is supposed they anchored for the night in front of the big town of Telokh-Betong, which was one of the largest settlements on the south coast of Sumatra.

The ill fated pleasure party was never heard of again. It is supposed that the boat was turned over and over like an eggshell in the surf. It had every appearance of such rough usage when it was found some months later. The machinery and furniture were badly broken and were strewn about in the greatest confusion. But the vessel held together, and was finally set down in good shape, erect on her keel.

Only two bodies were found in the vessel. They were, of course, below deck. As it was morning when she was picked up by the wave it is supposed that nearly everybody was on shore Not a vestige remains of the villages that lined the water edge. But the hulk of this little boat still stands, battered and broken, though as erect as when she plowed the channel, and she is the most curious and interesting relic of the greatest volcanic eruption of modern times.—New York Sun.

The Venom of Snakes.

As to the venom of serpents, no distinct chemical principle has as yet been detected in it, though such there must be, seeing that the effect of the saliva of different poisonous snakes is different—the blood coagulating after a fatal cobra bite, though not after that of a rattlesnake or a viper. It has also been ascertained that if the blood of a poisoned animal be injected into a healthy one the latter will be poisoned in the same way as if it had itself been bitten, although its flesh may be eaten with impunity.

It is a mistake, however, to suppose that a snake's poison can have no effect unless actually mixed with the blood. It will act after being absorbed through such delicate skin as that which lines our lips, though its action when thus received is less powerful.—Quarterly Review.

An Important Amendment.

A bill was introduced into one of our state legislatures granting permission that the bighop of the diocese might be buried in the crypt of his cathedral. One of the members who did not admire the bishop greatly, moved an amendment to the bill that it take effect immediately on its passage.—San Francisco Argonaut.

Thousands in It.

"How is that little mining scheme of yours getting along? Any money in it?"

"Any money in it? Well, I should say so! All of mine, all of my wife's and about $3,000 that I got from my friend."—Exchange.

Agassin's Charmed Life.

Frank Agassin, the sole survivor of the cave in the Anaconda mine, is in the general ward at the Sister's hospital in this city. He says he feels a little sorer on his right shoulder and left hip than when first taken out. This is ascribable to the muscular reaction after the terrible strain of remaining fifty-five hours in a cramped position, his left leg doubled up on his breast. There is also a pain in some of the internal organs. The attending physicians at the hospital apprehend no ill results, but say he will recover in a few days. His mind is not the least impaired, apparently.

Agassin was born in Paris and came to this country in 1882. He had a similar experience to his late one when working in a mine near Georgetown, Colo. He was caught in a drift by a fall of rock that kept him a prisoner six days before he was released. Then he had plenty of water, as there was a spring at the end of the drift where he was, and was not cramped as he was this time, having plenty of room to move about.

He had no idea of the passage of time during his incarceration. When he found himself imprisoned, with no possible chance of escape except with the aid of others, he shouted several times, but getting no answer he concluded to keep quiet till he heard something. At intervals he could hear the rumble of cars passing on the level overhead. He made no call for assistance again until he heard the sound of his deliverers at work, when he called out, and to his great relief was answered. He has had an experience such as not one man in a million has survived, and from coming through two such trials successfully may be said to bear a charmed life.—Helena Journal.

Suicide Prevented by a Dog.

A noble shepherd dog, the property of Joseph Langin, has performed a remarkable feat that entitles it to wear a medal for bravery. The brave animal plunged from the foot of Soulard street into the raging torrent of the Mississippi, and seizing a drowning man by the collar of his coat swam with him to the shore, thus saving him from certain death.

The rescued man was Joseph Reinert, twenty-one years of age, who resides in the same house with Langin. Reinert had been playing cards with Langin. Some words passed between them, and Reinert, who had become very morose, vowed that he would commit suicide. He left the house and ran down to the river. Langin followed, but by the time he arrived at the levee Reinert had plunged into the water and was being swept rapidly from view. Langin was helpless to save him, as he could not swim, but his dog, who had followed behind, plunged in and reached Reinert just as he was disappearing.—St. Louis Republic.

Long Distance Telephone Lines.

The long distance telephone system has already attained large proportions in this country. Beginning two or three years ago, in an experimental way, through New England and New York state, lines were next run across New Jersey to Philadelphia and thence onward to Baltimore and Washington. Until recently the line between this city and Buffalo was the longest in the world used commercially, being about 450 miles and giving excellent service. Between Boston and Pittsburg, via New York, communication is often had over 600 miles of circuit. A little while ago a trial was made between Newark and Boston, connecting through Philadelphia, Pittsburg, Erie, Buffalo and Albany, giving about 1,000 miles.—New York Telegram.

Peculiarly Afflicted.

One family in Utica is peculiarly affected. They have hay fever in the house six months of every year. When the trees bud the wife comes down with it, and for two months she wheezes, sneezes and coughs night and day. At the end of the two months she lends the disease to her husband, who keeps it until the grass is ripe and haying begins, at which time he transfers it to his sister, who is also a member of the family. For two or three years the family has been regularly visited by the disease, and now the coming of summer is hailed with anything but pleasure, for it brings misery with it.—Utica Observer.

Dug His Way Out of Jail with Toothpicks.

A Navajo Indian, arrested for theft at Gallup, N. M., was fed before being put in jail. While at dinner he provided himself with a couple of toothpicks. After incarceration, a few minutes' work with the toothpicks enabled him to loosen a piece of wood 2 by 4 that was stuck in the wall next to the cell door. This removed, a large rock about twenty inches square dropped out of the wall into the main room of the jail, where he found an iron stove poker, which he used to pry off the inside door casing. This done, he was a free "Injun," and is still at large.—Phœnix Herald.

Paper Making at the World's Fair.

The proposed exhibit by the paper makers at the World's Columbian exposition will mark a wonderful advancement in this branch of manufacturing, which is now fifth in the list of American industries, having risen from the tenth place since 1880. It is important not only in its magnitude, but, to quote the motto of a leading paper trade journal, "The consumption of paper is the measure of a people's culture."—Engineering Magazine.

Quakers Fighting Over a Church Organ.

The Friends' church at Odon is in a factional fight over the use of an organ in worshiping. At the meeting Sunday the antiorganists were barred out, but they smashed in the windows, interrupting the services. Both sides will appeal to the courts.—Cor. Indianapolis Sentinel.

Hailstones Kill a Farmer.

A disastrous hailstorm visited this section Monday afternoon. Nathan John, a farmer, was killed by hailstones while plowing.—Canton (Miss.) Cor. Chicago Herald.

Going to Africa.

Great interest is exhibited in the proposed East African expedition of Mr. William Astor Chanler. The Tama river, which he proposes to follow, is inhabited along the lower part principally by the Wa-Pokomo, a race which subsists by cultivation. The banks of the river being low, the country on both sides is annually inundated, and the river thus acts as a liberal fertilizer. Mr. Chanler has no easy task before him, as some of the tribes to be passed in reaching Mount Kenia have had their suspicions and hostility aroused by the harsh and barbarous course of the German explorer Dr. Peters.

He will start early in June in company with Lieutenant Hohnel, of the Austrian navy, and Count Tolaki, with the object of careful scientific research and observation in that region. They will travel along the Tama river, resting for some weeks at the snowcapped mountain of Kenia, where they will make astronomical observations. After exploring the mountain to its summit if possible they will plunge into the almost unknown regions of East Rudolph lake. It was there that Baron Vecken was murdered, and that Reviol, Respoli and Ferrendi failed in their efforts to accomplish their aims.

The region abounds in warlike tribes. Mr. Chanler intends to enter the region from the west, after leaving Lake Rudolph, and proceed along the Tubba river to the sea. He expects to be absent about eighteen months. He will take with him his young servant, George Galmin, who accompanied him through Mashonaland. Mr. Chanler is full of hope and will go fully equipped for his perilous enterprise, which is expected to have most interesting and valuable results.—Philadelphia Leader.

A Tame Duckling.

The extraordinary sight of a duckling that has just shed its shell following a young woman about the house with all the affection of a pet dog is a domestic wonder in the family of Mrs. Carr. Ever since Easter morn the neighbors have been dropping in to witness the spectacle, and the fame of the singular attachment has attracted attention among people who are interested in natural phenomena of every description.

The little duckling has been in the family since Easter Sunday, when it was brought as a gift to Mrs. Carr's baby daughter, Serena, aged four years, who was delighted with her new pet. The duck at once struck up a long friendship for the domestic, Mary McCullough, and has been the young woman's constant companion ever since. Whenever Mary speaks the duck responds with the piping salutation and waddles after the young woman wherever she goes. The most astonishing thing about this freak of nature is that if any other inmate of the household attempts to induce it to answer, the webfooted prodigy maintains a solemn silence, but Mary has only to utter a word when the quacking begins and is kept up until she has ceased speaking.—Philadelphia Times.

Mary's Claim.

A little girl is reported to have died near the imaginary line in Oklahoma which divided the recently opened reservations from the remainder of the territory just as the signal was given for the grand rush for lands. The child and her father were alone and unknown, but the beauty of the one and the still, deep grief of the other moved the strong men of the frontier to acts of admirable sympathy.

A runner on a swift horse located a homestead, and returning placed the father of the dead girl in possession of it. The body of the child was transported to the claim and buried upon it. Afterward it was discovered the remaining one of the unfortunate couple was absolutely penniless, and a purse of money was given him with the hope that the claim will prove a haven of rest to him and that the homestead shall always be known as "Mary's claim."—Duluth Tribune.

Death from Ingrowing Toe Nail.

Some time ago there was published the story of the death of a Long Island physician from blood poisoning resulting from an ingrowing toe nail. A well known surgeon chiropodist said the other day to the reporter: "The death of that Long Island doctor is not the first I have heard of from the same cause.

"The cause of the disease is common and painful and usually directly traceable to narrow toed shoes. It causes pain as severe as a toothache and not infrequently, when neglected, results in blood poisoning. I know of an operation for ingrowing toe nail in an English hospital where the patient suffered so much pain that they gave him a mixture of ether and chloroform. The operation was successful, but when it was finished the physicians found that their patient had died from the chloroform."—New York Sun.

To Preserve an Alpine Flower.

The diet of the Tyrol last week passed a bill imposing heavy fines upon persons found selling any sample of the beautiful but rare Alpine flower called edelweiss, which has been pulled up by the roots on the mountains. A similar act was passed seven years ago by the diet of Salzburg, with a view to the preservation of the edelweiss plant, which is threatened with extinction in the Austrian Alps. In the Salzburg district the success of this legislation is, unfortunately, not encouraging.

Great Season for Herrings.

The herring fishing season on the Susquehanna river is finished, and the catch has been unprecedented. The pack will amount to over 60,000 barrels of salted fish. The season open April 8 and closed May 10. One fisherman caught 100 barrels of the fish with a dipnet in the outlet lock of the canal. It has been no uncommon thing this season to take 200,000 herring at a haul of one of the large seines, which, when paid out, encircles three-quarters of a mile or more of water area.—Cor. Philadelphia Record.

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