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A QUEER HABITATION.

An Old Sea Captain's House Built of Shipwrecks.

There is a queer little nook down on the coast below Santa Barbara, into which a rambling reporter found his way a few days ago. It is the wreck of a vessel, perched high among the sand-hills upon the Pinos Verdes rancho upon the shores of San Pedro Bay.

The "queer place" was found in a dry arroyo, or sandy gulch, upon the north side of San Pedro harbor. It is a handsome, square house, with a piazza extending all around it and a flagstaff surmounting the whole.

It is, in fact, a house made up of wreckage thereof collected by Capt. James as a waterman on the south coast during ten years. The principal portions of the house are made out of the wreck of the Adeline Cooper, which was cast ashore during a southeaster about three years ago.

MRS. SIDDONS AND HER POET OF PORTER.

On an excessively hot evening, when playing at Leeds, Mrs. Siddons, whilst behind the scenes, exhausted by thirst, desired to have some porter.

CULTURE.—A Montana belle being asked by a Bismarck man if they possessed any culture on her way replied: "Culture?"

A ROUGH RAY STORY.

W. M. Read, of Bolivar, Tenn., contributes the following grim story to the Memphis Ledger.

A few days ago quite a singular occurrence happened on a farm owned by Mr. Wood, a medical practitioner here in the vicinity.

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TRYING TO TALK QUAKER.

It is no easy matter for a novice to fling "Quaker" fluently. The tongue becomes confused with its triple choice of pronouns, and flaps listlessly around the palate.

Winning a Captivity.—Soldierly, the famous general of cavalry, when with a young officer, used to maintain that any mounted soldier who allowed himself to be taken prisoner, together with his horse, was a scamp or a coward.

NEWS AND ANECDOTES.

Curious Announcement of a Newspaper 100 Years Ago.

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Judging by the following pointed and explicit statement, the editor was a man of business also.

TWO PICTURES.

The journey from London to Paris is, without doubt, one of the most disagreeable that travelers have to endure in making the tour of Europe.

FORCED TO DRINK.

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A GREAT CANNON.

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THE CHINESE BRIDE.

How She is Delivered to the Groom, and How He Makes Her His Wife.

On the wedding day the guests assembled in the bridegroom's house. Then a procession is formed, consisting of friends, bands of music, and sedan chairs decorated in red and gold.

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