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HIT BY AN EARTHQUAKE.

How a Man Was Treated by an Upheaval in Venezuela.

Mrs. Charles Middlekauff of Hagerstown, Md., is in receipt of a letter from her son, Frank Middlekauff, at Caracas, Venezuela. Mr. Middlekauff describes the recent terrible earthquake in Venezuela as follows:

"It is startling to see the earth rolling like the sea. People cannot stand up. The first shock came at 4:45 o'clock on Oct. 20. I was awakened. I got up and was thrown back into bed. I got up again and was knocked to the floor. I finally succeeded in reaching the street. There everything was confusion and buildings were falling on all sides.

"For five nights I slept in the plaza. Everybody has been sleeping in the parks since the first shock. Everybody is sick and very nervous. It is depressing to see people praying, expecting every moment to be killed. There have been from four to six shocks every day for five days.

"For three days the tremors were so regular that a person could set a watch by them. They came at 2, 5 and 11 a. m. and 4, 7, 10 and 10:30 p. m. One shock would stop a watch, and the succeeding shock would start it again.

"People are really going mad. Nearly all the towns along the coast are total wrecks. There are over 400 dead in one small town along the coast. The authorities cannot even estimate at this time how many are killed and injured. The earth opened where the land was low, and that is the reason the coast towns were most affected.

"The earthquake created terrible havoc in Caracas, though the city is very highly elevated. The city is in ruins. About 80 buildings out of every 100 are wrecked. The large capitol is split in four pieces. All the large churches have been demolished. What have not fallen down will have to be torn down. Every place is closed up. Business of all kinds has been suspended. There were not many killed in Caracas, but many were injured.

"The trains cannot run to Caracas over the mountains, therefore the mail has to be taken to the coast by mules."

—Baltimore Sun.

Overcrowded London.

At the present moment, writes Sir Walter Besant in The Century, those parts of East London inhabited by the workmen of all kinds, from the respectable artisan in steady employment down to the casual hand and the children of the street, are suffering from the dearth of houses. There are not enough houses for the people; there are not enough single rooms for the families which they could. The rents of the lowest tenements are going up higher and higher. The working people compete with one another for rooms. The landlord has only to put up his house or his rooms in his house to the highest bidder. A room that used to be let for 4 shillings a week can now command 6, while the fire, or the sum paid on taking the key, which was formerly a few shillings, now runs up to a pound or even 2.

"The houseless used to be considered the very poorest. Among them now are families where the head is in good work. They are houseless because there are no houses for them. The vast increase of population has a good deal to do with this. For instance, the outlying suburb of East Ham, 20 years ago a mere hamlet, with a few houses and an old church in the fields, now numbers 80,000 people, all of the working class, while its neighbor, West Ham, which 20 years ago consisted of two or three scattered hamlets, is now a great town of 270,000 people, all of the working class.

Is the Lost Planet Found?

One of the most beautiful legends relating to the stars is that of "the lost Planet." It would appear that in ancient times ordinary eyes saw distinctly seven stars in the group of the Pleiades, although now only six are thus visible. The lost Planet has been a subject not only for poets, but for astronomers, who have frequently discussed the question whether such a star ever really existed. Recently the question has been revived, and the English astronomer, Mr. W. T. Lym, after declaring that there can scarcely be a doubt that in former times seven stars were clearly visible in the Pleiades, quotes approvingly the suggestion of Professor Pickering that the faint star known as Pleione is the lost Planet. This opinion is based on the peculiar appearance of the spectrum of Pleione, which indicates that it may be an irregularly variable star.

The Gypsy Moth.

Because a Boston man forgot to close his window the state of Massachusetts has lost \$3,000,000 and is still losing \$500,000 a year. The man was a silk grower. He sent to France for some gypsy moths, which he intended to experiment on with a view to a new brand of silk. One day he sat at his table examining some of these moths, when he was called out of the room. He left the window open, and the draft blew the moths out. Two years later caterpillars ate the leaves off every forest and fruit tree for miles around. They were gypsy moths, and the state has spent over \$3,000,000 in fighting the pests.

Science's Amazing Strides.

In a recent lecture Dr. Hoffbauer claimed that the age of fishes can be told by their scales. These show under the microscope stripes similar to the bands in the crescent of a tree, which indicate the age of the fish. We are now able to approximately state the age of horses, fishes and trees. Trouble, oh, ladies, but that some scientist will make a discovery enabling a lay observer to determine the human age at sight! Would life be worth living then?—Vienna Tagblatt.

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PERSONALITIES.

Sir William Huggins, the new president of the Royal Society of England, is a Londoner by birth and is 76 years old.

George H. Phillips, the young "corn king" of Chicago, is getting many letters from women offering to marry him at sight.

Lord Curzon, the viceroy of India, is not only a graduate of Balliol college, Oxford, but is also a D. L. and a fellow of the Royal society.

Dr. Nansen, the explorer, although perfectly easy on the lecture platform, is generally extremely shy and diffident in general society and talks but little.

Representative Littlefield of Maine brought along with him to Washington the other day two big deer, souvenirs of his prowess as a hunter in the Maine woods.

Andreas and Anton Lang visited the pope in Rome a short time ago in their Oberammergau costumes. The pope received them kindly and would not allow the impersonator of Christ to kneel before him.

An album once belonging to General von Moltke and now preserved at Krefeld contains, among other autographs, a five line poem by King Ludwig II of Bavaria, in which von Moltke is styled "Germany's greatest hero."

The Boer general, De Wet, said recently that he respected Cecil Rhodes very much. "He tried his best to patch up matters," said De Wet, "and then when the break came he naturally sided with his own country. I should have despised him if he had not."

The late Senator Davis, after 30 years' experience as a public speaker, was unable to dispel the nervousness which beset him whenever on the point of making a speech. After the first sentence he was perfectly himself, but up to that time he always suffered badly from stage fright.

A. J. Drexel Biddle of Philadelphia, who last winter was elected a fellow of the Royal Geographical society in London, has received an invitation from the president and secretary of the Royal Meteorological Society of Great Britain to become a fellow of that famous organization also.

Sir Theodore Martin has withdrawn his offer of a monument to his wife at the church at Stratford-on-Avon. Sidney Lee, in a letter to the London Times, showed that even the merits of Helen Faucit could not justify the erection of a memorial that would overshadow Shakespeare's tomb.

Apparently it is John D. Rockefeller's intention to surround his beautiful home in Westchester county, N. Y., with one of the most beautiful parks in the east. So far he has purchased \$5,000 worth of land there and next spring will spend \$250,000 in landscape gardening and constructing an artificial lake in famous Sleepy Hollow.

THE GLASS OF FASHION.

Silk tassels and gold tassels as well as used by way of variety in place of drop buttons.

Scarlet and gold in combination gives a military touch to many a costume this season, but it is almost exclusively reserved for young women.

One feature in the detail of the bodice is a facing of gold or silk cord across the shoulder seam, each point tucked down with a tiny gold button.

High Louis XIV heels are the correct thing for dressy shoes, and colored suede slippers which match the gown are one of the fads in footwear.

The new muffs are large and varied in style between the soft round muff of fur, with tails across one side, and the dainty little novelty of velvet, fur and chiffon.

Handsome buckles in all sizes and kinds are very much used for belts, for fastening ends and straps of velvet and for the center of rosettes and butterfly bows.

Small hats made entirely of the broad feathers of different birds are one of the fads in millinery and are trimmed with a bunch of flowers on a rosette of velvet or mousseline.

Tiny pink roses are worn as a cuff-decoration in the evening arranged in a close wreath around the knot, which is dressed high on the head and fastened with a small black velvet bow. Alsatian bows of black tulle are another decoration very becoming to some women.—New York Sun.

ITEMS OF INTEREST.

The average weight of a man is 140 pounds 6 ounces, or about 15 men to the ton.

Chinese mandarins carry their own chopsticks to a feast, wipe them carefully at the close of the feast and carry them home again. They are of ivory and usually silver tipped.

In the new British parliament 55 members are directors of British railways and 11 are directors of colonial or foreign railways, while half a dozen others are large contractors for railway works.

A new cigarette factory was formally opened in the City of Mexico. President Diaz attended, with a grant of honor of distinguished guests. The police turned out in dress uniforms. A company of infantry paraded.

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