

the tapir and the tiger. Birds of brilliant plumage, reptiles, snakes and insects are numerous.

Influenced by the wealth of moisture and luxuriant vegetation, insects and reptiles predominate in South American fauna. The alligator, the boa-constrictor, and the condor are characteristic. So also is the order of edentata. Of the mammals of South America, however, it must be said, that they are inferior to those of the continents already described.

In its fauna, as in its flora, Australia is again exceptional. There are few species and nearly all are peculiar to the continent. The marsupials are especially characteristic. Some are carnivorous, some herbivorous. The kangaroo is the most representative marsupial. The beast-with-a-bill is another Australian peculiarity. With the body of a quadruped it associates the bill of a duck and partially webbed feet. The lyre bird and the emu are the characteristic birds of this peculiar continent.

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A Village Mystery.



FATHER BERNARD was the new pastor in the village of Soranto. He was a rather tall young man with a very intelligent face. One of the first things he did after his arrival was to improve the neglected condition of the churchyard. The cattle were to be turned out, the nettles cut down and the tombstones put in order.

No one objected except those who had been in the habit of allowing their cattle to feed there. John Thomas the old sexton was one of these, who felt quite indignant at having to turn his cow into the common, where he said she would grow a poor, lean, half-starved creature, thanks to the pastor.

The churchyard soon began to assume a different appearance; when suddenly a new subject arose to disturb the people of the village. A woman who had been nursing a sick sister, having to cross the churchyard at three o'clock one morning, had seen a ghost. A boy, sent in the middle of the night to get a doctor, had, in spite of this weird story, crossed the churchyard, and he also saw the ghost. John Thomas was the next one to whom it ap-