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BAKU'S FOUNTAINS.

The Persian Rival of Pennsylvania's Petroleum Fields-Twelve Thousand Square Miles of Oil Region.

[New York Star.] The great town of Baku has now a coast line of about six miles, sweeping around a well protected harbor crowded with shipping-ships of all tonnage, all fitted with tanks to store the oil that pours from a hundred fountains. From time immemorial this spot has been deemed sacred by the Ghebres of Persia, who recognize in the flame of the native naphtha a sacred fire symbol. Here for at least 2,000 years the sacred earth fed flame has burned unceasingly, and the temple of Surukhani has been a centre of reverent pilgrimage. This native naphtha flows from the soil in so pure a form as to burn without rectification, and is, indeed, so inflammable that the naptha gas occasionally ignites spontaneously and plays in pale flames above fissures in the rock. On stormy nights these flames have been seen to blaze up with an awful spirit light, which, to the eyes of the Ghebres, invested the spot with special sanctity -a sanctity intensified by the fact that here, according to Arabian chroniclers, a great volcanic mountain was in full action till 800 years ago. Since then the thermal forces have expended their energies on spouting oil and therewith saturating the desert plain of the Aspheros peninsula; and truly a more repulsive site for a great city could not well be found. It is a plain about fifteen miles in

width and projecting thirty miles into the Caspian from the point where the Caucasus terminates on its shores. The whole surface of the ground is black with waste petroleum, which in cold weather hardens to the consistency of asphalt, whereas beneath the blazing midsummer sun the foot sinks in to the depth of two or three inches. Every breath of wind raises blinding clouds of black, bituminous dust, formed by the coarse black naphtha with which the streets are yeriodically "watered," true water being too precious to be thus wasted. This dust, combined with the dense smoke poured from the chimneys of somewhere about 300 refining factories, does nothing to improve the atmosphere. And here, day and night, the oil fountains pour forth their hidaverage of from 25 to 35 per cent. of gest anything very funny, and yet ber of commuters? Illinois Central, pure oil, and from 20 to 30 per cent. of refuse, which makes excellent fuel for the great fleets of oil steamers and locomotives. The supply may well be found to be oleiferous, and of this vast surface only six miles have as yet been developed. The oil bearing stratum extends beneath the Caspian, where it crops up in Tehelikan, a true isle of oil. Here the oil literally streams into the sea from hills and cliffs, which may be said to be formed of ozokerite-in other words, of crude paraffine. On the eastern shore of the Caspian it reappears at various points, as, for instance, at the Neft or Naphtha hill, where the deposits are officially valued at £35,000,-

THE FIRE GIANT'S SPORT. Now, the fire giant who tends the great laboratory beneath the Caspian seems to emulate the example of his brethren in New Zealand and Tonga. Hitherto he has been satisfied with such sport as turning on such an oil stream as that which gushed forth three years ago from one of the Baku springs, spouting with such force as to break to pieces a three inch cast iron pipe which had been fastened over the well in order to divert the flow to a different direction. A neighboring oil spring, on being tapped, threw up a column of petroleum to twice the height of the Great Geyser in Iceland, forming a huge black fountain 200 feet in heighta fountain, however, attributed solely to the removal of the pressure on the confined gas, as there is no preceptible heat in these geysers. It was visible for many miles around, and on the first day it poured forth about 50,000 barrels, and, with gradually diminishing volume, continued to play for five months, when it finally subsided, leaving its unfortunate owners, an American company, well nigh ruined, by the claims brought against it by neighbors whose lands were destroyed by the oil

flood. On the night of the 15th of January the inhabitants of Baku were awakened by a violent shock, which caused all the windows to rattle, and suddenly the darkness of the night was illuminated by an intense light, as though the city | immense influence, but is little known | grogged who always bring in the report were aflame. It proved, however, to be to the people. Ausburn Townsr, in of having seen the sea serpent. Men the reflection on the heavens of a great | Frank Leslie's Popular Monthly for of this character often see serpents on | Kentucky Corn Whiskey. fire at a distance; but no one dreamt | July gives a very interesting account of | dry land. that its locality lay within the earth. the Justices the room where they sit in Nor was this realized till the following judgment, their residences, as well as Curious Development of a Snake Piso-In night, when the same awful glare portraits, views, etc. that will open up became visible; and shortly before mid- the judiciary to all. In "The Rides of night a terrible explosion was heard, the World," Noel Ruthven takes up an followed by a vast column of flame, attractive subject, and treats it in a apparently 350 feet in height, which most fascinating manner. The famous few miles in the country, found a large shot up from the summit of Lok Batan, rides: Bois de Boulogne, at Paris, Rot- rattlesnake near the house. The boy close to the Ponta railway station. It ten Row, London, Central Park, New was a calm night, with scarcely a breath | York, the Vienna Prater and Berlin's of wind, so the flames continued to renowned "Unter den Linden," day by back with his band. The snake seemed ascend quite vertically, carrying large | day see the wealthy and fashionable masses of dark matter, which fell back dashing by in elegant turnouts drawn into the crater. Considerable heat was by splendid specimens of horseflesh. felt at the distance of fully a mile, and "Kentucky's Birthplace" has an antithe whole country was lighted by a quarian air, but is capital reading. glare brighter than that of the sun at noonday. This lasted for about thirty account of a family which is exceptionhours, but not continuously, the column occasionally subsiding. The volume of that has for three or four generations liquid mud ejected in this period over- been prominent in political life. Here spread a tract of about a square mile to we see the Braintree homes of John a depth varying from seven to fourteen and John Quincy Adams, their tombs,

## Seneca's New Cotton Factory

SENECA, S. C., June 21.—Seventy- and esteemed. seven thousand dollars have been subscribed to build a cotton factory at Probably no one thing has caused such a bottles found himself well and has had Seneca. The company was organized to-day by electing the following officers: 'President, W. W. Coleman; directors, J. C. Cary, Captain J. P. directors, J. C. Cary, Captain J. P. directors as the company was organized to trade at Confeid & Lyon brug store as their giving away to their customers of so many free trial bottles of Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption Guaranteed to dojust what is claimed for it.

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IT HUNG MAJOR ANDRE.

A Remarkable Story of a Famous Piece of

[New York Telegram.] Coiled up in the window of a Broadway cigar store, among a lot of bad cigars and chewing tobacco, lies a curiosity that has played a prominent of rope about three feet long, with hundreds have asked its history. A thousand six hundred miles, about reporter, who did the same yesterday,

received this interesting answer: "Well, sir, that piece of hemp you see in my window is all that is left of the rope that hung Major Andre, the spy. The original piece, some six or eight into little pieces and given away as that is left. It came into my possesion somewhat curiously. Several years ago and one of the two men working for \$8,500. me was a green hand from up the State somewhere, who had landed in Albany my house, and one night he left, leaving | miles. a board bill of \$10 or \$12 behind him

"He also left a small trunk and a letter, in which he asked me to keep the trunk for him until he could redeem it by paying his board. I kept the trunk for nearly six years, and then, not hearing from the man, I opened it. Among other things I found this rope, on the Eric Road, 305 feet high. which the young man's grandfather had taken from Andre's neck the day United States? Peter Cooper. he was hanged, and kept it as a memento of those stirring times. There was also a little book with the rope-a sort of ledger, in which the grandfather and his son had kept a record of those to whom the pieces of rope had been given, and whither they had gone.

"Three of the pieces had been sent to an English officer in Constantinople and the rest were distributed among different persons in the United States.

"Some time I am going to try and collect them again and then present the entire rope to some historical museum. It will be a curiosity anyway, if not a valuable relic. As it is, few know the strange rope's history. I in railway travel. One killed in 10,000,think I shall have a little sign painted | 000. Statistics show more are killed by to put in the window with the rope so falling out of windows than in railway that all who see it may know what accidents. they are looking at."

Several Queer Verdicts.

[Detroit Free Press.] The duties of those who serve on coroners' juries do not ordinarily sug-

some laughable results come from 4,828,128, in 1887. their work, particularly if they do not exactly uderstand what is tween Jersey City and San Francisco? expected of them. An amusing story | Three days, seven hours, thirty-nine is told of a verdict brought in a Western | minutes, and sixteen seconds. Spedeemed inexhaustible, inasmuch as jury impanelled to inquire into the cause of the death of a man supposed cause of the de to have committed suicide. The verdict was brief and to the point, the foreman saying simply:

"We, the jury; find the deceased guilty as charged."

Another jury examined a great many witnesses in the case of a man run over by a railroad engine. The verdict was : ering him "We find him to have come to his

death by being cut in two by a railroad engine, whereby he choked to death." A coroner's jury in the backwoods of Missouri heard all the evidence in the case of a man killed by a runaway team, and brought in the following verdict:

"The jury finds the dead deceased to have come to his death at the hands of a runaway team, the horses thereof being blameless, they being frightened by

It is told of an old German that he sat stolidly and stupidly on a coroner's their caws. jury and listened to all the evidence, after which he walked over toward the corpse with some degree of curiosity. Lifting the cloth he started back, turned to the other jurymen in amazement | fish. and affright, and cried out:

"Mine Gott, shentlemen, dot man ish

A jury in a Missouri rural community you are trying to distingush a high deliberated three hours over the corpse | note. of a woman burned by the explosion of a kerosene lamp. The following verdict was then announced in writing: "Resolved, That the diszeased was

ournt to deth. The joory." A man, supposed to be a tramp, was found dead in the woods out West. A jury inquired into the cause of hi

death, and reported as follows: "The jury does not find that the dead man has been foully dealt with, and is of the opinion that he died simply because his time had come, and there was no getting out of it."

Frank Leslie's Popular Monthly for July.

The Supreme Court of the United

"The Adamses of Massachusetts" is an al in this country, being one of the few the portrait and home of Charles Francis Adams, as well as notices of the members of the family now honored

Their Business Booming.

Interesting Facts Concerning Railways and

article of the "Railway Series" in Scribner's Magazine. It is entitled "The Building of a Railway," and it contains much valuable information new to the public in general and of interest to everybody. In this article part in American history. It is a bit the following questions are answered: How many miles of railway in the nothing attractive about it, and yet United States? One hundred and fifty

half the mileage of the world. How much have they cost? Nine billion dollars.

How many people are employed by them? More than one million.

What is the fastest time made by a feet long, I believe, has been cut up train? Ninety-two miles in ninetythree minutes, one mile being made in mementoes, and the piece there is all forty-six seconds, on the Philadelphia and Reading Railroad.

What is the cost of a high-class, eight-I kept a little eigar shop in Albany, wheel passenger locomotive? About

What is the longest mileage operated by a single system? Atchison, Topeka without a cent. He used to board at and Sante Fe system-about 8,000

> What is the cost of a palace sleepingcar? About \$15,000, or \$17,000 if "vestibuled.'

> What is the longest railway bridge span in the United States? Cantilever span in Poughkeepsie bridge, 548 feet. What is the highest railroad bridge in the United States? Kinzua viaduct, Who built the first locomotive in the

> What road carries the largest number of passengers? Manhattan Elevated Railroad, New York-525,000 a day, or 191,625,000 yearly. What is the average daily earning of

an American locomotive? About \$100. What is the longest American rail-England, one to Australia, another to Fitchburg Railway (four and threequarter miles).

What is the average cost of constructing a mile of railroad? At the present time about \$30,000. What is the highest railroad in the

Grande; Marshall, Pass, 10,852 feet. What are the chances of fatal accident

What line of railway extends farthest East or West? Canadian Pacific Railway, running from Quebec to the Pacific Ocean.

How long does a steel rail last, with average wear? About eighteen years. What road carries the largest num-

What is the fastest time made be-

Ground Fine.

The dressmaker, like the suburban farmer, makes money on the out

When a barber cuts a slice off your neck you feel like getting up and lath-Strange it is that when the rain

to wait to wrap himself up in them. Commencements are coming with hot weather, when graduates and thermometers take their degress.

comes down in sheets no one ever cares

According to our experience it takes longer to run down a hen than it does to run down a mountain. Crows which are shot while com-

mitting depredations on farms might appropriately be termed martyrs to "A lie grows as it travels." A fisherman's lie is an exception. It is the fish that grows, and the lie is cut,

basted and sewed to suit the size of the The right ear is, as a rule, higher than the left ear, so an expert in physiognomy says: Remember this when

Mayor Hewitt is decidedly perverse. Wise in some things and almost childishly foolish in others. He is reported as saying he would neither vote for Cleveland, make a speech for him, nor

spend a dollar in his campaign. The expression "dark horse," now in The expression "dark horse," now in such general political use first occurred in Lord Beaconsfield's "Young Duke." Here is the paragraph: "The first favoritewas never seen after the distance post, all the ten-to-ones were in the rear, and a dark horse which had never | Luytie's Rve Whiskey. been thought of rushed past the grand stand in sweeping triumph."

It is noticed in the east that it is the States is a tribunal that exercises an fishermen who return home heavily

Alabama.

BIRMINGHAM, A.A., June 17.-Last Friday evening Otto Franks, an eight year old boy living with his parents a had often said that he wanted a pet snake, so when he found the big rattler he began to stroke it on the head and pleased for a time, but finally became angry and hit the boy on the right leg, just below the knee. The little fellow played on some time before going home, and when he reached the house the bitten limb was swelling rapidly. Medical aid was obtained and the pain and swelling were relieved after a trial, but immediately the boy began to crawl and twist himself, imitating the action of a snake. He continued in this condition with brief, lucid intervals until

this afternoon, when he died. Worth Knowing.

Mr. W. H. Morgan, merchant, Lake City, Fla., was taken with severe Cold, attended with a distressing Cough and rynning into Consumption in its first stages. He tried many so-called popular cough remedies and steadily grew worse. Was reduced in flesh, had difficulty in breathing and was mable to difficulty in breathing and was unable to sleep. Finally tried Dr. King's New Discov-ery for Consumption and found immediate

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land mere. Lift its wild notes in pain of parting

made in the blind eye opposite the way tunnel? Hoosac Tunnel, on the human eye. Already, however, it has United States? Denver and Rio Chisolm made a similar operation on the right eye.

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pills beuefited me at once. I took them regularly for a few months, and my health was completely restored."

with Dyspepsia, writes:

Pills, and, after taking one box without much benefit, I was disposed to quit

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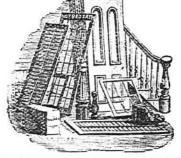
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should rain kisses on it rapturously, Would your own pulses leap in happy vent? Or would you bid me vanish and re-

pent : If when you sing, and send that liquid

should bend down and clasp you to my heart, Would those white arms in joy about me twine? Or would you slay me with a scorn

divine? Either the music of desire must fling One passionate ringing cadence on vour ear,

To find a deep sweet ccho in your heart, Or, like the stricken swan on wood-

> near. Seeing With a Rabbit's Eye.

Baltimore, June 18 .- The operation of transplanting a clear piece of a rabbit's cornea into the blind eye of a patient, performed ten days ago at the Presbyterian Eve and Ear Charity Hospital, has proved a success. At the end of a week the bandages were removed and the eye exposed to the light. The place of the rabbit's cornea was completely united to the human eye and had grown to the edge of the hole pupil. The clear graft has become cloudy in the process of uniting to the commenced to clear up, and the man is beginning to see. This he has not done for three years, when the eyes were destroyed by lime. The operation of transplanting in the left eye was so satisfactory that two days since Dr.

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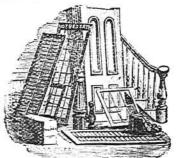
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