

FORTUNE'S FREAKS.

ROMANTIC STORIES OF MEN IN THE COLORADO GOLD MINES.

Many Former Owners of Paying Properties Are Now Poor—Ups and Downs of a Miner's Life.

THERE are 12,000 men in Cripple Creek, and fully 10,000 of them are mourning over the fortunes they have lost, writes Frank G. Carpenter in the Washington Star.

I saw a man leading logs at the town of Victor, near Cripple Creek, the other day, who sold a half-million-dollar mine to pay a grocery bill of \$49.

As I have said, Stratton offered to sell out a number of times during the earlier days of the independence, but at this time there were none who had enough faith to buy.

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cost and others for \$100,000. Now it is producing quantities of gold, and no one knows what it will bring in the future.

I sat at a dinner in Brown's Hotel, in Denver, the other day, beside a florid-faced, long-headed man from Colorado Springs.

"Yes," said he, "I should say I do. Their best mine, your know, is the Buena Vista. It pays almost all the profits of the Isabella Company.

"I told him that I would give him the provisions, but I did not want the mine. I said I did not believe there was any gold in the Cripple Creek region."

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TERRAPIN TALK.

A Food Dainty Worth Almost Its Weight in Gold.

Most Expensive Kind Caught in Chesapeake Bay.

First catch your terrapin. This requires a golden hook if you are not an expert angler in the waters of Chesapeake Bay.

The diamond-back terrapin is only another name for a small species of turtle, and time was when the colored people of Maryland ate them after roasting them in their shells.

Terrapins "in pond" present an interesting but by no means an appetizing appearance. The pond is a place where the fishermen keep the turtles until they are shipped to some city to the markets.

There are certain rules understood by those who purchase terrapin. They are careful to observe that the extreme tip or muzzle of the head is not injured.

Cooking terrapin properly is such an art that only a chef or a Marylander should be permitted to give instructions.

On the terrapin farms of the Chesapeake a peculiar sport is indulged in by the men, called "terrapin racing."

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Suicides Increasing in Japan.

An essay on the prevalence of suicide in Japan has been written by Mr. Saito Kokutu, a native statistician.

The suicides of December and January are attributed partly to pecuniary troubles at the close of the year, when all accounts are supposed to be closed.

Travel to Europe Increasing. Never before, probably, have so many Americans gone to Europe as during the last summer.

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