

FINE FANCIES.

I am sitting by my fire-side, In its warm and ruddy glow, While the day is slowly dying...

A Deep Hole.

For the last 200 or 300 years there has been much speculation among scientific men as to the exact cause of the phenomenon of earthquakes...

Deceived by Appearances.

On a Philadelphia train that came through here the other day the passengers derived considerable amusement from the actions of a handsome young man and a worried looking but still pretty woman...

Afraid of Being Buried Alive.

I for one am not at all surprised at the rather startling instructions in the will of the late Duchess Pozzo de Borgo that in order to make quite sure of her death her heart should be removed from the body...

A Gentle Voice.

Tommy—Oh, I'm so glad you've come home, papa! Mamma has been awful mean to me today.

Ex-Governor Long, of Massachusetts, possesses the remarkable ability of recollecting what he has written without reading it over even by himself.

Fowls have undoubtedly a larger vocabulary than any of the other domestic animals; yet in half a day you will probably hear from them all the sounds that they use in ordinary life.

Possibly the most expensive cigars ever made were the 20,000 Havanas made for Spanish Marshal Prim as a present for Napoleon III.

Soundings in the Black Sea show that beyond a depth of 600 feet the water is so impregnated with sulphureted hydrogen gas emanating from decaying animal and vegetable matter that living organisms are not found there.

They Couldn't See the Joke.

Three members of the Episcopal congress sat in a corner of the Lafayette writing room talking over some important subject. All were men ranging from 50 to 65 years, all were dressed in black, and the face of each wore a look of intense interest.

Late that evening the three met again in the Lafayette corridor, and the bishop, a little embarrassed, said: "Gentlemen, I told that story wrong this afternoon."

As Others See Us.

A funny story is told at the expense of Sir Richard Moon, chairman of the board of directors of the London and North-western Railway company.

He Had a Wife at Home.

"I have a little Bible at home," said the bad man, "that in 1868 I wrestled from a Sunday school class of nineteen. I haven't opened it since, and it is as new and clean as the day I got it."

Presentation to a Canine Hero.

At a public meeting in Morecambe a handsome collar, bearing a suitable inscription, was presented to a dog for saving the life of a child.

A Barefoot Rothschild.

The spectacle of one of the rich Rothschilds going daily barefooted can be witnessed in the village of Waershofen, near Munich.

Muscular Power of Insects.

The muscular power of some insects is simply enormous. A French entomologist had a pet beetle that could lift 350 times his own weight.

The London Clearing House.

The daily average at the London clearing house for 1888 amounted to \$22,250,000. If these transactions for a single day were settled in coin it would require 175 tons of gold or 2,781 tons of silver.

DEAD PAUPERS' GOODS.

SELLING AT AUCTION THE ODD PROPERTY OF SUICIDES.

A Growsome Scene—What Becomes of the Effects Which Paupers Leave Behind When They Take Their Own Lives. They Find Their Way to the Bowery.

"Misery's auction sale" took place Thursday. It was held at 5 Duane street, and though that is not its official name it occurred to a reporter who heard it called so as a most appropriate one.

The auction has an odd and growsome origin. When a man commits suicide by pistol or knife the coroner takes possession of the weapon.

After the unfortunate is laid beneath the sod of Potter's field, and all the legal formulas have been observed, the coroner hands all these things over to the public administrator.

When the reporter entered the place the sale was in progress. The auctioneer's pulpit like stand was in the middle of the room, and that functionary, in a silk hat, was deeply engaged in overcoming the objections of a poorly dressed, stout Irish woman to buying a cheap watch that might have been silver or steel.

THE AUCTION ROOM.

There was a story connected with every one of these articles, a romantic one undoubtedly in many cases, but no one there knew it or evinced the least desire to learn anything about it.

UNROMANTIC BIDDERS.

A suit of clothes was held up by the boy. "How much d'ye bid?" Those nearest the stand felt the cloth and examined the clothes carefully, then a bid was offered, and another, and so on until the hammer fell.

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