

POPULAR SUPERSTITIONS.

The world is full of thoughtful students. The old time dogmas are one by one being exploded, and, thanks to the careful study and patient research of these self-appointed observers, we are constantly learning something new.

species have manes, it is not to be wondered at, that ignorant Eskimo and superstitious sailors, on seeing these animals unexpectedly emerging from the sea, with their manes dripping with water and uttering sounds strangely human, should mistake them for human beings. This, no doubt, gave rise to the mermaid, merman, sirene, triton and sea nymph legends. The so-called mermaids to be seen in dime museums are all manufactured.

OVERWHELMING PROOF.

Of the Superiority of Electricity in the Cure of Diseases by Dr. Darrin—Who Can Doubt When so Many Testify? So much has been said in the praise of Dr. Darrin that it seems useless to add further proof of his wonderful skill.

DEATH BY DROWNING.

An Author Graphically Describes How He Feels to Drown. The ship was the Sir George Pollock, Captain Witters, bound from London to Lyttelton, New Zealand. We were about 1,000 miles south of the Cape of Good Hope, a very cold latitude in the month of October.

TO ERR IS HUMAN.

An Explanation of the Origin of Many Typographical Errors. Some years ago an editor of a bi-weekly paper published by the students of Yale College was astonished, and, even more, scandalized, to learn that an editorial which he had regarded with pride, had been referred to in the columns of a public referred to as a dinner party.

A PIONEER BISHOP.

An Illinois Church Dignitary Once Announced as the Author of the Bible. My first recollections of a general convention, says a writer in the New York Post, are connected with the somnolent held at St. John's Church in this city, when Bishop Philander E. Chase, of Illinois, presided over the House of Bishops.

EFFECT OF LIGHTNING.

Numerous Deaths Occurring in All Parts of the World. The majority of deaths from lightning occurs in the level, open country, trees, villages and thickly built-up towns and cities, by their projections into the air, serving as conductors, and merely protecting the inhabitants from direct strokes.

Interesting Discovery in Egypt.

The correspondent of the London Times at Alexandria telegraphed on October 17 that three colossal statues, ten feet high, of rosso granite, had just been found at Aboukir, a few feet below the surface.

More People Cured by Dr. Darrin.

George Schmidt, Astoria; deafness, cured. Rev. J. E. Conour, Portland, Or.; skin disease, cured. Miss Maggie Synchewski, Grand, Or.; cross-eye, cured. Isaac Thompson, La Center, Wash.; deafness, cured. James Daily, New York, N. Y.; Paralytic deafness, fifteen years, cured. Milton Jones, Perrydale, Or.; cured of polyposis of the nose.

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WITNESS, JUDGE AND JURY.

A Michigan jury was led up to a whole week before they could determine whether or not two men set fire to a haystack.

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