

TALLEST MAN IN THE WORLD.

A Sixteen-year-old Arab Who Stands Seven Feet and is Still Growing.

The very latest of the world of freaks, as far as giants are concerned, has recently been discovered in Arabia. A German professor, travelling in that country, chanced to run across this tremendously elongated specimen of man in a caravan that pitched its tents in the oasis of Siwah-Amons. The professor, at once recognizing how appreciated both by scientists and the public at large would be this "tall palm of the desert," as the giant was called by his companions, at once opened negotiations with a view to bringing him to Europe. After no end of trouble the bargain was closed and a contract drawn up by which the giant agreed to exhibit himself under the direction of his discoverer.

What makes this giant doubly interesting is the fact that he is a beardless youth and nothing more than a preposterously overgrown "kid." He is only 16 years old now, and how tall he will be when he reaches his maturity is a matter of speculation. Hassan Ali, which is the name of the youngster, stands nearly seven feet high just at present. He grows a centimeter or so every week. He is perfectly healthy and is not at all bad looking, though his features are rather coarse. He has a good appetite and eats and drinks fully as much as three full grown men. His hand from the tip of the middle finger to the wrist measures nearly thirteen inches in length, and is proportionately broad and heavy. Ali is by no means a Cinderella as far as feet are concerned, these being in keeping with the rest of his body and molded on a heroic scale. This young giant is really splendidly proportioned, and appears to be enjoying the very best of health. He is dressed with regal magnificence, and the cut of his multi-colored silken robes aid to lengthen his appearance. He is of a cheerful, childish disposition, and has not as yet been able to master any of the harsh guttural words of German language.

A NEW FIEND.

The Sampogna Player Has Made His Way to This Country.

A new street nuisance has arrived in this country in the shape of a band of Italian musicians, recently forced to leave France because of the prejudice against their race due to the assassination of President Carnot by Caserio, who abhor the organ and essay to delight the ear with more musical, if more primitive, instruments, which they play with skill.

The chief of the newly arrived musicians plays what is known in Italian as the sampogna, or shepherd's bagpipe. It consists of the whole skin of a sheep or goat which is made air tight by tying up the apertures in the skin. The reeds which are attached are fashioned from corn stalks and iron keys are crudely fastened to the reeds. The sampogna drones out a sonorous accompaniment to the corna musa, as the pipe played by the other performers is called. The sampogna player has a bass drum attached to his bagpipe. The drum is a small-sized one, striped around the rim with red and green, and bearing the national coat of arms of Italy. The drum has cymbals and a triangle on top of it, which are worked by a string passing through the body of the drum and attached to the heel of the player.

There are two other men who play the corna musa. These are short pipes a foot long, made of corn stalk. They look like a clarinet without keys, and make a similar noise. The woman who accompanies the group and plays the tambourine, is a buxom Italian of the peasant type. She dresses in a bright-colored skirt and waist, and wears a colored silk handkerchief on her head. She is the wife of the sampogna player. All the players come from Abruzzi, in Italy, where nearly every one plays the sampogna or corna musa. They begin to play the pipes when they are children just able to blow strong enough to make sound. Then they are trained in the art and reared to become wandering musicians.

A peculiar feature of the music is that it is composed by the players themselves, and they have no regular airs, but simply play whatever sounds pleasant to themselves. The corna musa's players do this while the sampogna keeps up his bass droning and crashes in with bass drum, and cymbals, and triangle whenever he gets a favorable opportunity. This seems to occur often in his opinion, for he bangs away indiscriminately and at times with the energy of a convict driven in the treadmill. The action is somewhat similar. The woman thumps the tambourine until a crowd forms, then she moves around soliciting coppers. The uniforms worn by the musicians are the same as those in use in the Italian infantry. The coat and trousers are of dark green trimmed with red, and the hats are low crowned and oval shaped, with straight brims and a bunch of green feathers curling over the top like a rooster's tail.

A Race Track Swindle.

At the close of one of the races at the Gravesend, N. Y., track on Saturday a young man presented a mutual ticket to Scalper Thomas Waldron for payment. The scalper noticed that the check number at the bottom of the ticket was somewhat blurred. He gave the young man the money equivalent and then had him arrested. When searched at the police station over 200 old tickets were found in his pockets. His plan was to look through his stock at the close of a race and on finding a ticket of the same color and pattern as the winning one, to cut the numbers from other tickets of a like color and pattern to correspond to the winning ticket and glue them on the bogus one.

It is said that hundreds of dollars have been paid out on these fraudulent tickets during the present meeting.

The population of Peru under the Incas was twelve times greater than it is to-day.

TWO LUCKY MEN.

They Invest in a Lottery Ticket and Each Gets a Small Fortune Which is Well Invested.

Less than a month ago S. Lahishensky was a poor, struggling young tailor, at 214 Jackson boulevard. To-day he is one of the happiest men in Chicago, for dame fortune has smiled upon him in a most substantial way and he is the proud possessor of quite a comfortable bank account. It happened in this way:

Mr. Lahishensky is a Hebrew. He was born twenty-two years ago in the land of the Czar, where the Jews are much persecuted. Five years ago, alone and almost penniless, he left his native land and sought a home in America, finally locating in Chicago in 1891. He had learned tailoring, in Russia and at 214 Jackson boulevard he started a little repairing shop about five months ago.

On Friday, Aug. 10, W. Rothenberg, a customer of Mr. Lahishensky, came into the shop and chanced to show two one-twentieth tickets in the Honduras National Lottery (Louisiana State Lottery) which he had purchased for 50 cents. Mr. Lahishensky offered to take one of them, more as a jest than ought else, and was given one of the slips, for which he gave Mr. Rothenberg 25 cents. The drawing took place on Aug. 14 and Mr. Lahishensky was surprised that the number on his ticket, 18,172, had drawn the second capital prize of \$20,000. He presented his ticket and last week received a check for \$1,030, being the one-twentieth to which he was entitled.

Mr. Lahishensky is an industrious, energetic and deserving young man in whose hands the money will be well spent. When asked by a reporter for The Dispatch what he intended to do with the money he replied: "I am going to send a part of it to my father and mother, who are still in Russia. The remainder I shall use to enlarge and expand my business, and to build myself up in Chicago. I appreciate the good fortune and I have purchased another ticket in the September drawing of the Honduras National Lottery. That company is honest and prompt and paid my prize without a quibble."

W. Rothenberg, who held the other one-twentieth of the same number, lived at 25 Newbury avenue, but when a reporter of The Dispatch called there it was found he had moved; none of his neighbors could give his present address. But Mr. Lahishensky said he knew Mr. Rothenberg had gotten his money also. Mr. Rothenberg was a workingman in very moderate circumstances, and the money paid him by the Honduras National Lottery company will prove a blessing to him and his family and will be well spent, no doubt.—Chicago (Ill.) Dispatch, Sept. 14.

THAT OPEN LETTER.

The particulars of a remarkable cure of consumption, after the patient had reached the last stages, related in the article published in last week's issue under the heading "An Open Letter from a Prominent Physician," has caused much comment. It is well known that physicians, as a rule, are averse to speaking words of praise for an advertised medicine, however meritorious it may be, and when one of them casts this prejudice aside and gives in plain unvarnished language the particulars of a case that must take rank among the most remarkable in the practice of medicine, it is not only a noteworthy triumph for the medicine in question, but also reflects credit on the physician who has cast aside his professional prejudice and gives the result of his use of the medicine for the benefit of suffering humanity. In the articles published from time to time, vouched for by reliable newspapers, the public has had the strongest evidence that Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People is a medicine of remarkable merit, and now to these is added the authority of a well-known physician, over his signature, the particulars of a cure of consumption through the timely use of Dr. Williams' famous Pink Pills. It cannot be too widely known that a remedy has been found that will cure this hitherto deadly and unconquered disease, and if any of our readers have not read the article to which we refer we would advise them to look up last week's issue and give it a careful perusal. The facts related may prove of valuable assistance in a time of need.

Get Rid of Neuralgia.

There is no use in fooling with neuralgia. It is a disease that gives way only to the most powerful remedies. No remedy yet discovered has given the grand results that invariably attends the employment of Polson's Nerviline. Nerviline is a positive specific for all nerve pains, and ought to be kept on hand in every family. Sold every where, 25 cents a bottle.

Kashem—"Why don't you put a check to that fellow who is everlastingly dunning you?" Bilker—"What'd be the use? The bank wouldn't pay it."

St. Leon's "keeping" properties are unequalled. It is just as good in bulk as in bottle and much less expensive.

Thousands of Dollars

I spent trying to find a cure for **Suit Rheum**, which I had 13 years. Physicians said they never saw so severe a case. My legs, back and arms were covered by the humor. I was unable to lie down in bed, could not walk without crutches, and had to have my arms, back and legs bandaged twice a day. I began to take Hood's Sarsaparilla and soon I could see a change. The flesh became more healthy, the sores soon healed, the scales fell off, I was soon able to give up bandages and crutches, and a happy man I was. I had been taking

Hood's Sarsaparilla

for seven months; and since that time, 2 years, I have worn no bandages whatever and my legs and arms are sound and well. G. G. DERRY, 45 Bradford St., Providence, R. I.

HOOD'S PILLS cure liver ills, constipation, biliousness, jaundice, and sick headache. Try them.

You Get Strong,

if you're a tired out or "run-down" woman, with Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription. And, if you suffer from any "female complaint" or disorder, you get well. For these two things—to build up women's strength, and to cure women's ailments—this is the only medicine that's guaranteed. If it doesn't cure, in every case, your money is returned. On these terms, what can else be "just as good" for you to buy? The "Prescription" regulates and promotes all the natural functions, never conflicts with them, and is perfectly harmless in any condition of the female system. It improves digestion, enriches the blood, brings refreshing sleep, and restores health and vigor. For ulcerations, displacements, bearing-down sensations, periodical pains, and every chronic weakness or irregularity, it's a remedy that safely, and permanently cures.

Patient—"Doctor, why does whisky make my nose red?" Doctor—"It's because you drink it, sir."

Spoooner's Phenyle Disinfectant mixed with fish oil or grease, will prevent the Horn fly. Apply with a brush about the horns, head and back of animals.

She—"Are you sorry that you kissed me?" He—"Yes; but it's better than being sorry that I didn't."

Charlatans and Quacks

Have long plied their vocation on the suffering pedals of the people. The knife has pared to the quick; caustic applications have tormented the victim of corns until the conviction shaped itself—there's no cure. Putnam's Painless Corn Extractor proves on what slender basis public opinion often rests. If you suffer from corns get the Extractor and you will be satisfied. Sold everywhere.

"I want a position for my son as an editor!" What are his qualifications?" "Failed in everything else."

Cured the Doctor.

For some time past I suffered from Mumps, Chills, and Liver Complaint. After considerable thought I adopted St Leon Mineral Water with a view to cure, and I must cordially say I was surprised, but agreeably so, at the great change for the better it has worked in me.

DR. S. GEO. PAQUIN, Quebec.

"What did you do with the check your father-in-law gave you for a wedding present?" "Had it framed; no one would cash it."

The Tree of Heaven is the common name for the Ailanthus, a very tropical looking tree. Crown Bros. Co., Toronto, Ont., tell us that it is not a very satisfactory grower for our section. This house wish an agent here. They pay salary and expenses and offer liberal inducements.

"Flossie has accepted that horrid old Goldheap. What do you suppose she was thinking of?" Hettie—"Herself, dear."

Recipe—For Making a Delicious Health Drink at Small Cost.

Adams' Root Beer Extract.....one bottle
Fleischmann's Yeast.....half a cake
Sugar.....two pounds
Lukewarm Water.....two gallons

Dissolve the sugar and yeast in the water, add the extract, and bottle; place in a warm place for twenty-four hours until it ferments, then place on ice, when it will open sparkling and delicious.

The root beer can be obtained in all drug and grocery stores in 10 and 25 cent bottles to make two and five gallons.

A. P. 731

TAKE THE BEST

CURE THAT COUGH WITH SHILOH'S CURE

25cts., 50cts. and \$1.00 Bottle. One-cent a dose.

It is sold on a guarantee by all druggists. It cures Incipient Consumption and is the best Cough and Croup Cure.

PETERBOROUGH CANOE CO. LTD.
Successors to Ontario Canoe Co.
PETERBOROUGH, Ont., Canada.
SEND FOR CATALOGUE.

STAMMERING permanently cured. No advance fees. Cure guaranteed.
THE LINTON INSTITUTE
Write for circulars. 65 Shuter St., Toronto

MARLIN Rifles are made in all calibres and styles. They have solid top receivers and eject at the side, consequently they are the most practical for rough usage.

Light **REPEATING** Rifles. Easy Action. Fewer parts than other repeaters, and simpler. Write for catalogue to The Marlin Fire Arms Co., New Haven, Conn., U.S.A.

FIRE PROOF ROOFING
ILLUSTRATED CATALOGUE FREE
METALLIC ROOFING CO.
MANUFACTURERS, TORONTO.

WEBSTER'S INTERNATIONAL DICTIONARY
Successor of the "Unabridged."
A Dictionary of English, Geography, Biography, Fiction, Etc.
Standard of the U. S. Gov't Printing Office, the U. S. Supreme Court and of nearly all the school-books.
Hon. D. J. Brewer, Justice of the U. S. Supreme Court, writes: "I commend it to all as the one great standard authority."
Send for free pamphlet containing specimen pages.
G. & C. MERRIAM CO., Publishers, Springfield, Mass., U.S.A.
Do not buy reprints of ancient editions.

NO USE Denying There is no Remedy the equal of St. JACOBS OIL for the Prompt and Permanent Cure of Pains and Aches

Blood should be rich to insure health. Poor blood means Anæmia; diseased blood means Scrofula.

Scott's Emulsion
the Cream of Cod-liver Oil, enriches the blood; cures Anæmia, Scrofula, Coughs, Colds, Weak Lungs, and Wasting Diseases. Physicians, the world over, endorse it.

Don't be deceived by Substitutes!
50c. & Bowne, Belleville. All Druggists, 50c. & \$1.

Champion of Canada...
I have been drinking St. Leon Mineral Water regularly for four years, and consider it the very best thing to drink while in general training. It is an excellent regulator, having completely cured me of constipation and kidney trouble.

W. H. HASLITT, 385 Manning Ave., Champion Pedestrian of Canada.
St. Leon Mineral Water Co., Ltd.
Head Office—King St. W., Toronto. All Druggists, Grocers and Hotels.

GRANBY RUBBERS.
They give perfect satisfaction in fit style, and finish, and it has become a by-word that
"GRANBY RUBBERS wear like Iron"

HEATING
OUR SPECIALTY

We have letters from all parts of Canada saying
Preston Furnaces are the Best.
Let us send you Catalogue and full particulars, and you can Judge for Yourself.

GLARE BROS. & CO., - PRESTON, ONT.

FIFTY YEARS EXPERIENCE

We must make good Stoves, or the people would not have bought them year after year.

—THE—
MODEL
Wood Cook is the Farmers' Stove

If your local dealer does not keep them, write our nearest house.

OXFORD WOOD COAL... FURNACES
.. FOR ALL SIZES OF BUILDINGS ..
Capacity from 10,000 to 80,00 Cubic Feet

"CYCLONE STEEL RADIATOR"

WOOD FURNACE
HEAVY GRATE, especially adapted for wood burning
Heavy Steel Plate Fire Box Dome and Radiator, which heat quicker and are more durable
RADIATOR of Modern Construction and Great Heating Power
LARGE ASH PIT

COAL FURNACE
Large Combustion Chamber
Long Fire Travel, encircling radiator
Large Heating Surface
Large Feed Door
Sectional Fire Pot
Rotating Bar Dumping Grate
DEEP ASH PIT

OXFORD WOOD FURNACE

Full Guaranteed Capacity: Send for... CATALOGUE and TESTIMONIAL BOOK.
...Manufactured by...

The GURNEY FOUNDRY COMPANY Ltd., TORONTO.

MANHOOD Wrecked and Rescued. By W. J. HUNTER, Ph.D., D.D. A series of chapters to men on social purity and right living. It is written in plain language that all may understand. Live Agents wanted. Circulars containing terms sent on application. William Briggs, Publisher, Toronto, Ont.

GANANOQUE DRY EARTH CLOSET Every home should have one. Endorsed by all Doctors and Scientists. PRICE \$5.00. MANUFACTURED BY CAN. GEAR CO.

Your Profits
Will be increased, your land freed from foul weeds, if you Feed Your Stock Grain Ground by a WATEROUS Buhr Stone Chopper.
Grinds everything, even to the finest seeds. Stones last a lifetime. Iron plates, chilled 1-16, are not in it with French Buhr Stones, 6 inch as thick. Chilled Clear Through. Easy to run, simple, durable, fast—Write us
Waterous, Brantford, CANADA.

I Always Smoke THE "SOMETHING GOOD" CIGAR
It is Really Equal to any Imported. Take my Advice and Insist on getting this 10 Cent Smoke for 5 CENTS

EMPIRE TOBACCO CO. MONTREAL