"HAUNTED" HOUSES.

The Foolish Superstition That Dooms Them to Remain Tenantless.

them as habitable; generally they tery. this description stand empty for sea to the distance of about 100 feet,

tain dwelling houses should have ly for a century. been marked out and shunned in Not an atom of base for this rumor credence that it was no uncommon to the nature of the deed.

placed upon this action, and the

street, had stood tenantless for a to the present day, although de ed the tide in his own favor, but long time for a somewhat similar scribed by several authors, men- made a profit on the bread as well. reason. It appeared that the last | tioned in the guidebooks and visited occupants had mysteriously disap- by "admirals, generals, bishops and peared, owing money in all directions. This was no unprecedented occurrence in itself, but it so hap erto offered assumes that evaporapened that a local busybody discov- tion goes on rapidly in some subterered in one of the upper rooms a red ranean cavern and thus disposes of stain, which was duplicated in the the water. But, as it is admitted passage below, and immediately that the remaining salt from the there were whisperings as to foul two mill streams alone would play. An investigation disproved amount to 48,600 cubic feet a year, this theory, but the rumor had gone it is hard to understand why the severe case of Eczema, which the usual forth, and that house was doomed. subterranean cavern—if there be mercury and potash remedies failed to relieve. Year by year she was treated were found to be nothing more than

lifeblood. that is pointed at and "talked tom of one to the bottom of the othcares to put the matter to the test." -Household Words.

Lost His Horse, Drives a Cow. In Springfield, O., there lives a venerable citizen who is known as Father Danforth, the crusader. Recently he has taken to driving a cow in harness.

Father Danforth is quite a character, and he is always given a hearty welcome wherever he goes. His horse died some time ago, and he thought he would try hitching up a cow. The animal took to the harness good naturedly, and after a few lessons became manageable with the bridle. It can now be driven anywhere as easily as a horse. Danforth then tried an older cow in harness and met with success, and afterward he alternated. He milks both cows and sells the milk, establishing what is known as the White

Saloon. Danforth also conceived the idea that leaves could be utilized as food for cows, and he has been feeding them right along. He has recently established a business where leaves are handled and baled for sale .-Cincinnati Post.

The Winter Soft Crab.

The winter soft crab differs from its summer cousin only slightly in appearance, being a little narrower in the bedy. It is, however, more succulent and finer flavored than the choicest specimen of the other kind, a fact that is well known to epicures. Moreover, being a rock crab, or, as it is called here, a sand crab, it differs in its habits from the other, which lives in the mud, and this difference has much to do with its comparative scarcity in ordihary seasons. It is much harder to find, unless the hunter has sharp eyes and a good knowledge of its ways, and it chooses its hiding places and its time of shedding with a wisdom too great for reason and attributable only to instinct.

Overlook Saturday, A small boy whose new suit of clothes was bought on Friday added this to his prayer: "Please, God, make tomorrow Sunday. Don't tish Nights.

A WONDERFUL HOLE.

Torrents of Sea Water Have Gone Into It In Years Past. One is reminded of the pretty fa-Probably the majority of people ble about Arethusa and Alpheus by are many persons whose daily food have been momentarily struck from a curious story in Cassier's Magatime to time by the sight of dwell- zine. But in the ancient narrative ing houses of a sad, deserted appear- it was a fresh water river into which ance, curiously suggestive of rats the pursuing lover was changed, and and romance, which occur at inter- the fountain which represents the vals in the streets of London and metamorphosed nymph has been most other big human hives. There | identified, while in the less romantic they stand year after year. No one tale now told a salt water stream occupies them; no one seems to make disappears into a hole in the ground, inquiries about them or to regard and all the rest is a profound mys-

crumble through sheer damp and On the coast of the Greek island disuse or are eventually razed by of Cephalonia, near the town of Arthe legalized "housebreaker." Of gostoli, there are two little flumes, course many houses answering to or canals, leading inland from the years pending decisions in the court and then discharging their contents of chancery or because the sanitary into rudely excavated pits, through authorities have seen fit to condemn whose badly fissured, rocky botthem, but it is a fact that hundreds toms the water immediately loses of such houses remain vacant sim- itself. At least as long ago as 1835 ply because of some queer local aver- a mill was run by power from one sion or superstition which has grad- of these flumes, and a second mill ually surrounded them with a fatal was built beside and operated by atmosphere of ill luck. Call a the other a little while afterward. house "haunted," and with many The mills themselves are now in people the ghost is taken for grant- ruins, but the flow continues. This remarkable state of things has ex-Occasionally the reasons why cer- isted for over 60 years and very like-

One cannot help asking in amazethis way are humorous to a degree, ment where all that water goes to. not to say ridiculous. The writer | The Messrs. Crosby, who furnish the knows of one substantial pile, stand- account which Cassier's prints, estiing in a northwest suburb, which mate that the flow in each channel has been practically doomed to per- amounts to 1,000 cubic feet per minpetual emptiness solely through a lo- ute, or 3,000,000 cubic feet per day cal report that a dastardly crime in both. Two smaller passages of story of a trade war. In order to had been done in one of the rooms. a similar character have been ob- boom business an enterprising groserved in the same neighborhood, cer on a certain day advertised sevwas to be had, but in a short space and it is added that along the shore, eral thousand 5 cent loaves of bread of time the belief obtained such "at all points between the two mills for sale at 1 cent each. His rival and for an unknown distance beyond was in despair until a brilliant idea thing for one or more morbid sight- each, the water is everywhere perco- came into his head. He hired a seers to be found staring up at the lating through cracks and fissures small army of boys and girls to buy blank windows and speculating as of the limestone and sinking into up all the loaves at 1 cent each. At the earth. The openings in the sea 2 o'clock Grocer No. 1 had sold all o the nature of the deed.

Finally the street urchins took bottom are no doubt-mainly closed his bread, and those who came GROCERS every opportunity to riddle it with by weeds and gravel. Yet no incon- later denounced him as a fraud, who stones, while every possible tenant | siderable amount of water must find | had fooled them with a lying adverpying the premises. The despairing | through such an extent of beach, cer around the corner, with more owner reduced the rent from time lying on a rock that is practically as than 1,000 1 cent loaves stacked up to time, but a bad construction was porous as a sieve. It is difficult to on his kitchen floor, put out a big decide which is the greater marvel, sign: "Fresh bread. A 5 cent loaf building is now an uninhabitable the sea mills themselves or the fact for 2 cents. We never advertise that they have remained practically what we have not got." He thus not Another house, in the very next unknown to the scientific world up only discomfited his rival and turn-

distinguished civilians." Almost the only explanation hith-

The Messrs. Crosby offer a differblotches of red paint made no differ- ent hypothesis. They ask the read- result. Her sufferings were intense, ence. They were red. Instantly the er to imagine two great fissures de and her condition grew steadily worse. local mind settled that they must be scending into the earth and meeting All the so-called blood remedies did not below, like the sides of a letter V or Even those people who pride them- U. Then they suggest that perhaps selves upon being above the influ- one arm is shorter than the other, ence of such idle gossip very natu- and that there is a long, very gently rally do not relish occupying a house | rising passage leading from the botabout," while they can obtain one er, so that the subterranean heat with no such notoriety attached. As | can get a good chance to act on any a landlord bitterly remarked to the stream passing through it. It then writer recently: "Let a house be becomes easy to suppose that a cold singled out for local suspicion and current of sea water comes down whispers, it is almost certain to be through one branch of the system doomed to future emptiness. No one and is forced upward through the other by thermal influences.

The rocky island of Cephalonia, like some of its neighbors, betrays cures even after all else fails. the effect of earthquakes innumerable in times past, abounding in fractures and faults, caverns and Take a blood remedy for a blood disease; subterranean rivers. None of the a tonic won't cure it. springs on Cephalonia contain any Our books large quantity of salt, however, and on blood and it is difficult to regard any of them skin diseases as the outflow of the flood which disappears at Argostoli. But it is Swift Specific possible that, as Alpheus is said to Co., Atlanta, have done, it takes a dive beneath | Ga. the sea and comes up on some faroff island.

Victoria's Fortune. Queen Victoria's private fortune cess Beatrice, and it is thought these two will receive an especially generous share of her majesty's millions. She invariably gives each granddaughter \$500,000 as a wedding gift. It is said that the queen has already made her will, giving Osborne to Princess Beatrice and Balmoral to the Duke of Connaught.

St. Jerome states that he saw Scotchmen in the Roman armies in Gaul who ate human flesh regularly, esteeming it as a great delicacy.



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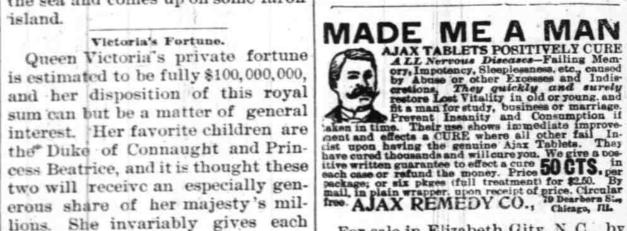


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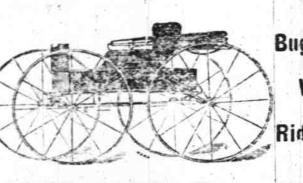
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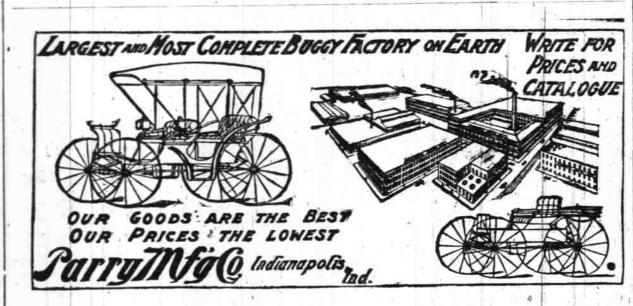
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