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HAPPY ACCIDENTS.

A Limerick tobacconist, looking dolefully at his poor neighbors groping around among the smouldering ruins of his burned-out shop, noticed that some of them, after trying the contents of certain canisters, carefully loaded their waistcoat pockets from them. He followed suit, and found that the snuff had come out of the fiery ordeal very much improved in pungency and aroma. Like a wise man, he said nothing, but took another place, set up a lot of ovens, and before long "Black Yard Snuff," otherwise "Irish Blackguard," was all the rage with lovers of nasal titillation, and in a few years Lundyfoot was a rich man, owing to the accident he thought had ruined him.

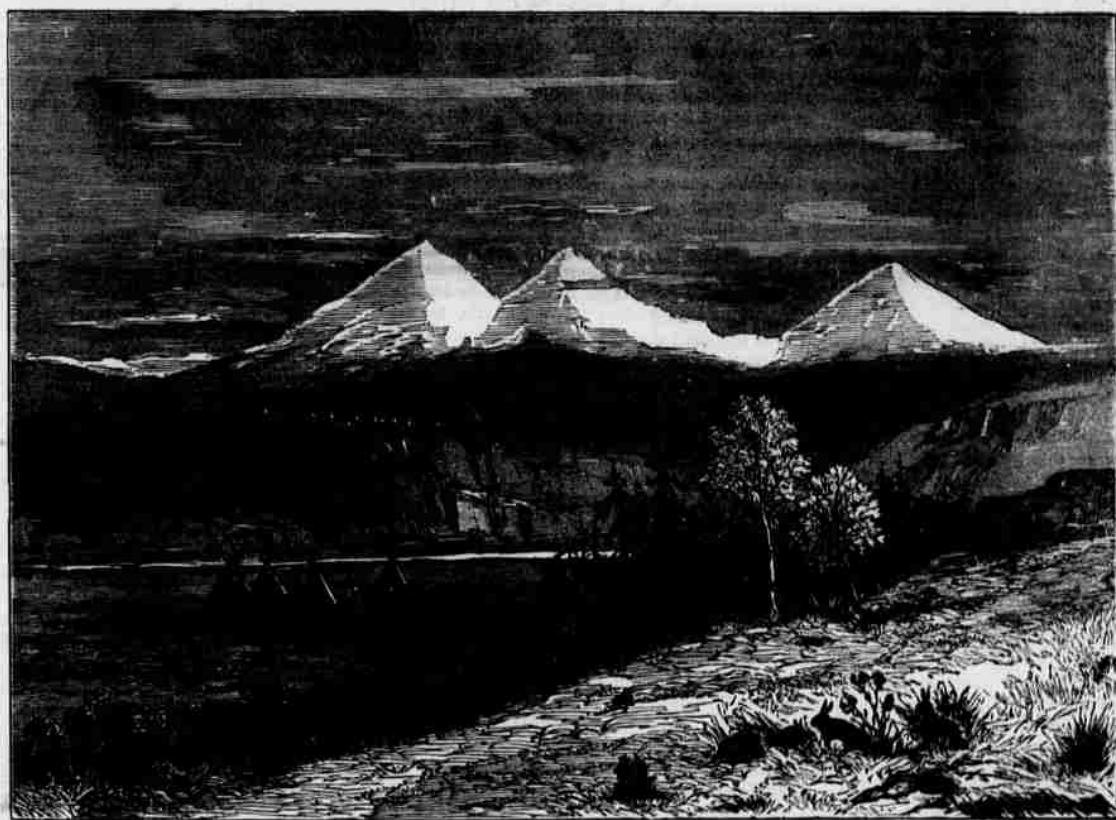
paper-maker for four years; then he sent it to his London agent to be sold for what it would fetch. The novelty was admired, and the agent not only sold the whole stock of blue paper at a high price, but asked for more. Then Mrs. East unbosomed herself, claiming a new cloak as the reward of her fortunate carelessness, and her husband was enabled for awhile to reap a rich harvest, until the demand became so great that other makers devised means for the same end, and manufactured blue paper as a matter of course.

Even those now necessary utilities, envelopes, originated accidentally. A Brighton stationer took a fancy for dressing his window with piles of writing-paper, rising gradually from the largest to the smallest size in use, and to finish his pyramids off

A GLUTTON.

Perhaps the most extraordinary instance of an excessive and depraved appetite on record is that of a French soldier named Tarare, whose case is described in vol. xxi. of the "Dictionnaire des Sciences Medicales," by Dr. Percy. He was born near Lyons, and came up to Paris, where his first exploit was to eat a basket of apples—at a friend's expense. On various occasions he swallowed a series of coaks and other indigestible material, which produced such violent colic that he was obliged to attend the Hotel Dieu, and, while being examined, almost managed to swallow the watch-chain and seals of the surgeon in attendance, Mr. Giraud. Desault, on the occasion of one of these attacks of colic,

and waste meat, but often slipped into the dispensary to finish off a poultice or two. One day he was observed to seize a large cat, and, after sucking its blood, left, in a short time, only cleanly-picked bones, the hair being rejected in the course of about half an hour, like other carnivora. He was fond of serpents and eels, swallowing them whole. On another occasion he consumed in a few minutes a repast, spread out for fifteen German work-people, of milk, etc., after which he was blown out like a balloon. In the presence of some officers he swallowed, at one sitting, thirty pounds of liver and lights. His insatiable appetite was for once in his life made useful by his being selected to convey a correspondence between General Beauharnais and a French colonel, which was inserted



THE THREE SISTERS—In Cascade Range, Oregon.

A would-be alchemist, seeking to discover what mixture of earths made the strongest crucibles, found that one day he had made porcelain. Instead of transmuting metals, as he had fondly hoped to do, Botger transmuted himself—"as if he had been touched with a conjurer's wand, he was on a sudden transformed from an alchemist into a potter."

Mrs. East, the wife of an English paper-maker, is said to have been the first producer of blue-tinted writing-paper. Going among the vats while the workmen were away for their dinner hour, she let a blue bag fall into one of them, and, horrified at the mischief she had done, said not a word about the matter. The spoiled paper was hidden away in his warehouse by the angry

nicely, he cut cards to bring them to a point. Taking these cards for diminutive note-paper, lady customers were continually wanting some of "that dear little paper," and the stationer found it advantageous to cut some paper to the desired pattern. But then there was no space for addressing the notelets when they were folded; and after much cogitation, he invented the envelope, which he cut with the aid of metal plates made for the purpose. The sale increased so rapidly that he was unable to produce his envelopes fast enough, so he commissioned a dozen houses to make them for him, and thus set going an important branch of the manufacturing stationery trade.

Centennial kisses—Hundred in a bunch.

tried to frighten him out of his gross habits by declaring that it would be necessary to open his stomach, and arranged the instrument; he ran away, and relieved himself by copious draughts of warm water. Soon after he found that his appetite had really increased to an excessive amount, probably owing to the continued irritation produced by these absurd tricks. At seventeen years of age, when only weighing one hundred pounds, he could eat twenty-four pounds of beef in as many hours. He now entered the army, and, being recognized by the surgeon-major, Mr. Courville, of the Ninth Regiment of Hussars, he was detained for the sake of curiosity. From the day of his admission, he was ordered quadruple rations, with pickings

in a box and swallowed; but he was caught and soundly thrashed. He fell under suspicion of having eaten a child fourteen months old. It is stated that he was of mild and gentle manners and aspect. After death his stomach was found to be in a very diseased condition.

Area and population of the world is as follows:

Europe, 5,700,000 square miles; population, 303,000,000. Asia, 13,000,000 square miles, and population, 799,000,000. Africa, 8,700,000 square miles; population, 206,000,000. America, 12,000,000 square miles; population, 84,000,000. Australia and Polynesia, 2,500,000 square miles; population, 4,500,000.