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THE PLAQUE SPOT IN PERU.
A correspondent writing from Lima says: In my last letter I mentioned the extraordinary phenomenon, near Lucrema, which caused the death of all animals that approached that fatal spot. I am now enabled to give you some particulars. An American gentleman, who passed over the locality, confirms the previous reports. On the Lucrema road, about 22 leagues from Tacna, there exists what is here termed a dry arroyo, but it is in fact the bed of a former river, into which from time to time cold water has been known to pass.
During the late earthquakes, which destroyed Arica and partly Tacna, the shocks were strongest in the neighborhood of Lucrema and the Arroyo. A male doctor reported that several important cattle arroyos had been split open, and a small stream of fetid water was coming out of the mountain into the arroyo. No attention was at first paid to the fact, nor to the mortality among the animals that visited the neighborhood. It was only when the people began to leave Tacna and flee from the country of the yellow fever, which was devastating the cities to the valley of Lucrema, that they became aware of the fatal effects upon their animals, at a distance as much as eight and ten miles from the arroyo.
The stretch," says my informant, "I can compare to nothing else than old bilge water, of the smell of which you become painfully conscious. Within twelve miles from its source, my horse dropped down under me, and in five miles he was dead. I vomited three or four times a thick black substance, similar in consistency and appearance to the black vomit. I was thus left to walk fifteen miles to the nearest house, two-thirds of which I may call a mules' graveyard, so thickly was the old road covered with them. The cause of this singular freak of nature is unknown; but it seems that the gases which have impregnated the atmosphere produce the vomit and death of the animals that inhale it.—What these gases are composed of science alone can solve." A commission has been ordered by the government to examine into this extraordinary matter and report upon it.

(From the St. Louis Democrat, June 14.)
A REAL TRAGEDY ON THE STAGE—AN ACTRESS STABS AND WOUNDS THE HEAVY VILLAIN.
A large audience assembled at De Bar's last night on the occasion of a "grand complimentary benefit" to "Crook" (Mrs. Massena). An original play by the author was produced, being a dramatization of the popular novel of "Mario's Mistake." The author herself made her first appearance, taking the part of Maria, Mrs. Emma Stone of the stock company, played Julia de Bourgh, and Mr. A. B. Pearson, an amateur, performed the villainous part of Captain Jeanne Luzene. The play was written for a tragedy, but in the hands of the amateur it broke out into a farce, and closed with a scene that was tragical and really bloody. In the third scene of the fifth act the programme calls for a "Gambling hell—Julie in search of Captain Luzene—a careless watch—a jealous man—Rebribution—Death of Luzene by the hand of Julie de Bourgh, &c. In executing the act of rebribution, Mrs. Stone used a dagger. She advanced upon Mr. Pearson, and reminding him of his villainy, plunges the dagger into his heart, and he dies in agony. The lady, through mistake, plunged the point of the dagger into Mr. Pearson's back, just behind the arm pit, and the blood gushed freely from the wound. He goes through the motion of dying, and the real pain caused by the real wound enables him to die with the most effective contortions of countenance, groans, &c. The audience cheered rapturously and thought the amateur was playing his part "up to the hilt," but they did not know that the dagger had been thrust up to the handle in his back, the wound bled freely, but proved only a flesh wound. Dr. Bannan, an amateur actor and professional doctor, was sent for and dressed the wound, and pronounced it insignificant. The ladies of the company were very much agitated and distressed by the occurrence, but there was no great harm done, and the worst result of the accident was a bloody shirt.

FEARFUL DISCOVERY—ARE THE INFERNAL REGIONS IN INDIANA.
Mr. A. Rabb, a farmer who resides about three miles west of the city, brought a strange story in on Saturday. Mr. R. has a son-in-law living on a farm about four miles from Lafayette, named Mr. Miller. Mr. M. has a German laborer who, in plowing over a corn-field, struck the upper crust of something very much like the infernal regions. A suffocating odor was first emitted, followed by a dense volume of smoke. According to the German's account, the stench was several feet above the flames of the Illinois street gutter. A sheet of flame soon burst from this terrible volcano, and a great conflagration was imminent for a time, but the flames were finally subdued by a few shevels of earth thrown in the mouth of the crater. The lava thrown out looked very much like Castile soap—only it was not so highly perfumed. On the contrary, it was exceedingly offensive. It ignited easily, and burns as freely as brimstone.
The German was badly frightened, and after viewing the scene in utter bewilderment for a time, ejaculated: "Ver dat is b—h—h—h! We understand that Professor Crook will examine the ground, and if it should prove to be an entrance to the infernal regions, he will send for Father Brownlow to look after it. The people of Lafayette are greatly alarmed, and "case-and-case" about as trifling a thing as the discovery of hell in Indiana.—*Indianapolis Sentinel*, 26A.

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