

A Wonderful Exhibition of Dolls. A Doll Show for charitable purposes, held in the Judge Building in New York by Frank Leslie's Illustrated Newspaper, has proven a great success.



"LA TOSCA," BY MRS. DAISY DUNLAP.

Two grand and spacious apartments, one on the ground floor and the other on the second floor in the Judge Building, were specially and elaborately decorated and arranged for the exhibition of nearly three thousand beautifully dressed dolls.



"KATE VERITY," DRESSED BY MRS. MADGE KENDALL.

passing beauty of the scene. Both sides of the rooms, and tables extending from end to end of the apartments, were crowded with beautifully dressed dolls, some of them in most magnificent costumes, and all of them attired with exceeding taste and care.



DRESSED BY LILLIAN RUSSELL.

Some of the dolls were disposed of at good prices on the first evening. The remainder of the choice specimens were sold at auction, and the net proceeds, together with the dolls expressly dressed for that purpose, will be distributed among the unfortunate children in the various hospitals, infirmaries, nurseries and other deserving institutions.

Mrs. Kendall, the English emotional actress, has invented a wonderful fan which carries a number of little toilet requisites in small apertures ingeniously contrived for the purpose. At the handle there is a silver box of the tiniest dimensions, which contains a minute powder puff, and a small adjacent clasp is intended to hold the handkerchief. The fan is a great success.

Small Boy—Mamma! Mamma! There's a mad dog in the street, and everybody is running into the houses. Mamma (rushing to the window)—Where? Small Boy—Look out! Dodge down, get under the sofa! A policeman is going to shoot!—Town Crier.

MARTHY VIRGINIA'S HAND.

"There, on the left" said the Colonel; the battle had shuddered and faded away... "What's your report?"—and the grim Colonel smiled when the orderly came back at last. "Well, they were punished." And strangely his face looked aghast.

LUCY'S POCKET.

BY JOHN A. PETERS.

"Now, Lucy," admonished a sweet-faced woman, sitting idly by the window and watching her daughter as she put the finishing touches to a most bewitching toilet. "I trust you will give heed to my counsel, and not excite jealousy in the hearts of your companions to-day. Be circumspect, and don't, I pray, give any encouragement to Bob Lester, unless you mean to marry him. Your flirting proclivities, I am sorry to say, are alarmingly developed. I wish—"

At this juncture a man reined in two spirited black steeds in front of "The Maples," as Widow Sherwood's cozy place was appropriately called.

"There is Mr. Lester now, mamma!" cried Lucy, who was slyly peeping at the showy turnout from behind the lace drapery at the window. "My! won't I be the envy of every girl at the picnic! What lovely horses! Their tails nearly sweep the ground, and just look at the silver-plated harness! Dear me! if Bob Lester didn't have such fiery-red hair and was a bit more polished, and—Yes, yes, mamma, I am ready, and will not keep my cavalier waiting. There goes Jane with the big frosted cake and the basket of sandwiches. Oh, I anticipate a splendid time!"

I never meant him any harm. I will never coquette again with any man."

"Your property, I believe? I found it probably where you lost it." She took it, and drawing forth the diary, said: "And was there Paul Pry enough about you to make yourself master of the contents of this journal?" He regarded her haughtily. "You are unjust, Miss Sherwood; I am an honorable man. But," lowering his voice, "let me congratulate you. I met Mr. Lester, who informed me that you had just consented to be his wife. I wish you all possible happiness. I trust he will be as kind to you as I should have been had you given me the right. Oh, Lucy, you know my secret. Think of me as kindly as you can."

SOUTH AMERICA'S LLAMA.

It has a Deer's Body, Camel's Head, Sheep's Wool, Mule's Hoofs and Horse's Neigh—Its Great Value. One who has never seen a llama can hardly form an idea of how the strange little creature looks, with the head of a camel, the body of a deer, the wool of a sheep, the hoofs of a mule and the neigh of a horse. It is found nowhere but in the Andes, and says Fannie B. Ward in the Washington Star, is the more interesting because it is the only native domesticated animal in South America, the ox, horse, sheep, hog and all others useful to man having been brought originally from some other country.

ly caused and deathly blood-poisoning has been known to ensue.

Therefore, those who are acquainted with the peculiarities of the beast are very careful to keep on the right side of his temper and a respectful distance from his nose. SELECT SIFTINGS. The latest fad in Parisian society is the decorated skirt front. Claude Lorraine, the Italian painter, was bred a pastry cook. Executions are public in Ecuador, and the musket is the instrument of death. An orange measuring a foot in circumference has been found in Starke, Fla. Within a distance of five or six squares in Philadelphia, near Chestnut and Walnut streets, 200 physicians have been counted. A fox loosed for a chase at Pottstown, Penn., got the better of sixteen horsemen and several packs of hounds and escaped. A service of carrier pigeons is to be established between Zanzibar and Lake Nyassa, in Africa. The stations will be thirty miles apart. Australian cannibals show a great preference for Chinamen, whose rice diet is supposed to make their flesh especially sweet and tender. St. Louis, Mo., has a Dress Suit Club, the members of which pay \$5 a month and decide by lot who shall purchase a dress suit out of the funds. In Ireland, before St. Patrick introduced Christianity, there was a temple at Tara, where fire burned ever, and was on no account suffered to go out. Of the original thirteen States, Delaware was the first to ratify the Constitution, doing so on December 7, 1787. Rhode Island was the last, on May 29, 1790. Two fig trees in California are thirty feet high and bear 1000 pounds of fruit each year. The man who owns them very naturally thinks there is money in the fig business. Take in your hand a crystal of quartz, a stick of deal, a daisy and an acorn and you will not find in them a single element of matter that is not also found in your physical frame. A line of railway through Alaska to Cape Prince of Wales to connect with the Russian railway system through Siberia is said to be perfectly feasible and the future is sure to see it accomplished. The alligator is one of those animals which, like the parrot and tortoise, live for an indefinite term. It is never full-grown at less than twenty years, and may grow after that. It is not known how long it may live, but it commonly attains the age of 100 years. "Boston coddles," which are famous over a very large area of England, are gathered from the sands, parboiled, shelled, and in this half-cooked condition are sent by railway in bags, chiefly to Bristol and the west of England at large, where they are sold and consumed as delicacies by the masses. "Nephelococquina" is a Greek word, and means translated into English, "cloud-cuckoo-town," built by the birds, and found in Aristophanes on "The Birds." This town was built in mid-air, so as to cut off the gods from men. It was used as a satire on Athens, or, perhaps, on the visions of conquest in Sicily, Italy. A Strike by the Executioner. Senor Valentin, the public executioner of Havana, Cuba, has had his claims for services rendered the city settled by the Treasury, and recently he acted in his official capacity in the city of Jovenlupes, assisting five murderers out of the world in the most approved style. The five condemned men were all executed between the hours of 6 and 8 o'clock. There were some 20,000 persons present at the execution and great interest was shown in the case, owing to the fact that the executioner recently refused to do any more work unless he was paid for previous services. The men were accused of committing wholesale murders for the purpose of robbery, but as there was some doubt as to the actual guilt of at least two of them an appeal for commutation of sentence was made. The day before the execution Valentin had the scaffold and garrote removed from Havana to Jovenlupes. When the scaffold and its grim furnishings were half way between the two cities the executioner announced the fact that unless he was paid in advance for his work there would be no execution the following day, and the scaffold might remain in the middle of the road between Havana and Jovenlupes until the country people stole it, so far as the executioner's personal efforts were concerned. The executioner was obstinate, and a hasty message to the Treasury Department of Havana resulted in the payment of \$85 to Valentin. The money was handed to him by a messenger. The progress of the scaffold and the garrote was then resumed, and the following day there were five funerals in Jovenlupes.—San Francisco Chronicle. A Pirate Bird. Ex-Governor William G. Sterrett, of Dallas, Texas, says: "While on a fishing and hunting expedition on the Atlantic coast in North Carolina a few days since my attention was attracted by a shrill and frantic cry of the sea gull. As I looked upward I saw a bird resembling a hawk strike the gull under its claws, when down came the fish and the pirate bird after it. The fish had not gone ten feet before the pirate bird had it in its stomach. Then he soared upward with lightning rapidity, and descending equally as quick, struck the screaming gull on its back with such force that the contents of its stomach were forced out of its mouth, and the pirate caught it in the air as it fell. At this moment I took aim at the pirate with my shotgun and brought him down.—St. Louis Globe-Democrat.