Great Catastrophes.

[Youth's Companion.] The recent dreadful flood in life approaching that in this great remarkable story is this: Pennsylvania flood.

But even this dreadful inundation does not approach in its des- skeleton. The mouldy clothing in- is fed from a small tank. At the tructiveness a number of other fa- dicated that the skeleton was that connection of the pipe and tank mous calamities.

people. Again, in 1530, another inundation took place in the same country, causing the death, according to the chronicles of the time. of four hundred thousand people. time this country has had no great this one soldier crawled into a calamity of this kind.

course to the sea. Dreadful famhundred thousand people lost their lives from the two causes flood and sweetheart in Richmond, Va., and the pump, was poured into the

But inundations and storms imprisonment. He died of starmast, after all, yield to volcanic vation, presumably. The letter and earthquake disturbances in was addressed to "Virginia Ranthe errors of their record. No dolph, Richmond." and was signed ing of the stove door presented to earthquake, perhaps, has destroyed "Arthur L. Carrington." more human lives than the greatest of the floods in Holland; and yet the records of these strange convulsions are far more numerous.

We cannot know how many lives were lost in the earthquakes and fifty thousand, it is estimated, must have died In the destruction of tombstone is inscribed: Herculaneum and Pompeii by the eruption of Vesuvius in the year Syria and Western Asia in 742 is said to have destroyed five hundred cities, while the loss of life exceeded competition.

In Catania, Sicily, in 1137, fifteen thousand people were killed by earthquake, and at and around Naples in 1456, forty thousand; while the Chinese tell of an earthquake in 1731, as a result of which one hundred thousand persons were buried at Pekin alone.

was in 1693, when Catanie was thrown on its authenticity. again ddstroyed with eighteen thousand people; fifty-four cities and towns and three hundred villages were overthrown, and more than one hundred thousand lives were said to have been lost. This did not end Sicily's dreadful chapter, for forty thousand people perished there in 1783. At Naples six thousand lives were lost as recently

Probably the most famous calamity of Europe was the Lisbon earthquake, which happened on November 1, 1755. Lisbon was shaken down in about eight minutes, and fifty thousand of its people were killed by falling walls or swallowed up by the great wave which swept over the quay where they had taken refuge. The same earthquake destroyed many thousands of lives in other parts of Portugal, in Spain, and Northern Africa.

The New World has had its share of earthquakes. At Lima and Callao in 1746, eighteen thousand lives were lost; in Gnatemala, in 1773, eighty thousand; in 1797. the whole coast of South America, from Cuzco in Peru to Panama, was shaken, and forty thousand lives lost. At Caracai, Venezuela, in 1812, twelve thousand lives were lost. Peru, Ecuador and Chili suffered, on August 13, 1868, the most dreadful earthquake of their history. Africa and Arequipa were levelled to the ground; a lake took the place of the city of Cotacachi in Ecuador; Ibarra, Otavalo and other towns were swallowed up. Thirty thousand persons lost their lives.

and volcaric eruption known to man is the latest in occurrence. In August, 1883, an awful eruption of the great volcanoes on the island of Krakatoa, Java, began, and before it had ended the island, with all its mountains, had disappeared; sixteen new volcanic peaks had appeared in other parts of the surrounding seas; the great mountain of Kramatan in Sumatra had sunk into the sea; vast areas of Java had been covered deep with sulphurous mud; and about seventy-five thousand human lives had been destroyed.

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A SKELETON WITH A ROMANCE. Story of the Fate of a Soldier at Valley Forge which is Vouched for as True.

READING, July 14.--A paper published near the Falls of French | proved himself to be. It was an-Pennsylvania, by which an un- Creek, twenty miles below here, nounced a few days since that a known number of people, lost their prints a remarkable story which patent had been allowed Mr. Alley lives, was the greatest disaster re- the editor vouches for editorially for a mechanical device, the object sulting from natural causes which as true in every detail. French of which was in effect the burning of we have had in this country. Other Creek is a wild, rocky spot, where water for fuel. At the first blush calamities, such as the great fires. hundreds of tons of granite blocks this would seemed to be a preposin Chicago and Boston, have been far street paving are being taken terous proposition, but the inventor accompanied with greater money taken from the immense boulders has fully demonstrated the fact loss, but none has caused a loss of and shipped to distant eities. The that it is feasible.

of a Continental soldier. The men there is a piece of simple mechan-Holland has been in times past found an old glass bottle near the ism which regulates the flow of the home of the floods; its greatest skeleton, which was handed to Mr. water. Connected with the retort calamities have been caused by the W. W. Potts. Mr. Potts opened in the stove is a cast iron cylinder breaking of the dikes which pro- the bottle and found a well-pre- adapted in size to the stove or furtect it from the sea. In April, 1421, served manuscript, and the article nace in which it is placed. These the breaking of the dikes at Dort, signed by Mr. Potts is published completely submerging seventy-two by the editor as strictly true. From towns and villages, is said to have the manuscript found in the bottle, drowned one hundred thousand it appears that the writer was a member of Gen. Washington's army encamped at Valley Forge, about twenty miles from French Creek; that the soldier had been sent out to forage with half a dozen Both these numbers are probably others. They were discovered and largely exaggerated. Since that chased. After they had separated cave nearly covered by an over-In 1887, the Bellow River in hanging rock. A violent storm China burst its banks, flooded two arose. A flash of lightning struck provinces, drowning more than ten the overhanging rock and it fell and thousand people, and took a new closed the opening, making a prisoner of the soldier. He screamed. ines resulted from the change of its but no one heard. He then course; and it is supposed that a wrote the letter, May 17, 1778; attesting his undying love for his Pure water, brought directly from

Mr. Potts' article goes on to say that the correspondence was started with Virginia people, and was finally learned that a Miss Virginia Randolph died in 1780, two years after the date of the Carrington turning off the stop-cock caused floods of remote antiquity, but letter; that she died grieving for the heat to quickly subside. er soldier lover, and that

'Died of a broken heart on 1st of March, 1780, Virginia Ran-79. An earthquake which visited | dolph, aged 21 years, 9 days. Faithful unto death."

The remains of the skeleton were sent South to be buried by the side of Miss Randolph.

Such is the Potts story, published and vonched for by the editor. Residents of French Creek were asked to corroborate the story. Some doubted it, while others said they had heard something of it before, reading it in the newspapers. Sicily's most dreadful earthquake in this city to-day, but doubt is

> An Egyptian Mummy Found that been Embalmed Alive.

A forthcoming work by Prof. Masper on the royal Egyptian munimies which were unbandaged in 1886, among them being the great Mosiac Pharoah, Rameses II, contained nruch that is interesting. The mummies were revealed in Bouark in 1886, in the presence of the Khedive and high scientific authorities, by whom they were measured at every point. It was found in the case of the Princess Sit-Kames that the orifice of the ear and the root of the nose were line of the eye, precisely as we see it in Egyptian statuary." The historic revelation are of great value-One of the most difficult problems

satisfactorily recovered. Among the mummies was one of young man who evidently had been embalmed alive. The brain, heart, stomach, etc, were intact. The body had been tightly bound is three places-around the shoulders, round the wrists and loins and round the feet-the ligatures being drawn with such force as to leare deep furrows in the flesh. resin and wound up from head to foot with bandages soaked in some glutinous preparation which caused them to adhere with such tenacity that they had to be sawn off. The agonized expression of the face, the open mouth, the swollen and The most dreadful earthquake knotted museles, bore witness to his desperate struggles. His age was about 23, and in his ears were small gold ear rings. He was evidently of high rank and the victim of some unspeakable tragedy.

A Serious Mistake.

To say of a man that he would never set the river on fire has always been deemed synonymous with the assertion that he was a dullard or unambitious: therefore. he who can make water burn is a smart and even a great man, and such a man the Rev. M. Alley has

Briefly described the device The quarrymen came upon a consists of a report. Out of a stove cave, in which was found a human is a pipe through which the water parts comprise the whole mechanism of the device. The theory involved is the decomposition of the water by heat, the liberation of its component gases, and the combustion of these in an oxyhydrogen flame. The results aimed at-and it would seem attained—is to create through the consumption of a moderate quantity of wood or coal a great amount of heat.

Your correspondent called upon Mr. Alley, and was shown the apparatus and witnessed an exhibition of its performance. The stove was one of the ordinary box variety of medium size. A fire was built under and around the retort, the fuel used being a few handfuls of hard wood and pine wood chips. tank, a stop-cock was turned and giving an account of his strange the water allowed to feed down into the tank. Soon there issued a low, roaring sound, and the openview the flame of pink color and intense heat. The heat radiated from the stove was much greater than would have resulted from the burning of light fuel alone. The stoppage of water supply by the

"The invention has been investigated by a number of conservative men, and the general idea is that it is of great value. Mr. N. G. Halstead, of Milwaukee, is so much interested in the matter that he has secured a machine from the inventor, and will set it up and give exhibitions of its operation in Milwaukee. It is claimed by the inventor that the appliance can be used with advantage in the generation of power, but that its province is heating solely. There is no doubt that in furuace heating it will prove valuable. Mr. Alley is The story was republished in full the Methodist preacher here, a man of great piety and earnestness, and is much respected. He has labored on this invention for about nine years, and, of course, is greatly pleased at the successful result of his work."

A Remarkable Cyclone Relic.

[St. Louis Globe-Le nocrat.] E. S. Wilson, a blacksmith of Ozark, Mo., has a relie of the Marshfield cyclone, which occurred on Sunday; April 18, 1880, that is a verry remarkable curiosity. This witness of one of the freaks of the great storm is a black quart bottle, bent by some mysterious force into an ellipse without a crack or break in the glass that 'parallel and somewhat above the the closest scrutiny can discover. The neck of the bottle actually touches the edge of the bottom, and the fact that the glass was not broken in any way by the strange in Egyptian history, the story of force of the storm is shown by the the twenty-first dynasty, being test of its holding water or any other fluid. By gradually turning the boltle as the water is poured in, it can be nearly filled to its full capacity, so as to show the perfect soundness of the material. This bottle was found by Mr. Wilson the day after the Marshfield disaster and examined by Prof. Tice, who soon came to the scene of destruction to study the phenomony of the cyclone from a scientific Then it was covered with a thick standpoint. The famous mecoat of bitumen, lime and pounded teorologist attributed the bending of the bottle to the force of electric ity. The bottle was found in the wreck of one of the Marshfield drug-stores. Mr Wilson has been offered extravagant prices for the curiosity, but declides to part with

the relic. There is more Catarrh in this section of the country than all other diseases put together, and until the last few rears was supposed to be incurable. For a great many years Doctors pronounced it a local disease, and prescribed local remedies, and by constantly failing to care with local treatment, pronounced it incurable. Science has proven catarrh to be a constitutional disease, and therefore requires consti-To "clean out" the bowels by strong tutional treatment. Hall's Catarrh Cure,



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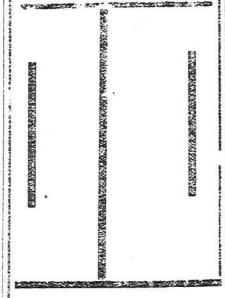
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There is a claim in the Patent Office for a patent on the Lord's Prayer, the specification being that the repetition of the same, "rapid and in a loud tone of voice." will cure stammering. Among odd inventions are

"chicken hopples," which walk the chicken right out of the garden when she tries to scratch; the "bee moth excluder, which automatically shuts up all the beehives when the hens go to roost; the "tapeworm fish hook," which speaks for itself; the "educational balloon," with a map of the world outlined on its surface; "side-hill annihilators"stilts to fit on the down-hill legs of a horse when he is plowing along a side hill; and the "hen" supriser," a device that drops the new-laid egg through the bottom of the nest, with the intent to beguile and wheedle the hen into at once laying

One of the latest patents is the antomatic bath-tub, which starts the hot and cold water at a given moment in the morning to which it has been set, maintaining exactly the right temperature of it by graduating the flow of water, rings a bell when all is ready, and two minutes later suddenly drops the sleeper's pillow about a foot and turns him out.

"The illuminated cat" was devised by a genius. She is built a pasteboard and made luminous with phosphorus and she sits in the corner the live-long night, and fills the souls of rats and mice with terror.

There is a tremendous activity in the toy division of the Patent Office, especially in automatic toys that can walk and talk. There are whistling tops, dogs that jump and bark, cackling hens, kicking mules, fighting roosters, "very exciting, the patentee casually remarks; running cars and locomotives, a seissors grinder, a horse that walks FINE WINES, LIQUORS, naturally along the ground, and a baby that creeps on all fours with wonderful vraisemblance.

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[Brom the Boston Advertiser.]

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