

MARVELLOUS MYSTERIES.

IN LONDON. HUNDREDS OF PEOPLE VANISH IN A YEAR

Suddenly and Uncannily Spirited Away From Under the Very Noses of Friends.

There is always a peculiar fascination attaching to the case of the man or woman who is whisked away, at a moment's notice, into the realms of the unknown.

It is not more than five or six years ago, for instance, since the sensational evanishment of Mr. George Fitch, a wealthy stockbroker, started and alarmed London.

Even yet unsolved. It is said that, at the time of his disappearance, he was carrying important despatches for the Bulgarian Government, and, if this be true, he probably fell a victim to one of the numerous oath-bound political associations with which that turbulent principality has always been honeycombed.

Mr. Fitzgerald's case brings to mind a similar strange occurrence which took place in the early part of the last century. The victim was Mr. Benjamin Bathurst, a kinsman of Lord Bathurst, who was sent on a secret mission to Vienna at the time that England, before opening the Peninsular Campaign, sought to persuade Austria to declare, by way of distraction, was against France.

But there is another class of mysterious disappearances, far more weird and uncanny than the foregoing. It is at least possible that both Fitzgerald and Bathurst fell into the carefully laid plot of some political adversary; but what shall be said of the case of a man suddenly and uncannily spirited away from under the very noses, as it were, of his friends and relations?

UNACCOUNTABLY VANISHED. There was no wall, no ditch, no bush even, which could have concealed the missing man for a moment.

DISGUSTED ENEMY AWAY. Probably the most extraordinary dance ever known was one given at the British Legation during the siege of Peking last year. Death was trailing on the very heels of the dancers.

Deaths by fire average 27 1/2 1000 of all deaths. The dancing began at 10 p. m. and lasted most of the night; while all the time thousands of Chinese fiends were swarming round the place, yelling for blood.

GAMBLES WITH DEATH.

HUNDREDS OF LIVES SAVED BY PRESENCE OF MIND.

Fancies Averted by "Puss-in-the-Corner" and Blind Man's Buff.

When the liner "Castria" was outward bound to New York a few years ago a quantity of soft cargo in the forehold caught fire, and was not discovered till it had gripped the ship.

THE FIRE GREW FIERCE and fiercer; but the ship's purser went below, took one British and one Yankee passenger into his confidence and immediately started a brilliant parlor-game entertainment among the passengers.

BLINYMAN'S-BUFF. At last, by heroic efforts, the fire was got under, but it was not till they reached port that the passengers got the awful danger that threatened them.

BECAUSE HE COULD FIDDLE. At one time between the songs somebody remarked how deeply and suggestively the vessel seemed to ride, and the people looked at each other in silence.

WHEN SENTRIES DOZE. Four o'clock in the Morning is a Mysterious Hour. The hour of 4 a. m. has something mysterious about it. Cocks crow, people on the brink of death give up the ghost, everyone who is asleep sleeps sounder, and even the watchful sentry can't always keep his eyes open.

CRIME IS INFECTIOUS. Cases Where Certain Crimes Induce Similar Ones. One of the strangest peculiarities of human nature is its inclination to imitate the misdeeds of others.

BLOWING HIS OWN NOSE. When George IV. was Prince Regent he visited Doncaster, and at the time His Royal Highness was suffering from a cold. One day the Royal party were showing themselves to the people from a balcony.

FRAGRANT

Sozodont Tooth Powder

The Necessary Baggage You Would Require For The Trip.

Would you take a walk on the moon? Well, first you must obtain a plentiful supply of compressed air, water, and provisions.

THE SIZE OF SOLDIERS. The Little Man in All Ages Has the Record as a Fighter. The untrained big man will beat the untrained little man at fist cuffs or in a wrestling match, but in trained armies weight tells for very little.

WHY BABIES CRY. Some Useful Hints to Mothers on the Care of Little Ones. Babies cry because they are sick or in pain, and in almost every case the sickness or pain is caused by some disorder of the stomach or bowels.

BEAT THE RUSSIANS. An opinion which is shared by the Sikhs, who have observed both, which is the more remarkable because the Sikh has to overcome an instinctive feeling about the Europeans, the Rifle Brigade—which, because they are light, are tolerant of "weeds," are among the best regiments in the service; nor is there any regiment in the world that would be proud of defeating Zouaves, whose average low stature has frequently been commented on.

WEATHER AND DIAMONDS. Few persons know that the state of the weather has a marked effect on the appearance of diamonds, but it is a fact well understood by dealers in precious stones.

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TALKING THE THING OVER.

He is a young man whose unbounded assurance has ever been his chief characteristic.

THE SUITOR. The suitor looked him in the eye. Let's talk this thing over, he said. Do you think your daughter is qualified to make a man a good wife?

COMPLETE SUCCESS. AFTER MANY FAILURES W. C. ANDERSON MAKES HIS DISCOVERY AT LAST. Treated in Vain by Five Different Doctors for Kidney Trouble—Took Many Medicines Without Success—Dodd's Pills Succeed Where Other Things Fail.

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JUDGING FROM THE SALE OF LUDELLA

GEYLON TEA it is clear that the public recognize the superiority of this popular blend.

If You Want The Dawson Commission Co. best results SHIP all your BUTTER, EGGS, VEGETABLES, APPLIES, OTHER FRUITS and PRODUCE, to Limited, Cor. West Market and Colborne St., Toronto.

WHAT BOTHERED THE COOK.

A lady had a cook who gave her every satisfaction, and she was under the impression that the cook was equally satisfied with her place. But one morning, to the lady's intense surprise, the cook gave her the usual month's notice.

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Minard's Liniment Cures Bandruif.

Waiter (who has upset a bowl of soup down the old gentleman's back)—"Not a word, sir; not a word; my fault entirely."

Minard's Liniment Cures Burns, etc.

Weary Willie—"Yes, I am always interested in perpetual motion ideas. I like 'em." Tatterton To me—"Yer do? What for?" Weary Willie—"They never work."

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