

Rescuing a Girl from a Leopard's Claws.

The crowd assembled in Blaine's Manager's in the Piazza del Termini at Rome one evening last week witnessed an occurrence of a very thrilling and terrible kind.

The lion trainer rushed upon the bear to save his child, while the horror-stricken spectators fled in every direction. The attack of the unhappy father, who was unarmed, and armed with no heavier weapon than a whip, made no impression on the leopard, who still kept the child in his awful grip.

A Splendid Result.

Allanta, Ga., seems to have profited greatly by her cotton exposition for 1881. The aggregate capital invested in that city since then is about \$1,500,000, employing no fewer than 2,000 operatives and paying annual wages approximating \$800,000.

Silk Culture.

The Women's Silk Culture Association of Philadelphia appears to be meeting with a good measure of success. The association is an organization simply and purely to promote the culture of raw silk and thus furnish employment to many women and children in rural homes without interfering with the usual domestic duties.

They were talking over music and the drama at the table of their host, who, as they were already aware, owed his fortune to his own unaided exertions.

Some kind hearted ladies in a Chicago hotel made up a purse of \$150 to give a house maid who was said to be very ill. No sooner had the servant received the money, however, than she recovered sufficiently to clope with the porter, who leaves a much disturbed wife and children behind.

It is reported that three hundred tramps were killed by railroad cars over the Reading river. This was the case at least six hundred.

THE RAGING MISSISSIPPI.

A More Cheerful Outlook at Helena—The Worst of Destruction Seen So Far Below. Helena, Arkansas, March 10.—The river has declined half an inch and will probably continue to fall slowly for several days, when a more rapid decline is expected.

SHOOTING AT MR. BLAINE.

Humor. of an Attempt to Kill the Ex-Secretary. WASHINGTON, March 10.—A report is current that a short time before the adjournment of the Senate a plot was made by some person unknown to assassinate ex-Secretary Blaine by shooting into a carriage in which he was seated, while returning from one of the night sessions at the Capitol.

Easily Satisfied.

WASHINGTON, March 10.—Samuel Lee, the colored contentant for a seat in Congress from the First South Carolina District, whose case caused the dead-lock in the House, to-day made application for a clerkship in the Interior Department.

Married at the Request of a City.

NEWPORT, March 10.—A Methodist exhorter was married yesterday afternoon, at the request of the city authorities, to a lady from a neighboring city, who is in a delicate condition.

The Liquor Problem in Ohio.

COLUMBUS, March 10.—The flower branch of the General Assembly of Ohio passed a joint resolution yesterday providing for the submission to the people, in October next, of an amendment to the Constitution to provide for a special tax on the liquor traffic or to prohibit the manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquor as a beverage.

Postal Politics.

WASHINGTON, March 10.—A statement containing receipts and expenditures of the Postoffice Department for the third quarter of the calendar year ended September 30, 1882, shows that the receipts were \$10,185,992, and the expenditures \$10,185,992, leaving a surplus of \$356,963.

Heavy Precious Shipments from St. Louis.

ST. LOUIS, March 10.—Since the resumption of navigation two weeks ago the St. Louis and Mississippi Valley Barge Company has taken from this port 1,100,000 bushels of corn, in bulk and 346,253 bushels of wheat to New Orleans for export. In addition to this over 5,800 tons of package freight, consisting of flour, pork and meats, have been handled by the company, making a total of 46,025 tons.

A Diabolical Double Murder.

INDIANAPOLIS, March 10.—On a farm fourteen miles from here resided Mrs. Lucretia Forman, a widow, aged 90, and her maiden daughter, aged 51 years. Yesterday they were found murdered. The victims lived alone. One of the bodies was found outside the house under a pile of straw and the other in the kitchen of the dwelling. The weapon used was an axe. There is no clue to the murderer.

The World's Supply of Cotton.

NEW YORK, March 3.—The total visible supply of cotton for the world is 3,285,792 bales, of which 2,605,632 are American, against 3,048,021 and 2,322,296 respectively last year. Receipts at all interior towns 72,319; receipts from plantations 121,030; crop in sight 6,041,332.

Virginia Bond Holders Preparing to Push Their Claims.

LONDON, March 10.—At a meeting of the committee of Virginia bond holders yesterday it was resolved to send a letter to the Virginia State of Virginia and to advise holders not to take any step towards converting their bonds under the Riddelsberger Act.

Death of a Veteran Editor.

DANVILLE, Va., March 10.—C. N. B. Evans, editor of the Milton (N. C.) Chronicle, died this morning at Milton. He commenced editorial life about 40 years ago and was the author of "The Foot-hill Lovers." He was a member of the Senate of North Carolina.

A New Venture.

SAVANNAH, March 10.—The steamship City of Augusta, for New York, to-night took 5,000 bushels of corn, shipped on a through bill of lading for Glasgow—the first cargo ever shipped that way from this port.

WEDDING OF THE DWARFS.

A Singular Marriage Ceremony in a Brooklyn Museum.

New York, March 8.—Nothing about the delightful, tormenting passion of love has been more remarked than its universality. Cupid laughs as much at territorial and social lines as he does at lock-smiths. He spares neither king, prince, poet nor peasant. Daily fresh instances of this commonplace truth are coming to public notice.

A few weeks ago Mr. Robert Huzzo, otherwise Major Littlefinger, who is 24 years of age, 3 feet 6 inches high, and weighs 54 pounds, was exhibiting his manly form in Hartford, Conn.

Paradoxical as the assertion seems to the ordinary mind, uninformed as to the latest revelations of the microscope, there is no such thing as death in the sense of the extinction of life. Quantitatively, not far from 5 per centum of the human body consists of matter that actually lives: for according to Prof. Beale, through such tissues as cartilage, muscular fibre, the finger nails, the hair, the bones, tendons, etc., contain minute living particles, they are not living matter in the proper acceptance of the term, but matter that has once passed through the condition of life and is on its way to resolution into such products as ammonia, carbonic acid, urea, and so on; so that the question whether the contraction of muscle is really a vital action is one that cannot be decided *ex cathedra*.

At different ages there is some variation in the comparative quantities of living and non-living matter in the human body, the former being relatively larger in infancy and youth than in manhood, and constantly diminishing as age advances; but on the average, fully 95 per centum of a living man is already dead; and the process of death—that is, of the transformation of protoplasm into formed material or tissue—is one that forms the primary basis of human life; so that the very process of living is interlinked to and interwoven with and correlated with the process of death.

The living matter of the body is composed of units of protoplasm styled cells—minute, originally spherical elements, each of which, independently considered, is a microscopic being, possessing an individual life history of its own. From 40 to 60 days represent probably the average lifetime of a cell; and so, in the progress of a human life from infancy to age many generations of cell-life are embraced; that is to say, a man dies many times before he comes *vis a vis* with final mystery. It is by groups of these little bodies, acting in concert and concurring together to produce a single result, that the complex tissues of organic life are created and maintained, each of these myriads of independent lives being a microscopic laboratory for the evolution of the formed materials of muscle, bone, brain, nerve and membrane, by means of which our higher functions are executed.

It is now a settled fact of physiology that when a man dies—that is, when the functional life is arrested—these little bodies resume their action as independent centers of living matter; so that, quantitatively speaking, there is no less life in the body as it lies in its coffin habited for the grave than there was when the eye still softened with tenderness, the busy brain laid plans for the future, or the active hand guided the pen or the pencil; the collective amount of microscopic life in the form of minute organisms that will be generated by the dead body in the progress of decomposition is an exact equivalent for the amount of living matter that it originally contained.

After walking over the happy pair two or three times, the bridegroom kissed the bride, and shook the groom's hand so heartily as to lift him off his feet. "May your shadow never grow less," said Giant O'Brien. "It can't grow much less," replied the tiny Benedict. Miss Kingland, the lady lecturer, gracefully wished the couple much joy. "Many happy returns—I mean a thousand felicitations," said the tattooed man. Manager Bunnell warmly wished the little couple success, as did all the members of the company. The ladies of the Museum presented Major and Mrs. Littlefinger with a handsome set of silver spoons, and the gentlemen gave a set of elegant napkin rings.

Major Littlefinger is an Italian by birth. His bride was born in Hartford. Though not strictly handsome she is pleasing in appearance and very refined and lady like. Before she became attached to the Museum she did house work at home. Her family is much respected and she herself has won the hearty friendship of all who have the pleasure of her acquaintance. Major Littlefinger's first wife, Mollie Shea, died in Iowa eight months ago in giving birth to a child, which still survives her.

The following are the closing paragraphs of a contribution to the New York Times, by Francis Gerry Fairfield, Ph. D., of New York, suggested by reading the verses on "Death," by Mr. Huzzo.

IT WAS A FAMOUS VICTORY.

High up, on the top rail of his battered "worm" fence, sits the Southern cotton grower. His boots are ragged, his hat is in decay, his trousers scarcely keep out the nipping March breeze, and his stomach is so empty that he is fain to bend himself well nigh double in order to dull its pangs.

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New San Lee Was Used to Block the Game of the Whiskey Men. WASHINGTON, March 10.—It has already been stated in these dispatches that the attempt to seat Mr. Lee, the South Carolina colored man who contested the seat of Mr. Richardson, completely blocked the bonded whiskey bill, the shipping bill, and all the other business in the House of Representatives during the last day and night session.

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