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 Lingering Death in a Life Boat-starying Men, Driven Craxy, Jumpa
tito the Sea. The steamship Morro Castle, which ore survivors of the the brought four fated atean-
ip Missouri. Mr. David North, ormerly a resident of Ron
he forlowing, story of the
om the javs of death.
When the boat foncled When the boat tonched the water
ere were at leanst thiry persons in he, wany of whom were passengers.
havit, but she all right fouled in the stem stern not be instantway, freed. Ahat she could
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nder, and on emerging, bhat ping per wero washed off and drownd, All the red almost
wet molt, The plunge freed the
hoat, and the ship, with one sail set,
noved away from her. The sea had diled the boat to the edge, and in the
excitement of the time no effor was made at once to bail her. After they
had been somewhat, calmed down
tome efforts were made to bail her.
It was about tris time It was about this time that the other
boat that got ashore came up to ns;
we asked them to take us aboard, but They refused to to ose, and in spospte of
he readiness of Capt. Culmer to resowed away. Persons who were float-
ing around on life preservers implored
iem to save them, but they turned a deaf ear to everything except the tscape. We set to work to bair out out
our boat as soon as they rowed away.
On taking an inventory of the loan's ontfit, we found that w,
our oars and a boant-hook.
tayed around the ship untilshe
lown, and then took hegan the first night of suffering.
our eftors to baii the boat were
availing as every wave filled
again, so we had to sit waist-dee water. The boat lay in the trough of
the ea, with every wave breaking
over us. We had to loek our legs
Wer nder the seat and clasp arms abogs
eah other's necks, as every sea
threatened to wash ns overboard.
When morning broke the sea was stil runaing mountain high. When
the bont was lifted on the top of a
wave every eye was strained to catch
sight of a sail or land, but noue was
to be saen lit sight of a sail or hand, but note was
o be cean. It was still useless to
ry to baiil the boat, but the oarra were
put out, more to keep ourselves warm than to make any progress. The sea
both in and out of the boat made
rowing useles. We could not keep
the oars in the rowlocks. The men
by this time esd hy this time had grown. careless, mend
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They bailed by fits and starts with too
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all fell completely A shoal of shark

 ing Shea, the porter, and Mark
ithony jumped overbard in a fi
insane frenzy. It was on the $m$ ing of the foorth day that our hunger
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int it and threw himself over backward into the sea, Thomas Egan,
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ing of the fourth day, while deseribing a splendidid entertay, whine tesert to which
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our eyes.


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|  | An old lady writiag to her son out West, wains him to beware of bilious saloons and bowel alleys - A rural miss stepped into a drag store the other dav, and asked for a bottle of "back of elubs.". She wanted joekey olub perfumery. <br> - "There now," cried little Bessie the other day, rumaging a drawer in the bureau, grandpa has gone to heaven without his spectacles? <br> - A watering place correspondent writes that "very few bathers bathe at the West End;" whereupon Mrs. Partington says she "had an idea they bathed all over." <br> - A young man "seeing the elephant," in San Francisco, found an old deacon he knew "bucking the tiger" in a gambling hell. "What," he exclaimed, "deacon are you here?" "Yes," he replied, "I'm bound to break down this evil institution." <br> The Chicago Mail having expressed the opinion that "Henry Clay Was the best President, save, perhaps one, that we ever had," the Pittsburgh Commercial remarks that "there are those who believe that Gen. Scott's administration was equal- ly successful." ly successful." <br> We notice in the proceedings of the Legislature that a committee has been appointed on the subject of Insurance. This is a move in the right direction. The people of the State are deeply interested in this matter. Before the war, the Southern people took but Iittle interest in either Fire or Life invested in both, and it is proper that some legislation should be had looking to the protection of policy holdens. <br> In Virginia and some other States there is a law requiring all Insurance Companies doing business in their borders to invest a sufficient amount or make such deposit as will guarantee the citizen against loss. Our |
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## One of the most mrife", comarkable diss coveries supposed to be made by modern ceienceis the drifting of the stars. Richard A. Proctor, secreta- ry of the Royal Astronomical Soci-

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| At a political meeting, not long since, the audience and speaker were very much disturbed by a man who whenever a new speaker came on, this man bawled out, "Mr. Henry! Henry! I call for Mr. Henry!" Afat each speech, a young man ascended the platform, and was airing his eloquence in a magniloquent style, striking out powerfally in his gesheard for Mr. Henry, putting his hand to his mouth like a speaking trumpet; this man was bawling out at the top of his voice: "Mr. Henry! Henry! Henry! I call for Mr. Henry to make a speech!" <br> The chairman now rose, and remarked that it would oblige the anfrain from any further calling, for Mr. Henry, as that gentleman was now speaking. Henry?" said the dis- "Is that Mr. Hent turber of the meeting. "Thunder! that can't be $\mathrm{Mr}_{\mathrm{t}}$ Henry! Why, that's the little cuss that told me to holler." |
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