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When you think that this whole country with all its extent and with all its wealth, is only a few miles wide, it seems incredible that the great events chronicled in the Bible should have taken place in a country so small.

From Jerusalem to Jericho, Jordan and the Dead Sea, we made arrangements to go across the country on horseback to Damascus, and one fine morning started out with a company of fifteen people.

Through the country, with the exception of a few little valleys, there are no trees, no brush, no rocks and sand, barren hills and stony fields, the villages only miserable clusters of mud huts, all the people in ragged and tattered raiment.

At Damascus, we came Beirut and the coast, and here we sat, waiting a steamer for Constantinople and meantime enjoying the magnificent view. This town lies on the edge of the Mediterranean, the sea stretching away in front and the snow-clad mountains of Lebanon towering as a guard behind.

A SINGULAR ROMANCE. Marriage of a Girl to Her Father's Double.

(Westminster (Md.) Cor. Chicago Herald.) The death-bed confession of Edmund Davies, who died recently in Carroll county, has just been made public, and is a sequel to a strange story. His life was a remarkable one in many instances.

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