The Career of a Bandit who Killed Thirty. two Hen.

Adjt-Gen. Taylor of Colorado has in his cabinet, in the Barclay Block, a rude knife sheathed in buckskin, ence the property of old Espiness, the terrible Mexican who killed thirty-two white men, not out of malice nor fer the purpose of rebbing, but simply because he had a passion for bloodshed. Espinosa was killed by a detachment of First Colorade Cavalry, which was sent from Fort Garland by Col. Sam F. Tappan. The knife was presented to Louis N. Tappan, and by him to the collection in charge of Gan. Taylor. It is an evil-looking weapon, made prebably by Espinosa himself, the blade being covered with dark spets, doubtless blood. It is a matter of conjecture on the part of those who see it as to whether this instrument despatched all of the thirtytwo victims, a supposition not quite plausible, as the dreadful murderer was known to have been very expert in the use of his gun.

Nothing is known of the early life of Espinesa. He was first discovered selling whiskey to the Indians on the border of Mexico, and was arrested for this unlawful proceeding, the officers intending to make him prisoner. He eluded them, however, made his escape, and was not heard of for some time. About this time dead

BODIES BEGAN TO BE FOUND

in that part of Colerado. In the gulches, in the mining camps, among the rocks, in many a sequestered spot, bodies were found which seemed to have been despatched in the most brutal manner. Week after week, month after month, this state of thing went on. The Colerado earth was soaked with blood which reeked in sun and shade. For month no clue could be found to the murderers. The many and frequent deaths were inexplicable. Black mystery hung over the young Territory. People were afraid to venture out after dark, and, in fact, did not feel safe even in the caytime,

After a lapse of long weary months, a Mexican woman one day crossed Baten Pass just above Trinidad, in company with a white man, in an ambulance drawn by mules. Journeying slowly along over the steep rocks, the pair were suddenly surprised by having their horses fired upon and killed. The man succeeded in making his escape in the mountains, but the

WOMAN WAS TAKEN PRISONER

by the two Mexicans who had killed the horses. One of the Mexicans was Espinosa The woman remained in captivity for som time, but finally escaped one dark nig h and made her way back to her people, who lived just above Trinidad, at Pargoire. During her captivity she had soon fixed the identity of the numerous murderers with which the Territory was ringing. She had studied the man, observed his plans, and was positive that she was right in her conclusion. No sooner had she returned to her people than the news went abroad, and pursuit now became fixed on one Mexican named Espinosa, who was believed to be guilty of all this indiscriminate slaughter.

All this happened in 1862 and 63, Espinosa being heard of in California Gulch, where he was again up to his old tricks of separating the soul from the body. Upon the heels of the murders the minors of California followed fast in hot pursuit of the villain, finally overtaking and

KILLING A YOUNGER BROTHER

of Espinosa's, who ravaged the country under his leadership. Espiroza, hewever, escaped his pursuers the second time, and was next heard of in the San Luis valley. In the meantime the Territorial Legislature had offered a large reward for him, dead or alive, and several men were out on the search.

Early one autumn morning, just at sunrise, it transpired that Espinosa was camped near Grayback Gulch, in the Sangre de Christo range, on the southwest slope, about twelve miles from Fort Garland. The men in pursuit were on this side of the mountain, feeling sure that Espinesa was somewhere in the region, although they had no idea that they were anywhere in his immediate vicinity. A man whose name is Tom Tobin, still living in the San Luis Valley was the scout in advance of the seldiers. Tebin was known as a dead sure shot, it having been said for years, that he had never aimed at any living thing and missed it. This man, riding cautiously along in the autumn sunrise, was attracted by the smeke of a camp fire in the ravine. Quickly dismounting from his herse, he

CREPT CAUTIOUSLY ALONG,

accempanied by one of the young men in his detachment, until he gained a place where he could see, the first glance revealing two Mexicans leisurely cooking their breakfast in the very heart of the ravine. It needed but an instant for Tobin to see that the grim, copper-visaged old man so carefully breiling his antelepe steak on the coals, was none other than Ecpinosa, who might well have been christened the "Red Handed," Making up his mind in an instant Tobin said to his companion: "I'll sheet at the old man. You aim at the young ene !"

These instructions, Tobic afterwards explained, were given because he knew his friend was a poor shot, and he felt sure that his own aim was better directed upon Colerade's arch fiend. Both men raised their guns, both fired, and the unsupecting father of murders, old Espinesa, fell ever

the red coals,

A LIFELESS CORPSE. In exact accordance with the notions of Tobin, the other man's aim failed in its purpose, only wounding the young Mexican. upon whom Tobin soon drew his gun and despatched as quickiy as he had done the elder. The intrepid Tebin then sent his companion to look after their horse, which they had left some rods away, without any witnesses save heaven and the blood-stained rocks of the ravine deliberately severed old Repinosa's head from his body, drew the leng black hair up over his scalp, tied it in a knot, and, making his way to the snot where his friend was standing with horses. stuck his saddle-horn through the knot of the hair, and rode into Fort Garland, where he was received with enthusiasm, ex Gov. Gilpin, then the Governor of the Territory, being there with soldiers, all of whom gave Tebin a hearty reception.

large, but Tobin had great difficulty in se- which he rode suddenly went down out of

claim in a weary "circumlocation office" meantime, without Tobin's having received a cent. In the end, however, he received fortable amount.

As for Repiness, he was a born desperade, who never plundered, and who did not comvenge, but simply it is thought, because "he had a fancy for the tragle." It is a singtilar fact that he never rebbed the men he murdered money and valuable having been frequently found on their dead bedies. His character is one of the most striking of any desperado's ever heard of in the West, and his memory still lives in the hearts of a score of early pioneers, who, for a period of two years, never lay down to sleep at night without dreading his approach.

### BERE AND THERE.

Eggs of Derkings weigh 5 pounds 12 cunces per score, Leghern eggs a little over 3 pounds, and Spanish eggs 2 pounds 14

An old resident of Cromwell, near Middleton, Conn., has taken 111 bedies of drowned persons from the Connecticut River in that vicinity.

Two and a half million pounds sterling has been the average value for the past three years of the Kimberly diamond mines in South Africa.

A 150-ton boulder relied down the mountain at Swanville, Me., the other day, and cut a clean swath through a large forest trees for over thirty reds,

An Iowa cattle grower has deherned 125 cattle with no bad results, and regards it as great economy. He thinks that horns do \$1,000,000 damage amually in Iewa alene.

Two thousand dollars have been given to Princeton College, the interest of which will be annually paid to a member of the anior class whose father was a missionary and who himself expects to become a missionery.

Joseph C. Barrett of Newport, Pa., while working in the weeds, hung his vest on a bush. The woods caught fire, and when Barrett went for his vest only the buttons remained. His gold watch lay on the ground ticking steadily in spite of the fire.

The little two-year-old daughter e August Kutscher of New Haven played about the room the other day with a sharpened slate pencil in her mouth. She fell and the pencil was driven into her throat, piercing the jugular vein. She died almost immediately.

E'even-year-old Tommy Bickus of In dianapolis stole a horse and buggy, and drove away with them. The buggy didn't suit him, and he stole another that did. He kept this rig three days, taking daily rides for health and pleasure until he was arrested. He will be tried for grand larcany.

George B. Higiey of Simsbury, Conn., recently lost his pocketbook and looked in vain for it. That night he dreamed that he had found the book and his spectacles, which as yet he had not missed, under a the morning he dugup the tree and there found the missing preperty.

William Anderson, a citizen of Cincinnati, objected to paying back hire unless the hackman proved himself the better man. Finding argument useless, the hackman drove Mr. Anderson to a retired spot and there wiped the ground with him. Then, to his disgust, he found that Mr. Anderson hadn't a red cent and could not pay, though he had been well thrashed.

The other day a sailer belonging on British vessel anchored off Vallejo, Cal. went ashere, and after a ramble of several hours he returned with a big rattlesnake, which he had put in a can. He was considerably surprised, when he pulled the serpent out of the can to show it to a native, to be told of the dangerous character of the pet he had caught.

Tacre was recently in Exeter, N. H., a tournament of the New England Trap Shooters' Association, and fifteen boys were hired to work the traps. When all were ready the word "Pull" was given, but no glass balls flew in the air. Thrice the word was given without result, and then the leader of the boys arose and said : "We want a dellar and a half a day or no work." The strike was a success.

Jefferson Harman of Owingsville, Ky., was clearing a hillside of bushes not long ago. His axe became entangled in grapevines, and in his efforts to extricate it he fifteen feet high. It was not much of a fall, but Jefferson managed, before he reached bottom, to cut off his nose and mest of his upper lip an i to knock out nearly all of his teeth and break his jaw.

Henry Allis, who died in Coatesville, Pa., the minutest scrutiny by science. recently, was known to have saved \$1,300. but it could not be found. After his burial the story got about that the money was sewed in the lining of the coat in which he was buried. Soon after the grave was opened, the coffin split open, and the body taken out. It was found in the graveyard, with the clothing scattered around, except the coat, which was missing.

Mrs. Stafford of St. Louis was spending the afternoon with a neighbor, when she saw a valuable setter deg of her husband's racing back and forth between the two houses and attempting to jump up to the window where she was sitting. She at length decided that something was wrong, went to her house, unlocked the deor, and found that the house was on fire. The dog's warning was in time, and the building was

A few days before William Ashworth of Oregon, Mo., died, he hid a quantity of gold coin. That was fifteen years ago, and though a careful search was made for the treasure, it could not be found. Last week Mrs. Ashworth empiled an old churn that had atcod on a shelf in the smake house for years. The churn was full of beaus, and in the bottom was a tin can, and in the can was an old woellen sock, and in the sock was the long searched-for gold. It amounted to \$712,

Jesse A. Johnson, who lives in southwestern Georgia, was driving home his cows The reward offered for E.p nosa was the other evening, when he and the horse on curing it. One Legislature after another sight. The earth had given way beneath tutes.

In the descent Johnson and herse parted company, the former ledging on kind of way, the years slipping by in the ledge of rocks. The horse went down into a deep cave, and the man managed to get out. Next day the neighborn got the horse half the sum offered, which was a very com- | out by the aid of pulleys. The animal was not damaged, although he had fallen over fifty feet.

One of the striking journeymen plumbers mit murders as the means of gratifying re- of Buffalo says that the strike will show how the boss plumbers make so much money. He said : "I will tell you one way ; if the war gets hot I may tell you mire. They send men out who are no more than mare apprentices, and whose wages are not more than \$1.50 per day; but it is charged in the bill at \$5 per day, every time. Bys are thus made to do men's work and are paid men's wages, and exorbitent at that, by those who are unfortunate enough to have them sent to do their

It is related that when the first Maine railroad was started, about torty years sgo, W. C. Pitman of Bangor was a conductor. One rainy morning he started from Waterville, and, on arriving at North Belgrade, a flag station, not seeing any flag, ran by the station. Just as the train had passed the red flag was run out for some passengers to get on. Mr. Pitman stopped his train and asked Stephen Richardson, the station agent, why he did not display the flag before. Mr. Richardson replied, "Be you a-gein' to run your train in rainy weather? I didn't think you would."

A resident of Minnesota, who has seen several severe tornadoes, says that there most peculiar feature is the singular sucking movement. Buildings are sucked up into the clouds entire, and come down soon in fragments. After the great Rochester tornado a farmer twelve miles from the town found an uninjured marble top table in his field. Another found a very large sheep that had come from no one knew where, and had been deposited in his yard unhurt. The Minnesota man further said that he had seen a board into which wheat straws had been driven until they stuck through on the other side. Also he saw a plank driven through a big tree, and a piece of pine moulding driven through a small butternut tree.

Judge Bybee of Portland, Ore., has an Irish setter, and between the Justice and the deg a very intimate friendship exists. The other day the Judge went to San Francisco without consulting the setter. As soon as the dog missed his master he went moping about, and refused to be comforted. The next day he grew moodier, and when three days passed by and still no master was visible he lay down in the closet where the hunting traps were kept, and refused all careases, and for five days would not take a particle of food. Finally he wandered off to a livery stable, where his master's horse was kept, and would not be driven away. Once a day he went back to the house for food, and kept up this programme till the absent one returned.

Spirit Visitations.

The recent death, in an insano asylum, of Charles Foster, the originator of the doctrine of the spirit visitations, which caused tree that he had set out the day before. In at one time such a thrilling sensation throughout the whole of Europe, has arous ed the attention of the marvel mongers once more. But the true psychologist finds a deeper interest in the study of the man himself than in the mere enumeration of the miracles he performed. There was the great mystery. The man was of the commonest type known to civilization-heavy, flabby, large featured, short necked, bow legged, without ease or facility of movement-and yet he managed for years to lead the spiritists into the belief of every miracle he prefessed to prove, and to became an absolute idel in the eyes of his worshippers. The secret of his immense power lay in his concentration of thought, so it is imagined. "How do you know what answer to give to questions unexpressed?" said a learned English physician to Foster one day. "Because I do my own thinking with their thoughts," was the quick reply ; which left the ir quirer in greater perplexity than ever. Although the man was so dirty in his person and careless in his habits that he was nicknamed "Grubby Foster," yet there are many people wheever to have seen the most beautiful girls clasping him by the neck, kissing his flabby cheek with rapture, and weeping tears of tenderness upon his bosom-all the while beholding, in obedience to his will, the lost mether or sister long since buried in the grave. "Grubby Fester" was often invited to Kuebworth, and laden with honors by Lord Lytton. He was the original Margrave in stumbled and fell over a ledge of rocks | the "Strange Story," and while Lerd Lytton's guest was introduced to the highest born and wealthiest in the land. Some of his deceptions have been discovered and expesed, while others have remained undetected to this day, although sul mitted to American wit enabled him at one time to make a magnificent revenue. In Australia it is said he realized five hundred dellars a day by making the poor exiles behold in his hideous visage that of the dead relative or beautiful sweetheart they had left behind, Suddenly he disappeared from Europe and returned to America, where he was picked up in a state of forlern wretchedness and conveyed a lunatic pauper to the asylum at Danvers. Here his madness assumed the most demoniacal form. His hatred to every human being was suggestive of possession by the powers of evil. Several times he tried to murder his attendant, and with the most treacherous canning would seek to take that functionary by surprise. At last It would seem as if even the will to do evil had worn itself out, and he has just died a stupid idiot, unconscious of all outward sensation, and incapable of metion, save under compulsion. The extraordinary career of this same C Foster gives us much to think of. At present science herself is at fault when contemplating the extraordinary denial of her power flung in her face, as it were, by the strange anomaly presented by nature.

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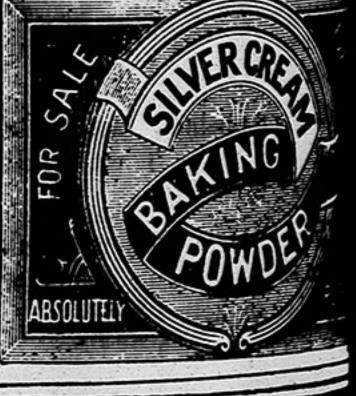
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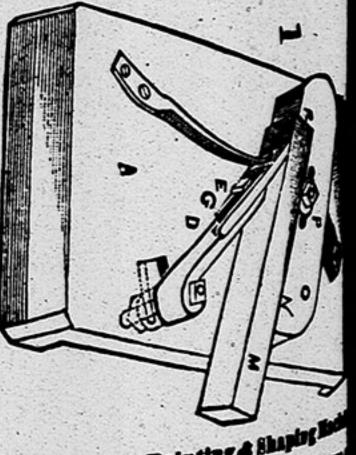
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