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### A WESTERN PARADISE.

Santa Catalina at Its Best and Gayest—Evening View Is Very Strangely Stage-Like.

It is in winter and spring that Santa Catalina is most attractive, thanks to the active competition of over 400 distinct varieties of plants and wild flowers. But "the season" is the period from June to October, and then it is that life at Avalon takes on an aspect of gaiety equal to that of the most popular eastern watering places. Visitors from the north and from the inland cities, says the Four-Track News, throng the broad verandas, and the esplanade; the surface of the bay is alive with fishing and pleasure craft, banners dot the beach, and every form of outdoor amusement is in full swing. Early in the season a model tent city springs up, providing accommodations for those whose tastes incline them to the comparative freedom of camp life. In the evening a thousand electric lights shed their glow over a scene strangely stage-like in setting and arrangement, and to which the music of the band lends an added spell. And so it comes that Catalina is styled "A Magic Isle," "An Enchanted Isle," terms that to the uninitiated may sound a bit fanciful, but which no one who has experienced its delights will hold as misapplied.

### A Living Book Marker.

The mystery of life has rarely furnished the thinker with so strange a problem as that which arises out of a fact instanced by Mr. W. H. Hudson, the naturalist, says the London Outlook. Mr. Hudson had a piece of snake skin, which for years he used as a book marker. It changed color periodically and shed its scales. It continued to shed its scales in this fashion for ten years, each succeeding set of scales being smaller than the last. Some fairly recent books would make even a hippopotamus hide book marker change color were it to find itself between their leaves. The sensitive book is capable of blushing rose red or paling with emotion may, no doubt, be a feature in the literary life of the

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### POLICEMAN AND HIS CLUB.

Used It Too Vigorously—After Being Reprimanded Did Not Use It Enough.

Apropos of Mr. Jerome's Chicago speech in which he advocated strenuous treatment of thugs by the police, said Lawyer Frank Moss, according to the New York Times, "when I was a police commissioner I had a little experience of the philosophy of the club versus moral suasion.

"One day a fine young policeman, of but a few months' standing on the force, was brought before me charged with brutally clubbing a prisoner. He was perfectly frank in admitting that he had administered the beating. 'Sure I was beating into his hide the consciousness of his crime,' he commented defensively.

"Of course I advised the exercise of more gentleness in the future and dismissed the youth with a reprimand. I had completely forgotten the incident until three months later, when the same young policeman was presented again, this time charged with allowing a prisoner to escape. In his defense he exclaimed:

"It's all because I didn't use the stick. I was going to remind him of his sins with a few taps, when I remembered what you said to me, Mr. Commissioner. Then I grab him firmly but gently and starts to lead him off. While walking along I began to talk to him about his crime and the consequences. I got so eloquent and pleased with my flow of words that I loosened my grip, when he broke away, hit me behind the ear, and knocked me into an area way."

"Here was a stickler that I reserved for several days to meditate over."

### NOISE OF A MOVING TRAIN.

Locomotive Engineers Are Not Disturbed by the Battle of Cars Over the Rails.

The locomotive engineer was talking about his run, says the Pittsburg Dispatch. He maintained that, with the roar and rumble of the engine directly beneath him and of the train thundering behind, he had no trouble in hearing what his fireman on the other side of the cab said to him, and the fireman could understand and answer. The noise of the train seems to be something extra, according to him, to which he has become so accustomed that it does not interfere in any way with his ordinary faculties. It appeared, from his remarks, to be like a dull clatter of numerous typewriters in a big office, which never interferes with speech or thought once a person has become accustomed to the noise. He asserted that he knew of engineers who had become stone deaf when they were not in the cab, and their friends had to yell to them to make themselves understood. But as soon as the veterans stepped into the engine and got the rattle of the train in their ears they could hear the ordinary conversational voice, despite the thunder of the machinery and the wheels. As soon as the train stopped they were deaf again for that interval, only to be right as soon as the pandemonium of the wheels shook up their aural openings.

### QUEER CHURCH ORNAMENTS

Scythe Placed in House of Worship to Commemorate Peasants' Defense of Their Faith.

At first sight the scythe is a strange ornament for a church, but there is nothing incongruous in these curious agricultural implements as seen in the parish church of St. Mary's, at Horncastle, in Lincolnshire, says the Christian Age.

Thirteen of these blades are nailed above the door in the north chapel. At one time the blades numbered 40 or 50, but owing to rust and decay many of them have been lost. Each of the scythes is about a yard in length.

The general belief is that these blades were placed in the church in commemoration of the zeal of peasants who wielded them in defense of their faith in the rebellion known as "The Pilgrimage of Grace," which had its rise at Louth in 1536. When the people saw the ruins of their churches and abbeys, they rose in revolt, and arming themselves with the instruments of husbandry, such as scythes, they went forth to encounter the enemy. They were beaten and dispersed, but in the eyes of their countrymen they were heroes, and the rude implements with which they fought were deemed worthy of an abiding place in the old church where the peasants had worshipped.

### A Macedonian Amazon.

Katarina Arnautova, a Macedonian woman, has participated in a great deal of fighting during the insurrection against Turkey. A correspondent describes her as about 26 years of age, of middle height, well set up and strong looking, with blue eyes and brown hair, which she wears long, but done up under her black fur cap. She wore also a gray tunic of a military cut and metal buttons, a leather belt, gray trousers, and leggings of a dull, violet-colored wool. A whistle for giving signals was attached to her watch chain, and in her pocket she had some poison wrapped up in paper, in case she should fall into the hands of the Turks. She said she had been in six important engagements and others of less importance, was a good shot, and knew of five Turks that had fallen before her rifle.



## CRYING!

What for? If you ask her she will tell you she doesn't know. She just feels nervous, that's all. A man is apt to have very little sympathy with this condition in his wife. He can't see any earthly reason why she should cry. She has plenty to eat, plenty to wear, and he does everything he can, he thinks, to make her happy; and in spite of that, she sits down and cries softly to herself, apparently without any cause or reason. But there is a cause, and that cause is some disorder or disease of the delicate womanly organism. Unhealthy drains have taken away the vital force. Inflammation is fretting the nerves of the whole body. If women did but understand the intimate relation of the general health to the local health of the delicate womanly organs, they would realize that the quick way to establish the general health is to cure the local disorders. Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription dries the drains that enfeeble women, heals inflammation and ulceration and cures female weakness. It is a medicine that can absolutely be relied upon to make weak women strong and sick women well. It contains no alcohol, and is entirely free from opium, cocaine and all other narcotics.

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### COULD SOAERELY WALK.

"For the sake of poor, suffering women, I feel it my duty to inform you of the great benefit your medicine has given me," writes Mrs. Callie Bowles, of Watts, Fredell Co., N. C. "I was in a miserable condition when I wrote to you. I had uterine disease so bad I could scarcely walk and suffered such dreadful misery I hoped to be relieved by death. You wrote to me to take your 'Favorite Prescription' and I have taken eleven bottles of it, and two of your Pleasant Pellets. I am entirely well and feel like a new woman. I feel thankful to God and to Doctor Pierce for the blessings I now enjoy. I have a fine, big boy, two months old and never got along as well in my life. I can't praise your medicines enough."

### NO USE FOR DOCTORS.

"About five years ago I had very poor health," writes Mrs. S. E. Whalen, of Holden, Johnson Co., Missouri. "After doctoring four years with our town doctors they gave me up; said they had done all they could. I had been confined to my bed half my time; the other half could hardly drag around. I had such pains in my back and abdomen I could not stand on my feet for more than a few minutes. My feet were cold or burning, and my periods came too often. The doctors said it was change of life, so, as I had heard of Dr. Pierce's medicines, my husband got me a bottle of 'Favorite Prescription.' I took it and it helped me in some ways, so I wrote to you and followed your advice. I commenced 'Favorite Prescription,' 'Golden Medical Discovery' and the 'Pleasant Pellets,' as I was so constipated all the time and pills would weaken me so that I would have to go to bed. To the great surprise of everybody I got well, and when I met my friends they would say, 'I never thought you would be here now.' But I can say it was your medicine, which no doubt is the best in the world. Have had no use for doctors since I tried your medicine."

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### Peculiarities of Kildine Described by Russian Scientists.

Russian scientists have lately been studying the curious island of Kildine, off the coast of Russian Lapland, and separated from it by a narrow strait. This island, says the New York Sun, has a lake that has no visible connection with the sea, but is affected with tidal movements. To be sure, the tides in the lake rise and fall only a few inches, while those in the surrounding sea rise and fall several feet. The periodicity of the lake tides makes it plain that the lake has subterranean communication with the sea.

The water on the island is of three kinds, fresh water from rains and from brooks at the highest points; a little lower salt water like that of the sea; at the lowest point sea water, surcharged with free sulphuretted hydrogen. The fresh water is inhabited by the animal life usual in the fresh water of that region. The salt water has sea creatures, sponges and the like, while the water surcharged with sulphuretted hydrogen has neither vegetable nor animal life. The phenomenon of this sulphuretted hydrogen has its counterpart in the depths of the Black sea, where the presence of the gas destroys animal and vegetable life.

Four robbers blew the postoffice safe at Chicora, Pa., with dynamite. They were burglars and one was killed on the spot by the explosion.

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### City Lodging Houses.

John Burns, the famous London la-

bor dealer, recently startled the county council by a denunciation of a new city lodging house for 700 men.

"These huge lodging houses," he said, "are a social and moral danger. It is not for the council to put a premium on celibacy by building hotels in which provision is made only for the single man.

"These aggregations of single men attract the provincial loafers and wastrels, who, from being cab touts, descend to the gutter, to be picked up and taken to Salvation Army shelters for soup.

"I have been up all night for four nights, mixing with the people who get a basin of soup and four ounces of bread at Salvation Army shelters. At 3:30 a. m. I have formed one of 1310 men waiting to get soup and bread, and I found bakers, criminals and wastrels alternating between the workingmen who have fallen in the struggle for bread.

"The social danger of these celibates becomes greater with every house erected by the council and by Lord Rowton's company."

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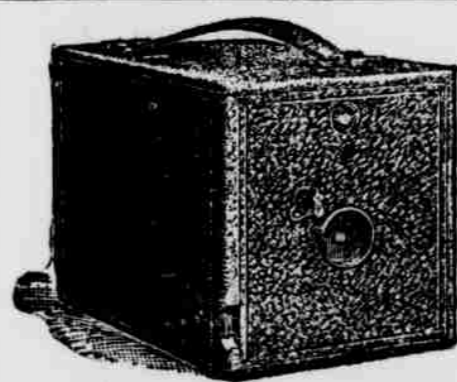
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