

ADOBE RUINED HOUSES IN COURTYARD, CHAN-CHAN.

Ruins of the Ancient Inca Empire

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It is said that the Inca tribe did not commence to be conquerors until they had first shown themselves to be statesmen and wise and efficient administrators.

corridors, traversed by narrow passageways. Many treasures of gold and silver are said to have been found in these chambers and apartments.



Burial Tower, Sillustani, Peru.

a large building devoted to religious worship. One of the noteworthy phases of the Chan-Chan ruins were the ornamented walls of two of its buildings, thought to have been devoted to sacred purposes.

Under Inca sway and influence, both architecture and the various industrial arts reached their highest degree of efficiency.



ALTAR IN HEART OF ARTIFICIAL MOUND, RUINS OF CHAN-CHAN.

datations, massive and peculiarly ornamented walls and groups of single-story, gable-roofed houses and courtyards.

tion, for it remains to-day a veritable enchanting riddle to the archeologist.

works of aboriginal Americans." The one here pictured is twenty-five feet high, twenty-seven feet in circumference on the top, and twenty-two at the base.

A cup of coffee, farmers claim, makes a pretty accurate barometer. If farmers are watched at breakfast, they are always found studying their coffee cups closely.

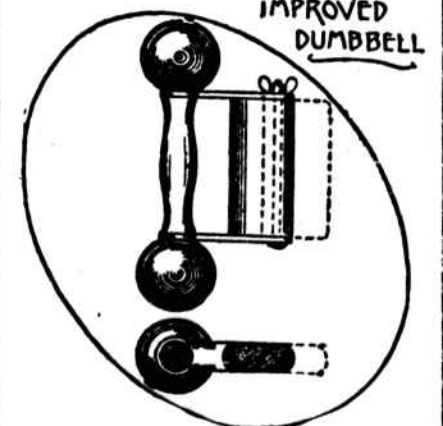
"To make a barometer out of a cup of coffee," a farmer said, "you must use loaf sugar. You drop a lump of this sugar into the exact middle of your cup of coffee, and then you watch the bubbles that arise. It is by these bubbles that your prognostications are made."

"If the bubbles rise straight up in the middle, remaining there in a cluster till they disappear, the weather is to be fair. If they rise at the sides of the cup, adhering to the china, the weather will be rainy. If they rise all over the cup's surface, and move here and there erratically, changeable conditions are about to be looked for."

"How about the accuracy of this coffee cup barometer?" "It is about as accurate," said the farmer, "as the weather bureau."

DUMBBELL OR INDIAN CLUB.

An excellent feature in an exercising apparatus.



played. The original feature of the device is in the addition of a supplementary adjustable handle.

In Korea the rooms of a wife or mother are the sanctuary of any man who breaks the law. Unless for treason or for one other crime, he cannot be forced to leave those rooms, and so long as he remains under the protection of his wife's apartments he is secure from the officers of the law.

Liquefaction of Gelatin.

The liquefaction of gelatin in old canned meats has been found by Dr. Grizon to be due to bacteria.

Corruption in Swiss Army.

Bribery and corruption have been unearthed in the Swiss army and officers of high rank have had to resign.

Month of Marriages.

In all countries more marriages take place in June than in any other month.

PLUCK, ROMANCE AND ADVENTURE.

A HAUNTED HOUSE.

IN Cumberland County, three and a half miles north of Montrose, Ill., is an old log house about twenty-two feet square, containing one big room, with shed kitchen attached to the rear.

No native of Cumberland County passes it, night or day, without a shiver, and to the stranger and casual visitor it is pointed out as the rendezvous of the spirit of a dead man whose soul finds no rest in its present state of existence.

The house was formerly the home of Thomas Elliott, a typical woodsman, of medium size, with white hair and beard. He had a son, a cripple, who lived with him.

"My son, you have wronged me. If it is possible for the spirit to return to the earth after death, my spirit will come to haunt you and to torment you."

If the stories of brave and honest men who have spent several nights in the home are to be believed, the spirit has returned and there have been weird doings in the old house, which baffled all attempts of reasonable explanation.

Orville Stevens, who lives near there, and two other men spent a night in the haunted house. He relates a startling story of his experience.

Stevens says that he was awakened by a noise like footsteps on frozen ground. Sitting up in bed, he listened. The noise grew more distinct, coming nearer and nearer, and apparently some one entered the house.

Two crutches belonging to young Elliott, which were lying on the floor, were bumped together a couple of times, and then slid across the floor under Stevens' bed.

"What would you do if the chair should fly at you?" "I'd slam the thing back again, mighty quick!" was the reply.

The remark was no sooner made than the chair flew through the air and struck over Stevens' bed. He quickly ducked under the bed clothing in hopes of avoiding his would-be assailant.

After a while they retired again, and for an hour or more quiet reigned. Suddenly one of the men gave a yell, and, jumping from bed, declared that something had him by the foot.

Stevens says that these are things which he saw, and no argument can convince him that the age of spooks has passed. He is firmly convinced that the ghost of the old man was in the room, and doesn't care to spend another night there.

BESTED A BEAR.

A narrow Adirondack ledge is a dangerous place to be at any time, but it is a particularly dangerous situation with 482 pounds of live bear advancing from the rear and a yawning chasm gaping in front.

But William L. Brown, of Newark, N. J., was not paralyzed with fear. He had already emptied two loads of bird shot into brush, which didn't tend to put the animal in a good humor, and then he emptied another charge.

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News of Interest TO AFRO-AMERICANS

Children Burn to Death.

By the burning of a cabin, a section abutting on the Georgia Railroad, at Alcovy, Ga., recently two colored children were burned to death.

The children had been left alone by their parents, Will Curvey and his wife, who were in Covington when the fire occurred. Had it not been for the combined efforts of all the people in the immediate vicinity, the entire row of section houses, together with the foreman's residence, would have been destroyed.

A SNAKE STORY.

A man named Snyder, living on the Can Run road, in Jefferson County, Kentucky, was troubled over the mysterious disappearance of about 100 of his fine large hens. He guarded his hen house all one night, shotgun in hand, but failed to see or hear any disturbance.

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A FIERCE BEAST IN RAGE.

Mrs. William Clow, living at a lumber camp near Cedar, Mich., had an experience with a wildcat that she does not care to have repeated.

RISKED LIFE TO SAVE CHILD.

Samuel Welsh, Harry McCurdy and George Bassett, of Camden, N. J., were enjoying an outing at a clubhouse on Fork's Landing, along Pensacola Creek, when a woman cried in the window that a child had fallen into the creek.

ENGINEER'S WONDERFUL PLUCK.

All the men of the Jersey Central Railroad are talking of the display of pluck made by Engineer George B. Bought. While his train was stopped at Bayonne, N. J., he slipped and fell from the cab, breaking his leg above the knee.

X-Rays to Find Pearls.

At a time when considerable attention is being paid to the pearl industry of Ceylon, and the Government is taking extensive measures to protect the oyster fisheries there, it is of interest to record a discovery recently communicated to the Paris Academy of Sciences by M. Dubois, relative to using the Roentgen rays to examine the oysters.

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Colored Duellists.

A dispatch of Newport News, Va., says: Peter Washington and William Banks, both colored, were arrested in Hampton, on the charge of being about to engage in a duel with pistols.

Deacon Lynched by Gamblers. A Negro by the name of Jonah Woods, who lived in the county near Texas Court Grounds, in Heard county, Georgia, about 25 miles from La Grange, was lynched by other Negroes recently.

Sentenced to Ninety-Nine Years. In the case of J. D. Troy, one of the American, Ga., colored men charged with the murder of Miles Barnett, also of that city, he was convicted in the superior court and sentenced to serve ninety-nine years in the penitentiary, the jury recommending him to the mercy of the court.

Germans Being Convinced.

The Germans are convinced that there is a black peril. The wild Africans are not taking kindly to German assimilation of the benevolent variety.

A SEVEN WIFE RELIGION.

Fanatic Falls in Attempt to Introduce It into Russia. A Doukhobor named Vazoff, who was disappointed with the doings of his fanatical sect in Canada, and returned to Russia, has just been arrested and sent to prison, wires the Moscow correspondent of the London Express.

League Demands Suffrage.

The adoption of a plank declaring the republican party opposed to all forms of disfranchisement, founded on caste and race prejudice, has been asked by the National Negro Suffrage League.

TOO MUCH FOR MADDOX.

Southerner Yielded to Pleading of Representative Payne. It deeply grieved Seneca E. Payne, the Republican floor leader, when Mr. Maddox of Georgia raised the point of no quorum and thus threatened to prevent the house from passing a lot of bills.

Confidentially.

"Confidentially," said Mr. Payne in a wheedling voice. "I won't breathe it to a soul."

Explosion of Shells.

The explosion of the Japanese in the failure of their shells to explode is similar to that of the British. Lydite, the high explosive used by the British during the Boer war, was simply picric acid melted and cast into the projectile.

Colored Delegates Win Out.

A Chicago special dispatch says: After deciding several state contests on delegates at large to the republican national convention, and a number of district disputes, the republican national committee caused some surprise when, by a vote of 23 to 13, the committee decided to seat the delegates at large from Louisiana, who are opposed to the "illy white" element.

Whipping Post.

The Atlanta Constitution says, editorially: Some far-sighted genius will doubtless soon make a bid for immortality by writing an historical novel or a comic opera on the renaissance of the whipping post.

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