

MISCELLANEOUS.

A Chinese boy at Peking repeated the entire New Testament without missing a word or making a mistake.
A curious child has been discovered in a Philadelphia hospital. It is a living skeleton, its arms and legs not having a particle of flesh upon them.

A PRECIOUS MACHINE.

The Modest Statements of a Strictly Truthful Hardware Clerk.
It was plain to see by his looks and actions that he had no idea of purchasing a lawn-mower. He might, possibly, have been argued into buying two papers of tacks for five cents, or a summer thermometer at slaughter prices.

THE LICK TELESCOPE.

Interesting Points About the Largest Instrument of the Kind Ever Made.
Passengers out of Boston on the Boston & Albany railroad may have noticed just across the Charles river, at the first bridge out of the city and opposite Cottage Farm station, a handsome residence, and back of it a low, round-top observatory, and outside, near it, a long white model of a telescope.

JOHN STUMP'S GOLD.

The Tenant of An Old Maryland Mansion Suddenly Becomes Rich.
When old John Stump died in the early part of the present century at his home at Stafford, ten miles north of this place, writes a Havre de Grace (Md.) correspondent, his heirs were surprised that they did not find piles of glittering gold stowed away in the little iron safe in which it was thought that he had been heaping thousands for years.

MILLIONS IN PICTURES.

Pure Art Treasures in the Galleries of New York Millionaires.
New York is becoming one of the greatest art centers in the world," said a dealer in fine pictures recently.
"Surely \$10,000,000 and probably more are invested in the pictures which hang on the walls of private galleries in this city.

RUSSIAN COURT LIFE.

Brilliant Festivities Arranged for the Pleasure-Loving Czarina.
The court festivities at St. Petersburg have been more brilliant during the reign of the present Emperor than they have been for some years past.

BRAVE YEOMEN.

Washington's Prophetic Exclamation After the Battle of Bunker Hill.
It was the 15th day of June, 1775, that George Washington was chosen Commander-in-Chief of the American army. The next day he made his answer to Congress, in which he declared he accepted the office but that he would take no pay.

LAKE WETTERN.

A Bit of England Transplanted to the Middle of Sweden.
One portion of the canal—that lying between Lake Wettern and Lake Roxen—was perhaps the most beautiful of all. The water was above the level of the land, and we looked down upon a road overshadowed by trees, with a charming country beyond, and fertile gardens adorned with profusions of flowers of rich color that scented the air we passed through.

ARCTIC EXPLORATION.

Gallant Victims Claimed by the Insatiate North Pole.
There is a terrible fascination about Arctic exploration which not all the dread tragedies that mark its history, the hundreds of victims offered up to the Moloch of the North, the many gallant hearts that became forever lost in the regions of eternal ice, can check.

WHALE-CATCHING.

An Animal Whose Carcass is Worth Five Thousand Dollars.
What is the process of catching whales? inquired the reporter who saw Mr. Robertson yesterday.
"With the harpoon," he responded, "to which is attached a gun containing a bomb. As soon as the harpoon strikes the whale the gun is discharged and the bomb explodes, its contents instantly killing it, but often wounding it so that it goes down, often as far as forty fathoms, and they die under water. If it dies on top the body remains floating."

In the Nick of Time.

A correspondent in Montana, telling of the fortuitous discovery of silver mines, relates this incident: A prospector in New Mexico with the honored name of John Quincy Adams found his haversack on fire, his prospector's glass having focused the sun's rays upon it.

A Man Who Loved His Prison.

Warden McComb, of the California State prison at Folsom, has been planning extensive improvements in the prison grounds and has had the hearty co-operation of Harry, the convict gardener. At the height of the work Harry's term expired, and though he begged hard to stay, he was sent to San Francisco a free man.

I came to the end of the road, and apparently to the end of all things. A tiny pier and a miniature lighthouse, from which flashed a beacon over the waters of Lake Roxen. There was not a creature in sight, not a sound to be heard, not a nightbird to cleave the air with startling cry.

A large meteor, whose fall was accompanied by a whirring sound, was said to have been heard for a distance, fell the other night in the southern part of Oregon.