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| money 1 collected this afternoon；＇and， from my hilding place，I looked toward the desk and saw a roll of bank notes pass to the hand of the funeral direc－ tor，who quietly deposited it in the safe．The knob clicked as it fastened the bars in place and then all parties passed out of the building，leaving the one gas jet full blaze in the office． <br> The instant all was quiet on the street，I crawled out from under my coffin table．Quickly turning off the gas，I waited for the low whistle of my pal，hearing which，I went to work <br> With my dark lantern in one hand， inside of my five minutes I had all the valuable contents of that safe in my pocket，had relocked it and was cau－ tiously unbarring the rear door．That done，and the key withdrawn，I dodged back into the office，listened an instant and heard the signal from my pal that the street was deserted．Then I quickly relighted the gas jet．glided through the rear room and stepped into the al－ ley．I was careful to close the door after me，and plainly heard the fron bar fall into its place in the bracket as I did so－I had placed it in such a po－ sition that I knew it would when the door closed．Then I locked it and placed the key in my pocket． <br> Everything was absolutely as when the proprietor left the building，save the fact that the key to the rear door was missing－also the small matter of the contents of that safe． <br> That small roll of bank notes con－ tained $\$ 350$ ，and I found 845 more in another drawer－a fair night＇s work for two pennilless thieves． <br> ＂But，ye gods and little fishes！what an inextricable rumpus it kicked up in that firm．There were three part－ ners，and，as everything was found in | A floating barrier of pumice stone 19 15 feet deep，closing a seaport to all vessels as effectually as a boom could do，is not the sort of thing one is likely to forget and yet that was one of the results of the Krakotoa eruption，the port being Telok Retoung，in Sunda straits，says Leleure Hours．Formed in a few hours，it would almost seem to be the supreme effort of nature in the pumice－making line were it not trat such immense quantities are found at the bottom of the sea－a queer place produced，is really heavy．It is only the air cavities in it that make it light and as it floats it becomes water logged we use in Europe comes from the Lipari islands，nerth of Sicily，＂the home of Vulcan，＂whence Vulcano is the name of one of them and cur ＂volcano＂is descriptive of the natural feature of which it is the type．Here are the pumice quarries－at Monte Chirica and its craters Monte Pelata and Forgia Vecchia－where over 1,000 men are at work in the narrow tun－ nels and salleries，lighted by clay lamps of antique form．The whole hillside is perforated with groups of these tunaels，which number between 200 and 300 and are so narrow that the men can hardly pass cach other in them．And fust as coal is found in beds alternated with sandstone and shale，so the pumice is in layers be－ tween harder lavas and ashes． |
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