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FACTS ABOUT METEORS.

Namerous Pieces of "Falling Stars" Are in Museums.

(New York Sun)

The atmosphere forms an armor the earth. Most of the meteors are meteorite exploded obove Dhursmall. They come rushing through mala, Kangra, Punjaub, India, in space, strike the atmosphere and the 1860, and a section was picked up friction against the molecules of air immediately by some native: who heats them to a white heat, and sets dropped it with expressions of pain. them ablaze. Sometimes part of one The fragment is now to be seen in may reach the earth; but as a rule the Field Museum. Of it, Dr. Farthey are consumed and the dust alone, rington, the curato, said: "This is cosmic dust, drops upon the surface. One of the earliest known meteors fell in 204 B. C., in Phrygia where for a long time it was wershipped. It was carried to Rome and was supposed to be a messenger from the gods. Livy describes a shower of meteoric stones. The people were greatly alarme i and the senators were demoralized and py man" of this day and time, we declared a nine days' festival to would not name the banker, neither propriate the gods. There is at Mecca | would we set forth the rich mera meteorite which fell in 600 A.D. chant, nor the politician, and yet we and is still worshipped by the faithful would not call up the preacher. In Chinese literature there is mention | But should the editor come forward ! of meteors which fell in 644 B.C. The By no means. Then who is the hapoldest known meteorite which was py man! The farmer, who is "at seen to fall is now on exhibition at bome," and bonest and full of chari-Ensisheim, Alsace, Germany. In ty, is certainly entitled to the place. 1492 it came crashing down through He is and has a right to be the most the air with a roar that prostrated the independent man. He has a bank peasantry with fright. It buried itself (bis farm) that fails not, with a dedeeply in the earth. It weighed 260 posit like the cruse of oil that in-

The Chupaderos meteorite, which weighed 25 tons, fell in Chibusahus, is the Peary stone which weighs ap; roximately one hundred tons. The stone of Canon Diable weighs at least ten tons and exploded high in the air. the pieces being found all over the surrounding country. In Italy several instances are known of the loss of life from meteorites. A peasant was sitting in his cabin and was killed by an iron mass that crashed through the roof; the act was regarded as a visitation of divine anger. The city of Milan is perhaps the only one that has been struck by the meteorite. A meteorite of several pounds' weight fell in the heart of that city in the year 1000, on the authority of Paolo Maria Tezzryo, and struck a Francis can monk.

More remarkable are the falls at sea. That a ship would be struck would seem an extraordinary chance, yet a Swedish ship was so struck, the stone killing two of the crew. On December 1, 1896, the ship Walkom. ming was sailing from New York to Bremen when her officers noticed a brilliant meteor that appeared to be bearing down on the vessel from southeast to northwest. It passed with a loud roar and hissing sound and plunged into the sea ahead of the ship. That it was a meteor of large size was evident, for a few minutes later the ship was struck by a tidal wave. Even more remarkable was the experience of the British ship Cawdor, which reached San Francisco Nov. 20, 1897. During a severe storm a large and brilliant meteor was observed rushing down upon the ship. and with a roar and filling the air with fumes of sulphur it passed between the masts of the ship and fell into the sea not fifty feet from the

One of the greatest curiosities posessed by man today is a supposed fragment of a comet in Mazapil, Mexico. The fragment is believed to be a part of the tail of Biela's comet. In 1848 something happened in space; a wreck occured; Biela's comet may have collided with another comet in any case the comet divided and many living observers remember seeing the two parts gradually separating. Some fatality pursued one part of the comet and it met its fate in infinite space, literally went to preces and became a wreck upon the shore less sea of space. Astronomers predicted that if the comet itself did not appear in 1872, its wreckege would become visible as shorting stars, and this prediction was realized apparently as on November 27, 1872, there burst from the beavens a cloud of shooling stars. During the display one bises dropped upon the ope. S. A. Park, 321 Carton Building, earth and was seenred at Mazspil, Chicago.

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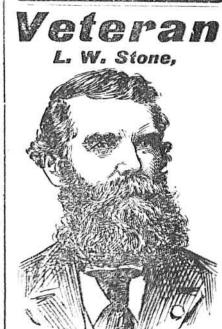
part of the great comet.

The average meteorite after its full is intensely hot, but at least one, which was handled immediately after falling still held the intense which is almost impenetrable to the cold of space. A few men can say meteors that are constantly pelting that they have experienced this. A perhaps the only instance known where the cold of space has become perceptible to bumen senses."

А Вврру Ман

(Exchange.)

Were we asked to name the "happounds and hangs today in the parish | creases with the use. The farmer can and should be happy. He ought to be contented in the position that gives him the sweetest rest that Mexico. The largest meteorite known | mortals know. Young man, if you would be happy, get a farm and a wife and make a home.



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