

SCIENTIFIC MISCELLANY.

Mr. Mac Buchner notes that insects form an important food of the Baetis, a tribe of insects inhabiting southern Africa...

Dr. H. W. Harkness has submitted to the California Academy of Science the following description of a hitherto undescribed species of man, to which the fossil footprints of the State prison quarry at Carson, Nevada, are attributed...

The experiments in acclimating the teapant in southern France are giving encouraging results. The assertion that audible sounds are sometimes produced by the aurora is not a new one...

Lecturing recently upon the geological history of Palestine, Prof. E. Hull, F. R. S., mentioned that the physical phenomenon which renders the Holy Land unique among all countries is the remarkable depression of the Dead Sea...

Mr. C. E. Bessey estimates that parasitic fungi damage the wheat, oats, barley and Indian corn crops of the United States to the extent of at least \$30,000,000 to \$100,000,000 annually...

In a paper read before the London Geologists' Association, Mr. W. F. Stanley attributes the rising and falling of the land surface of the globe chiefly to the pressure of snow and ice at the poles...

The world's largest animals are disappearing. The elephant is said to be rapidly approaching extinction...

Mons. Reiset has investigated a remarkable alteration of milk which superstitious French peasants seem to think is due to some bewitching influence...

The Swedish Government, which is so liberal in aiding scientific work, has granted Mr. A. Darsson \$250 for the study of English agriculture during the present season...

"The parting gives me pain," as the man said when he had a troublesome tooth extracted...

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