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### Home Circle.

"Rome is the Sacred Refuge of Our Life."

In the fall of 1861 there appeared at Paris a man who call d himself Vic de Lasa, and was so inscribed upon his pass-ports. He came from Vienna, and said he was a Hangarian; he was a small man, with a blue eye, and a mouth of singular firmness. His companion, presumably his wife, ten garian type, so near akin to gypsey blood.

the police suspect anything that carries an | ger!"

Delessert did not find it very difficult to obitain admission into de Lasa's salon. It was evening when he attended one of the spiritualism. He found the parlors brilliantly lighted, and a charming assemblage gathered of well-dressed guests; Madame de Lasa performed on the piano, or conversed from group to group most delightfally, while Monsieur walked about in an unconcerned way, saving a word now and ice, wines, etc., and Delessert could have in Paris. evening entertainment, altogether unexceptionable, but for one or two noticeable circumstances which his observant eyes no-

At intervals a very tall and dignified faotman would approach a guest, and, making a profound how, present to him a card on a silver salver. The guest would when he or she returned -some did not return at all-they invariably were a dazed or frightened look. All this was so unmistakably gentine, and De Lasa and his wife seeined so unconcerned amidst it all. that Delessert could not help being forcibly struck and greatly puzzled.

Two or three little incidents which came under Delessert's observation will suffice to render plain the character of the impressions made upon those present. Two gen tlemen, both young, both of good social condition, and evidently good friends, were conversing together, when the dignified footman summoned Alphonse, "Tarry moment, Auguste," said he, "and you shall know all the particulars of this wonderful fortune." "Mery well," replied Auguste: may the oracle's mood be propitious!" A phonse returned to the salon. His face bore an expression of tage that was frightful to witness. He came straight to Auguste; his eye flashing; and, bending his face toward his friend, he hiesed: "Monsieur, you are a villain!" "Very well, Monsieur Meunier," responded Auguste, in a low tone; "to-morrow morning at six o'-

A diplomatist of distinction, representa | doomed!" tive at Paris of a neighboring state, an el-

despatches have been tampered with." "I was perfectly safe, since De Lasa and all am sorry," responded M. de Lasa, with an his household were under constant surveilair of languin but consteens interest; "I lance; to which he replied, "you do not hope you may be able to disc ver which of know the man." An inspector was detailed your servants has proved unfaithful." "I to accompany Delessert, never lose sight of am going to do that now," said the Gene-ral, adding in significant tones, "I shall ly, night and day; and proper precautions also see that neither he nor his accomp- were taken with his food and drink, while lices escape punishment." "That is the the guards watching De Lasa were doubonly way to pursue, Mousieur." The am- led. beyond the power of control.

saloon across the corridor; the footman oclock; under it, each lighted by tall wax citement. which struck an alarm, and then pointed me. years younger than he, was a strikingly to the crystal. Delessert bent over, look- It was true that De Lasa had prepared expert detective, to "pipe" him?" The fact | slip in capital letters, and read simply: | any revelations. The notion that they had wife was a very mysterious personage, and always welcome; the spy always in dan-quickly dispelled in a legal point of view,

the prefect had arrived was that M. de La- his disguise pierced, but the words of the one pretext or another, until one morning sa was an adventurer and charlatan. In footman, "this way, M. Flebry," recalled he was found hanging by a silk sash to the the meantime the latter, very unobtrusive- him to bis senses. He returned to the sa- cornice of the room where he was confined ly, and without trumpeting forth any of lon, and made his way straight to De La- -dead. The night before, it was dicoverthe wonders he intended to perform, had sa: "Do you know the contents of this?" he led, "Madame" de Lasa had eloped with the made his salon 'the rage,' and the number asked, showing the message. "I know ev- tall footman, taking the Nubian Sidi with of persons who paid the fee of a hundred erything, M. Delessert," replied De Lasa them. francs for a single peep into his magic crys- in his careless way. "Perhaps, then, you tal, and a single message by his spiritual know that I mean to expose a charlatan, telegraph, was really astonishing. The se-fer perish in the attempt!" "I am willing, cret of this was that M. de Lasa was a con- Monsieur." "You accept my challenge, jurer and diviner whose pretensions were then!" "Oh! it is a defiance!" replied De omniscient, and whose predictions always Lass, composedly; "yes, I accept it." De- ert London was some time ago traveling

> expose this consummate soreerer. Persist- pany with a young war, now director of a year he attracted the attention of Hondin, were absolutely nothing, and despair him as an assistant in his public conjuring ers. What was now to be done! performances. Subsequently, Pflock Has-

The detective next turned his attention to Mue, de Lasa. This lady had a very notorious record, and it soon became evident that she was identical with a certain Mme. Schaff, who had been rather conspicnons among the demi monde of Buda. Dethence went into the wilds of Transvlvana to Medgyes. On his return, as soon as he reached the bounds of civilization, he telegraphed the prefect of police from Kardion leave Paris; I will run him in for you me.'

two days after I get back." It chanced that, on the day of the detective's return, the prefect was absent with the emperor at Cherbourg; he came back on the fourth day, just twenty-four hours after Delessert's death. That happened, as near as could be gathered, in this wise: That night, after Delessert's return, be was present at De Lasa's with a ticket of admission to a scance. He was very completely disguised as a decrepit old man, and fan cied that it was impossible for any one to prise. detect him. Nevertheless, when he was taken into the room, and looked into the crystal, he was actually horror-stricken to see there a picture of himself, lying face curtain saiddown and senseless on the side-walk in a street; and the message he received ran thus: "What you have seen will be, Delessert, in three days. Prepare!" The detective, unspeakably shocked, immediately left the bouse, and sought his own lodg-

In the morning he sought his office in clock." "It must be settled," cried Al. state of extreme dejection; he was comphonse, "false friend, execrable traitor, to pletely un-nerved, and in relating to an the death!" "At your service!" muttered sequaintance what had occurred, he said: the other, moving towards the hat-room. "That man can do what he promises: I am

He said that he thought he could make cash-box. derly gentleman of most superb aplomb out a complete case against DeLasa, but and commanding appearance, was summon- could not do so without seeing the prefect the cars, one of the City Councillors came he is now among the most intelligent and I had formed. In the midst of a numer- wait on them in order to show their humil- near the Metroplitain, towers up by and ed to the oracle by the bowing footman. and getting instructions. He would tell to them and begged that they would ex- friendly of all the Indian chiefs; and an ous staff I saw a man of stature below the ity. I had several invitations from priests almost out of sight of the great dome. After being absent about five minutes, he nothing in regard to his discoveries in Bu- plain the miracle. returned, and immediately made his way da and Transylvania—said that he was of the hair was powdered, and cut in a peculiar company with a priest. The room in Cathedral, and the work that has been bethrough the press to M. de Lasa, who was not at liberty to do so-and repeatedly ex- magician, with a grand flourish of his hand; standing not far from the fire-place, with claimed, "Oh! if M. le Prefect were only his hands in his pockets, and a look of the here!" He was told to go to the prefect and perfectly satisfied. utmost indifference on his face. Delessert at Cherbourg, but peremptorily refused, on watched the interview with eager interest. the ground that his presence was needed "I am exceedingly sorry to absert myself," in Paris. He time and again averred his ring the winter, like a toad. said Gen. Von -, "so soon from your conviction that he was a doomed man, and interesting salon, M. de Lasa, but the reshowed himself irresolute and vacillating, There are ants in Texas that such of my seamer convinces me that my and very nervous. He was told that he plant grain, and reap the harvest.

bassador stared, bowed, and took his leave | On the morning of the third day Deleswith a bewilderment in his face that was sert, who had been staying chiefly in-doors, avowed his determination to go at at once, At this moment the tall footman bowed and telegraph to M. le Prefect to return before M. Delessert, and presented the immediately. With this intention he and salver containing the card. Delessert took his brother officer started out. Just as they it and read: "you are granted an audience got to the corner of the Rue de Lancry and of thirty-five seconds, M. Flebry; no long-the Boulevard, Delessert stopped sudden-

er." He followed the footman from the ly, and put his hand to his forehead. "My God!" he cried; "the crystal! the pened the door of another room, and sign- picture!" and fell prone upon his face, ined to Delessert to enter. "Ask no ques- sensible. He was taken at once to a hostions," said he, briefly; "Sidi is a mute." pital, but he lingered only a few hours, Delessert entered the room, and the door never regaining his consciousness. Under closed behind him. It was a small room, express instruction from the authorities, a with a strong smell of frankincense perva- most careful, minute and thorough autoping it; the walls were covered with red sy was made of Delessert's body by severhangings, and the floor with a thick car- al distinguished surgeons, whose ananimous pet. Opposite the door, at the upper end opinion was that his death was caused by of the room near the ceiling, was a large apoplexy, due to fatigue and nervous ex-

candles, were two small tables, upon one of As soon as Delessert was sent to the hoswhich was a telegraph instrument, appar-ently, and upon the other a crystal globe central office, and De Lasa, together with about twenty inches in diameter. By the his wife and everyone connected with the door stood Sidi, a black man, wearing a establishment, was at once arrested. De white turban and burnous, with a silver Lasa smiled contemptuously as they took titled to some consideration. Her figure friends as Opal, from the fact that she alpale face, long blonde hair, a wandering wand in one hand. He led Delessert up him away. "I knew you were coming; I the room quickly; pointed to the clock, prepared for it. You will be glad to release face, a well rounded oval; her eyes, black This necklace was given her by her first

piece of paper in his hand; it was a printed neither De Lasa nor his associates made "To M. Paul Delessert: the policeman is something to do with Delessert's death was and all of the party except De Lasa were air of mystery. The conclusion to which The detective was dumbfounded to find released. He was detained in prison, upon

### MAGNETISM

Delessert now set to work to detect and ling exhibitions in natural magic, in com-

curious. All went off well, and now came that after death, which was now so near, the feature of the evening. Any one was be should go straight to Fort Laramie, and asked to name a number.

"Four!" came from the crowd. gician extended his hand towards the ca. ted Tail himself through an interpreter.) thedral, when one! two! three! four! boomed from the cupola. The cold perspira- wi," she said; "go to the pale faces, shake tion started to the exhibitor's brow, and hands with them strong," which in Indian the audience shouted with delight and sur- parlance means true and lasting friendship.

"Encore! encore!" resounded from all parts of the room, "Again!" what was to bury me in the cemetery among the pale be done? But a voice from behind the faces at Fort Laramie." What was this

"Go ahead, old boy-it's all right." peated the miracle again and again, and the spectators departed, filled with enthu-

"What in the name of wonder have you

been doing?" exclaimed the puzzled principal to his laughing assistant, as soon as the doors were closed.

and I think it succeeded pretty well," re-

STORY OF AN INDIAN PRINCESS.

Sioux were hostile. The march of immigration had driven them over the Missoui river, and the settlement of the country further westward, incident to the building of the railroad across the Continent, showed them that, year after year, their hunting grounds were becoming more and more contracted. In times of peace the Brule's had often pitched their tents, or tepoes, on the North Platte, and Spotted Tail and his family had frequent opportunities of visiting the garrison at Fort Laramie. The intel ligence and demeanor, as well as the personal beauty of his eldest daughter, Peheziwi, had made her a favorite at the fort. She was not slow to see the great advantages in superiority of numbers, in intellect gal acquirements, and in all the graces and comforts of civilized life, which the white race had over her own; and it is only natural, with her fine mental and physical or- live and have your being!" Then turning ganization, that she should have become very friendly to the whites. As a child she attracted the notice of every one at the kens nae better." The young officer fort, and when she was blooming into wo- shrank away in confusion, unable to make manhood she was the recipient of marked any reply. Next day he waited on the attention from many officers of the volunteer troops which, at that time (soon after well-timed reproof, and was ever after an the close of the late war) chiefly composed the garrison. Besides being beautiful, intelligent and graceful, she was a pure Indian princess, the eldest daughter of the had led rather a gay life, died in Paris the ruling chief, and on that account alone enwas rather below the medium height; her ways wore a very handsome opal necklace. and piercing; her nose, small and straight; lover, who at the time said: "You know her lips, full and finely formed, and her that opals are gems which live. My fate beautiful woman, of that dark, rich, Hun- ed into it, and saw—a fac simile of his own for them. When the house was searched teeth remarkably white and perfect. In- is inseparable from these.—When you see sleeping room, every thing photographed it was found that every paper had been disa names very often are misnomers, as is them become dull and die, I too shall be Everywhere Madame Aimee de Lasa at exactly. Sidi then led him to the other ta- burned, the case in the present instance. Pehezi- at the point of death." One day they tracted great attention and admiration, ble, where the telegraph instrument began and in the room of the seances was a great | wi means yellow hair; but her hair was ra- thought they were tired of each other, and which she accepted, even the broadest, with to click; the mute opened a drawer, drew heap of delicate machinery, broken into no squeamishness. They lodged in luxu- out a slip of paper, crammed it into Deles- indistinguishable bits. "That cost me Indian, but fine and soft and silken, and Mariette found that her love for him was rious apartments, entertained handsomely, sert's hand, and pointed to the clock which 200,000 francs," said De Lasa, pointing to quite in keeping with her exquisite organ-still ardent, and she sought to recall him. and had a good bank account, while the lady's diamonds were of conspicuous lustre. The walls and floors were ripped lady's diamonds were of conspicuous lustre. The walls and floors were ripped lady's diamonds were of conspicuous lustre. The walls and floors were ripped lady's diamonds were of conspicuous lustre. The walls and floors were ripped lady's diamonds were of conspicuous lustre. The walls and floors were ripped lady their results and floors were ripped lady that results and pointed to the clock which and she sought to recan him. It was too late; he had left the country. She consoled herself, however, by looking lady that results and floors were ripped lady that results and res How happened it, then, that the prefect pushed out, and the interview with the cr- out in several places, and the damage to movement, which added their poetic influ- at her necklace and saying: "The opal an eight-day instrument, with dead-beat statues of "Day," "Night," "Twilight" and How happened it, then, that the prefect passed out, and the interview with the order out in several places, and the damage to out in several places, and the dam the winter, wearing her blue cloth dress, ornamented moccasins, with strings of Iri- days ago, but one remained, and that gave quois shells for ear-rings and necklace, her but a faint reflection. "He is about to die," with rings and bracelets, and a handsome buffalo robe thrown around her, she was die." And when one evening the last always, as the phrase is, "the observed of all observers." Peheziwi used all her influence with her father and her people to from Luchon reached Paris: "Paul Borthe whites. She well knew that war against the white race was only suicidal. and she was as a sweet messenger of peace wherever she moved among her people.

But Indian outrages upon settlers on the A young and skillful disciple of Rob- frontier provoked retaliation by the troops stationed in the West for their protection, in the northern provinces of France, giv. and these growing troubles led at length to a general state of warfare between our soldiers and the hostile Indians. It was ent inquiry satisfied him that the man was printing establishment in Paris. In their with a heavy heart that Pehiziwi saw her neither a Hungarian nor named De Lase; wanderings they arrived at the town of people drawn into a contest which she he was born in Nuremburg, and was noted R-, more renowned for its manufactories was well aware must necessarily prove for in his childhood and early youth for his than for the natural brilliancy of its inhab. them hopeless. After the red men found precedity and deviltry. In his sixteenth itants. Here the receipts of the magician on the war path had been punished, and the council was called to assemble at Fort the celebrated magician, who employed reigned in the hearts of our two adventor. Laramie to discuss new stipulations. Snot ted Tail moved with his band to within a "By my faith!" exclaimed the assistant reasonable distance of the fort in order to lich (De Lasa's real name) went to the O- magician, "it will never do to say that we keep posted, but not, it is alleged, disrient, and thence, after many years roving, did not make our expenses! I have it! posed to enter into peaceable relations tion. Servants handed about refreshments, preturned to Vienna, and finally turned up Let me write a poster for one or more en- with the government. It was at this petertainments, and if the attraction don't riod that his favorite daughter was attackanswer call me no assistant for a high ed with what, within a week, proved to be priest of diablerie: 'At the urgent request a fatal illness. The fever took fast hold of the large and intelligent audiences of upon her, and, though the medicine men of our former entertainments, we have consent. her tribe for days and nights went through ed to perform the astounding feat of mak- their superstitious incantations, he could ing the cathedral bell ring any hour indi- see the life of his first-born passing to the lessert posted off to that ancient city, and cated by any of the audience. To take hereafter. Knowing that her days were place this evening.' There, how will that numbered and the hour of her departure near, she made a last pathetic and affect-"But how are you to fulfil the promise?" ionate appeal to her father in favor of "O, never mind. Am I not a worthy peace with the pale faces. An Indian's slow-creeping shadow that is coming over sag: "Don't lose sight of my man, nor let pupil of a skillful master! Leave that to eldest daughter is regarded with special fa- the house and heart. vor. As his eldest daughter and pride, Night came, and with it a crowd of the and by the love he bore her, she insisted

meet the white chiefs and straightway make a treaty of peace with them which should In fear and trembling the mighty ma- endure forever. (This I have from Spot-"Remember the dying words of Pehezi-Promise me this; and promise me also. that, as a pledge of that peace, you will but the echo of the Divine Voice speaking to the heart of the savage chief through With a sigh of relief the exhibitor re- the fading accents of his dving daughter? He could not resist such an appeal; his heart was melted, for he was devoted to her; his judgment was convinced as he recalled her arguments; and, taking ber hand in his, he pledged his affection as her father, and his honor as a chief, that he would carry out her wishes to the let-"Why, I gave the bell-ringer five francs | ter. Her mission was accomplished; the to stay in the belfry and ring as many hour of her death saw the triumph of her times as I placed candles on the window, life, and her soul ascended to the Spirit

eral officer, who was in early life much ad- dor of soul, and his large and thoughtful all brought together to behold each other's dicted to profane oaths, dated his reforma- forehead profound power of reflection. He misery-blind, lame, deaf, every kind of tion to the memorable check he received made me sit down by him, and we talked deformity. How much better it would from a Scotch clergyman. When he was of Italy. His way of speaking was brief, have been to have taken that money and lieutenant, and settled at Newcastle, he and at this time very incorrect. got involved in a brawl with some of the lowest class in the public street, and the altercation was carried on by both parties with abundance of impious language. The clergyman, passing by, was shocked with the profanity, and stepping into the crowd with his cane uplifted, thus addressed one of the leaders of the rabble: "O, John, John! what is this I hear? you only a poor collier boy, and swearing like any lord in the land! O John! have you no fear of what will become of you? It may do very well for this gallant gentleman (pointing to the lieutenant) to bang and swear as he pleases; but you-you, John, it is not for you, or the like of you, to take in vain the name of Him in whom you to the lieutenant, "You'll excuse this poor man, sir; for he is an ignorant body, and minister, and thanked him sincerely for his

Mariette Remy, a beautiful girl, who other day. She was known among her When she used to be at Fort Laramie in about a month since the opals began to the quarters, plays sixteen tunes, plays of the great Michael Angele, and if he had grow dull; then, one by one, they lost all three tunes every twelve hours, or will her beaded leggings and her elaborately their lustre, and became dead. A few play at any time required, The hands go hands and arms adorned in Indian style thought Mariette. She fell into profound melancholy and said: "Then I, too, must opal gave the last gleam she took poison and died .- The same day this telegram dissuade them from further resistance to day, ill here for some time back, died yesterday." Paul Borday was Mariette's

example of correctness of language.

LIVING TOO FAST .- In our day, both married and single people live too fast. A bachelor now has need of an income such as would once have satisfied a man with a family: and the husband and father remires for his single household the means hat twenty years ago would have supported two families, if not three. Daughters are sent to fashionable schools, at an enormous cost, there to learn extravagance, and in short, to become fitted for anything but to becomes wives of poor men. Sons are rained with unlimited pocket money, late hours, and almost total absence of paternal control.—Thus we not only waste our own estates, but perpetuate the vice in our is alive. own children. In every way we are liv-

DAMAGED MEN .- You can see, any day, in the streets of any city, men who look damaged. Men, too, of good original material, who started out in life with generous aspirations.—Once it was said they were bright, promising lads; once they looked happily into the faces of mothers, whose daily breath was a prayer for their purity other grows out. and peace. Ah! what if some of them have vowed their souls away to confiding wives, who silently wonder what can be the meaning of this change—the cold, an enormous spider.

Going to the bad! The spell of evil companionship; the willingness to hold and use money not honestly gained; the stealthy, seductive, plausible advance of the appetite for strong drink; treacherons fascination of the gaming table; the gradual loss of interest in business and doings which build a man up; the rapid weakening of all noble purposes; the decay of manliness: the recklessness and blasphemy against fate; the sullen despair of ever breaking the chains of evil habit. What victories of shame and contempt, what barvests of hell, have grown from such seed as this? Sneer, if you will, like a fool, at the suggestion of reform, morals, religion. Every man knows, in his better moods, that all there is of true life is personal virtue and rectitude of character. Going to the bad! But there is hope. Earth and heaven are full of hands ever reaching to help the lost man back to the better way. All the good there is in the universe is in sympathy with that little goodness which inwardly reproves and

There are ants in Texas that actually of her unrequited passion; but this is questioned, and is doubtful.

I could not see any sense in it. Here were the harvest, tioned, and is doubtful.

I could not see any sense in it. Here were the harvest, the hundreds who had been perishing the whole dows are splendid.

VOYAGEUR.

A REBUKE TO A SWEARER .- A Gen- his animated and sharp gestures showed ar- year for breud atone, and they were now

BACK TO THE PLOW .- It is said that Rufus Choate, the great lawyer, was once ber of poor to sing and pray-as they were a boy, the son of a farmer, resolved to leave the plow, and become a lawyer like One day my preceptor asked me to guess Rufus Choate. He accordingly went to how many Priests there were in the city. Boston, called on Mr. Choate, and said to him, "I heard your plea up in town, and I have a desire to become a lawyer like you; when to my astonishment he told me there will you teach me how?"

"As well as I can," said the great lawyer; "come in, and sit down."

Taking down a copy of Blackstone, he said, "read this until I come back, and I will see how you get on." The boy began. An hour passed. 'His

back ached, his head and legs ached. He knew not how to study. Every moment became a torture. He wanted air. Another hour passed, and Mr. Choate came and asked, "How do you get on?"

"Get on! Why, do you have to read such stuff as this?" "Yes."

"How much of it?" "All there is on these shelves, and more, looking about the great library. "How long will it take?"

"Well, it has taken me more than twenty-five years." "How much do you get?" "My board and clothes."

"Is that all?" "Well, that is about all that I have gained as vot."

"Then," said the boy, "I will go back to plowing. The work is not near so hard, and it pays better."

round as follows: One once a minute, one once an hour, one once a week, one the sun, the time of high and low water, contrivance there is a part which represents the water, which rises and falls, liftwere in motion, and receding leaves these little automata ships dry on the sands. The the week, day of the month, month of the year, and in the days of the month there is provision made for the long and short months. It shows the zodiac; it strikes and it has the equation table, showing the difference of clock and sun every day in

food whole. They have no dental machinery furnished for them.

any food but that which they are satisfied

nearly always at the expense of their life.

them to be hatched by the sun. Lobsters are very pugnacious, and fight

severe battles. If they lose a claw, an-Naturalists save that a single swallow

will devour 6,000 flies in a day. The tarantula of Texas is nothing but A single codfish produces more than a

A whale suckles its young, and thereis remarkable.

million eggs in one season.

hide themselves, taking no food for five or

tons partly outside of, instead of within

hundreds of years old. The ancient bring the work to the top of the windows. Egyptians embalmed them.

## Correspondence.

Reminiscences of a Sojourn of Many Years in the Principal Empires and Kingdoms of Europe.

NUMBER LXXVIII.

MESSERS. EDITORS:-In my last number I gave an account of a society that was worth speaking of, and now I will tell you of one that is as insignificant as the don. It has eight round windows which A FIRST SIGHT OF NAPOLEON.—The other is creditable:—On some Saint's day are very large, one window on each side memeirs of a noted Frenchman, just pub- (it is immaterial as to which certain Saint of this octagonal. The Metropolitain and Land to share the reward of those who, lished, give the following picture of the it is) the priests of the city of Florence give the cathedral at Milan are the two most plied the other, shaking the well-filled like her, had labored for "Peace on earth." first Napoleon: I was strangely surprised a grand entertainment to the beggars and primarkable on earth; they are entirely Spotted Tail was equal to his word; he at his appearance, for nothing could be paupers. This is an annual feast, at which unique. The next day as they were starting in went to Fort Laramie and made the treaty; more remote than this from the conception all the beggars are seated, and the priests The great clocher or belfry which stands Indian grave within the limits of the fort, middle height, and extremely slight. His to attend these feasts, and did go to one in It is constructed of the same marble as the white people buried there, stands as the manner, squarely below the ears, and then which the banquet was held was very towed upon it is incredible. There is no and the magistrate departed, much edified and perfectly satisfied.

Alligators fall into a lethargic sleep dual district of the priests waited on the same and the magistrate departed, much edified pledge of peace secured by the Princess fell behind on his shoulders. He was and perfectly satisfied.

Alligators fall into a lethargic sleep dual district of the supper was superby there be all the way up, and ornamented with a great abundance of everything, and that, as an alliance was impossible, but no give even a faint outline of its beauty:

Alligators fall into a lethargic sleep dual district of the priests waited on them and were as at the priests waited on the priests waited on them and were as at the priests waited on the priests waited on the priests waited on them and the priests waited on the priests waited on the priests waited on them and the priests waited on the priests waite her premature death at the early age of wore a tricolored plume in his hat. At tentive as any servants I have ever seen. three kinds of marble-white, black and eighteen years was owing to the influence first glance his appearance was certainly But I must say that I was so obtuse that a marble looking like basalt. The archi-

had a friend to buy bread, and, if possible, to buy a little meat also to relieve their suffering, instead of commemorating a cermade to do-before eating. It was a sad I thought I would make a guess which would far exceed the number, so I said 300, were 1,350. Think of it !-1,350 priests in a city of only 125,000 inhabitants. Yet when one considers the vast number he meets in the streets, and recollects that the churches are crowded with them, he is almost surprised that there are not more.

Florence has any number of churches, but from some cause several of them are not finished. Among these is the church St. Lorenzo, the whole front of which is unfinished. The front is of coarse, ugly, unpainted brick; it has three doors, but no windows of any kind, except a blind window situated very high up, and all the light is admitted at the sides of the church, through very narrow windows not more than two feet wide; and in a row, just above these narrow places in the wall which are intended as substitutes for windows, are round holes of the same width, which look like the windows of a steamship. This, as well as the other churches of Florence, is anything but fine looking. I do not remember that any one, except the cathedral, has a dome, tower or steeple. But this church reminds one of wealthy people who make but little show, for its wealth is vast. In it is to be seen one of the most magnificent mausoleums (but which, I am sorry to say, has never been finished,) that A WONDERFUL CLOCK .- A marvelous there is in Europe. There are two-splennever been the author of any other productions they are enough to immortalize him.

The next most wealthy church is that of the Sainted Cross. In this church, as once a month, one once a year. It shows I have said in a former number, are dethe moon's age, the rising and setting of posited the remains of two of the greatest men that have ever lived-Galileo and Anbalf ebb and half flood. By a beautiful gelo, and over their remains, as well as over the remains of Alfieri, Machiavelli, and other distinguished dead which I will ing some ships at high-water tide as if they not take up your space in naming over, are erected the most magnificent mausoleums that are to be found in Europe. All clock shows the hour of the day, day of these splendid mansoleums and the great number of paintings, rich altars and the Great Altar, form one of the richest and most magnificent interiors there is on earth. But I must be allowed to say or not; chimes or not, as may be desired, I do not like the exterior or interior of this church-unfinished in front, with only coarse bricks, three doors, no windows, except one large, round window, perfectly devoid of taste, and just like any other com-CURIOUS FACTS.—Fishes swallow their mon window, save that it is round. No dome, no steeple, no tower, and no cross to be seen anywhere. The interior is the Frogs, toads and serpents never take same-so plain that it is disagreeable to

The next church of much note is St. Ma-If a bee, wasp, or hornet stings, it is ria Novella. In this are to be seen the productions of the earlier Florentines .-Serpents are so tenacious of their life There are other churches well worthy of a that they will live for six months without | visit, but I will only give the names of one or two. There is the sainted Trinita, St. Turtles die holes in the sand by the Nununciata, St. Spirito and St. Mark. seashore, and bury their eggs, leaving | Some of these churches are quite small.

Last, but not least, is the great Metropolitain, as it is called, or, in other words, the great Cathedral, commenced in the 13th century. It is built of the best of white Italian and black Egyptian marbles. After the granite foundations which rise above the surface is a layer of fine, jet-black marble; and then, a layer of white, continning so for four rows, which form black and white lines around the whole church; and then, after these rows, a most beautifore is not a fish. The mother's affection ful panel or wainscot work passes entirely round, and reaches up for a distance of Toads become torpid in winter and twelve feet. Then there are eight alternate lines of black and white marble which reach up to the lower part of the Goth-Turtles and tortoises have their skele- ic windows. These windows are full Gothic, with wainscot work on each side until it reaches nearly to the top; then there are It is believed that crocodiles live to be two rows of inlaid black marble, which Then commences a series of blind, semi-Gothic arches. This is all on the rear of the Cathedral, which is circular, having three great additions of hexagonal forms. The sides of the church are composed of the same kind of work as the rear, but not so elaborate. The roof is the old, original Mausard or Dormar, or what some call the "hip roof," which is a strange form for a church. The dome is one of the largest and most beautiful on earth; it is built of this same black and white marble, and its form is octagonal. This dome is immense -even larger than that'of St. Paul's, Lon-