THE ART OF EMBALMING.

How Bodies of the Dead Are Preserved for a Number of Years.

Said a reporter to a prominent undertaker the other day: "I suppose out your refrigerators!"

"Well, it would a few years ago, but now, you know, we never use ice for preserving a body except in a few cases where the friends or relatives object to our embalming it."

"That is more expensive, though, is it not?"

"Oh, no: the cost is about the same and the trouble is much less. Now, you see, in using ice we have a big box to carry around, and where we have three or four cases at the same time coolers, but by the new way of preserv-, the winter, after a succession of bright. ing here is all we have to carry," and warm days. The mountains are heavily he laid his hand on what looked like a loaded with snow, which has fallen in sample-case such as is ordinarily car- layers, and frozen until it lies solidly ried by a liquor salesman.

On opening the case it hore a striking resemblance to a surgeon's case, except that on one side there were. The sun melts these layers, they lose three quart bottles filled with milkylooking fluids. The instruments con- down the mountain, often with 14,000 sisted of a small knife, a lancet such as is used by physicians in "tapping," and a syringe with a great variety of layers of snow become detached, nozzles. "This," said the undertaker, picking up the syringe, "is the principal thing used, and the nozzles are used in just as many ways as there are nozzles. Now we use this nozzle when embalming, but simply to preserve the body a day or two, and it is used for is for a hypodermic injection, this for a stop a slide before it hurls itself used for what we call inflating. That momentum. Last winter the death is, if the person has been sick a long list in consequence of snow-slides was time and is very thin in the face we insert this in the face under the ear and are learning to be cautious. The force a certain fluid into the face to most destructive slide I remember was give it a round appearance." "Then I understand that it is not

days?"

the body when given into our hands, trail, running nearly all the way along but ordinarily we inject into the stomach and intestines and into the head through the nose and ears. In a thor- threatening other slides. They begged ough job, where the body has to be us for help to dig out their imprisoned kept a number of days in warm comrades. We sent a party up on weather, we fill the arteries, and in case of the sudden death of a vigorous nerviest men in the camp. They got person we usually have to draw out up to the mines safely and dug out the "GENTLE AS THE BREEZE OF EVENING." the blood first. This we are obliged to do while the body is warm, but we do put seven of the dead men into sleds, not inject the embalming fluid till the and with the rescued men started animal warmth has left the body."

"How long will a body retain its natural appearance that has been thoroughly treated?"

"I can hardly say. All the way from one year to ten or even more, and I

WESTERN SNOW-SLIDES.

According to a Colorado Man They Surpass the Avalanche of Switzerland.

One can pick up almost any book of travel and find in it a description of an warm weather will cause you to get avalanche in Switzerland, but I've never seen any satisfactory attempt to That a contaminating and foreign element in picture the terrible grandeur of a Colo- the blood, developed by indigestion, is the cause rado snow-slide. The two are the same thing, but the snow-slide is more awful and destructive than the ava- shifting pain, and aggregating as a calcareous lanche. It has a better chance to show what it can do, by reason of the num- distortion of the joints. No fact which expeber of mines which are worked in the pathway of the slides, and the carelessness of the miners in exposing themselves to danger and disregarding the warning signs the sky and the snow

always give before the slides begin. we would be obliged to have several The most fearful slides occur during in a mass from five to twenty feet deep all over the range, and in canyons and gulches fifty feet sometimes. their hold on those below, and start feet to travel before they reach the bottom. As they go down other and the slide increases in weight and velocity as it falls. A slide seen from a distance is only a white cloud, but it is a cloud weighing hundreds of tons. Trees are bent and snapped in pieces, we do not intend to do a regular job of | huge rocks are uprooted and carried along, and a house in the way of the slide is buried and carried away like a injecting fluid into the stomach. This leaf. Nothing but a mountain will one other troubles. Preaching pruvein, this for an artery, and this is against the level ground and losses its light in Colorada. I believe the miners one that came down upon the Sheridan and Mendota mines near the top of the necessary to fill the veins and arteries range that rises above Ouray. It carin order to preserve a body for a few | ried away the kitchen and bunk-house of the men, and covered fifteen miners. "Not by any means. Of course it Some who escaped came down to depends very much on the condition of Ouray on snow-shoes over a perilous so cheap.

precipices, and overhung with cliffs, precipices, and overhung with cliffs, will relieve Bronchitis, Asthma, and bearing trembling masses of snow Throat Diseases. snow-shoes immediately, eight of the bodies and two live men. Then they

when another slide came down on the trail and swept away sleds, corpses and rescuers. There was a space fifty feet left behind. wide from the trail to the brink of a expect if I embalmed a body just to canyon, over eighty feet deep. Some the asylum, see how long I could keep it, it would of the men were released by the snow IF you want an engine, send to Z. T. keep till it was destroyed by outside before they were carried to the edge of Wright, Portland. agencies. I have removed bodies that the gulf, but most of them, with all the sled-bearers, went over and down upon the deep snow at the bottom. Not one of that party was killed, although they were somewhat bruised, and they all, singly or in small parties, made their their way back to Ouray within the next three days. The corpses lay embalmed in the snow until spring, when the thawing of the snow made them visible. They were then brought down to Ouray and buried .- Ouray (Col.) Cor. St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

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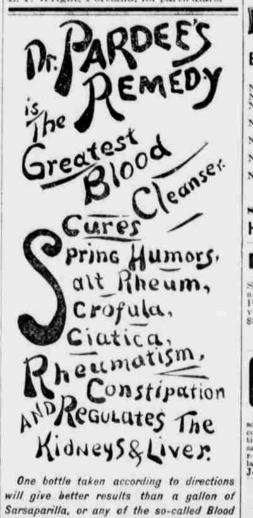
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The Garfield Monument.

Some criticism is passed upon the inscription on the pedestal of the Gar- value, to remedy all such deficiences, field statue in Washington. On one If a gate or door is hold in place by side may be read: "James A. Garfield, 1831-1881, Major-General U. S. V.; member of Congress, Senator, and President of the United States of America." General Garfield was never a member of the Senate of the United Staies, and there is in official parlance no such expression as "Member of Congress," and if there were the term would cover membership in both branches of Congress. General Garfield was a Senator-elect when chosen President, but he had never been sworn in and could not thus be designated by that title. The inscription, to be correct, should be "Major-General U. S V., Representative in Congress, Senator-elect, and President of the United States of America."-Carp, in Cleveland Leader.

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-Reuben M. West, a colored barber, of Richmond, Va., known to more prominent men of the State than any member of his race, died recently in that city in the eighty-seventh year of his age. He was the last survivor of the famous old Blues band, a company of light infantry formed in 1789, and still maintaining a healthy existence. Fifty years ago West was noted as having fifteen or twenty thousand dollars invested in the African slave trade .--Chicago Times.

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-A Russian peasant who drove the sledge of Napoleon L from Moscow to the German frontier during the disastrons retreat of the French has just died, at the age of ninety-four, in a small Bavarian village. Among his possessions were found some gold the Emporor, and with which he never parted -New York Sun.

