

STRANGE VOLCANIC EFFECTS.

Intense Cold and Furious Winds Following an Eruption in New Zealand.

The white terraces of Rotomahana rose up in a series of 20 platforms in the form of a gigantic stairway. Each terrace was perfectly horizontal and of dazzling whiteness.

Unfortunately New Zealand no longer possesses this unique spectacle, for the terraces are no more. The various agencies of nature which originally built such curious forms served in turn to destroy them.

All around the ground was covered with a thin film of fine ash to the depth of half an inch, and it was afterward found that the intense darkness was caused by a thick cloud of dust blown out by the volcano to a height so tremendous that it passed above Tauranga and dispersed over the country some miles away.

The manifestation was accompanied by intense cold, the thermometer registering five degrees of frost. This is explained by the fact that the columns of steam as they came hissing out of the crater expanded as they ascended and absorbed their own heat, which became latent, so that the heat was abstracted from everything near.

The next day the party set off for Rotomahana. As they approached the Hot lakes huge cracks a foot in length were seen in all directions. The scene was one of the strange grandeur of absolute desolation.

A lawsuit that has lasted over a century lately came to an end in Ireland. In 1797 Robert Smyth, a brewer of Smock Alley, Dublin, failed.

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TO PROMOTE AGRICULTURE.

Prizes Offered to the Boys and Girls of Canada for Choice Seed Grain.

An interesting and important movement for the improvement of seed grain has just been instituted in Canada through the personal efforts of the commissioner of agriculture, Prof. James W. Robertson.

A year ago Prof. Robertson offered prizes to the boys and girls of the Dominion for the selection of seed grain, and the results were so satisfactory, that he had prevailed upon a generous friend, Sir William Macdonald, the Montreal millionaire, to place \$30,000 at his disposal for the purpose of continuing the work.

Any acre of grain on the farm at which the competitor lives may be selected for 1900, and one mark will be awarded for every pound of grain of good quality obtained from it.

There is a set of prizes for both wheat and oats, and for each separate province, and a set of annual prizes as well, the last being for the 100 best heads selected from the acre of the year.

He considers the plan one that will do incalculable good, not only by producing better seed grain, but by giving the rising generation an intelligent interest in agriculture.

As an example of what can be done by the systematic selection of seed grain, Prof. Robertson cites the case of a farmer by the name of Melrose, who lived some 25 years ago in Canada.

The seed from these was thoroughly cleaned and sowed to wheat again, and then the process was repeated. The result was that the seed from his farm took the gold medal at the Paris exposition, and for years afterward was sold for seed at fine prices as Melrose wheat.

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In on the Gloomy Fanection, Mrs. Rheinstone—Is your cousin in New York society? Mrs. Bimbeck—Well, yes; that is, she has attended a great many fashionable funerals—Indianapolis Journal.

WALL PAPER SUGGESTIONS.

Points to Be Considered When the Walls Are to Be Recovered.

Several questions have to be taken into consideration before that of the walls can be satisfactorily settled. Is the room light or dark, large or small? Does the sun shine in? Is it in the country or in town? What is its outlook? For what particular purpose is it destined? Must a question of old furniture enter into the discussion, that which cannot be changed or recovered, or that which is so valuable in itself that the room may be built up in reference to it?

That which is to be avoided for any and every wall is a paper having gilt figures, or figures outlined in gilt. Like a double-faced friend, this paper is always playing you false. It is never the same on any two days or in any two situations.

Flowered papers, by universal consent, are accepted for bedrooms. When there is oak woodwork, like that which is found in so many small apartments and new houses, a ground-work of green or of yellow should be chosen for the paper.

The dress or coat hangers which are sold in the stores for a small sum, and which serve so materially to keep skirts and waists in good form when hung away, may be made attractive with small expenditure.

The form of the hanger, be it wooden or wire, is first to be covered with cotton batting fitted closely over the frame. After this is done, sachet powder may be sprinkled liberally over the cotton, and an outer covering of some pretty material added.

All sorts of elaborate and even extravagant fancies are indulged in for these coverings, but the utility of the hanger needs to be kept in mind, and too fanciful a covering seems out of place.

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Bulletin Financier.

Jeu, 22 mars 1900.

COMPTON D'ÉCHANGES (CLERKIN-ROUSSE) DE LA NOUVELLE-ORLEANS.

MARCHE MONETAIRE. Nouvelle-Orléans—50 francs de papier exceptionnel... 7 par cent.

CHANGE. Le STERLING en francs... 4904 3/4. Le franc en STERLING... 1/110.

ACTIONS ET BONS. Valeur Off. Des. de. Banque... 100 82. Canal de Panama... 100 117.

Marché de Liverpool. Sucres et Melasse. Sucres... 4 3/4. Melasse... 2 3/4.

TONNELLERIE. Nouveaux barils de sucre et de café... 35. Nouveaux barils de sucre et de café... 37.

MARCHANDISES DIVERSES. BAYAL 750000—Les prix de vente... 110. BAYAL 750000—Les prix de vente... 110.

CHARBON. PITTBURGH—Par bateau 324500... 110. PITTBURGH—Par bateau 324500... 110.

FARINES. FARINES—Les prix de vente... 140. FARINES—Les prix de vente... 140.

GRAINS ET FOURRAGES. MAÏS—On cote... 47. MAÏS—On cote... 47.

Bulletin Commercial.

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COTON. Marché de la Nlle-Orléans SUR PLACE. Le Coton étranger a repris autour de 100 centes.

Marché de New-York. Futures de New-York. Coton... 7 9/16. Coton... 7 9/16.

Marchés divers. Coton... 7 9/16. Coton... 7 9/16.

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PROVISIONS.

AU BOARD OF TRADE.

NEUF PORK. Mince Pork, nouveau... \$11 75. Mince Pork, nouveau... \$11 75.

GROCERIES. Les prix suivants de café sont ceux du Board of Trade.

GRAINE DE COTON ET SES PRODUITS. Usines de coton—let Nominal par 48.

FRUITS ET NOIX. POIRES—Les prix de vente... 5 00. POIRES—Les prix de vente... 5 00.

PRODUITS DE LA CAMPAGNE. Les prix de vente... 110. Les prix de vente... 110.

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CHEMINS DE FER.

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LOUISVILLE & NASHVILLE. No 3 fast mail... 7:40 a.m. No 3 fast mail... 7:40 a.m.

QUEEN & CRESCENT ROUTE. No 3 limited... 8:30 a.m. No 3 limited... 8:30 a.m.

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THE YAZOO AND MISSISSIPPI VALLEY. Memphis express... 9:10 a.m. Memphis express... 9:10 a.m.

SOUTHERN PACIFIC COMPANY. Texas and Mexico express... 6:25 p.m. Texas and Mexico express... 6:25 p.m.

TEXAS AND PACIFIC. Fort Worth and Texas express... 6:15 p.m. Fort Worth and Texas express... 6:15 p.m.

EAST LOUISIANA RAILROAD. Du dépôt de la Queen and Crescent, les Press. Tous les jours excepté dimanche.

NEW ORLEANS, FORT JACKSON AND GRAND ISLE R. R. Dimanche seulement. 7:35 p.m.

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