

ROMANCE IN A TRAGEDY.

A Lover's Abduction of His Sweetheart—Died in a Cave in the Attitude of France.

ALACRO, May 9.—A tragedy, with a strong color of romance, has just been enacted in this ancient city—the birthplace of Napoleon. For months a band of smugglers and bandits have preyed upon the people of this vicinity, but always managed to elude the authorities.

Luigi Betano, the head of the band, during one of his daylight rambles, met the pretty daughter of a wealthy merchant. In the course of time he made her acquaintance and made violent love to her. The girl reciprocated his feelings, and afterward they frequently met by moonlight on the Strand.

After this had been going on for some time the lover lured his sweetheart further away from home than usual, and, according to a preconcerted arrangement with his accomplices, had her abducted and imprisoned in a cave, where she was held for ransom.

The girl's father suspected that she had been secreted at the headquarters of the bandits and instituted a search. The whole gang were arrested, but the girl was not found. A peculiar feature of the arrest was the frantic manner in which Betano resisted arrest. Some days afterward the authorities found the cave in a dense forest, where it proved the robbers had their headquarters.

Further search revealed an adjoining cave, entrance to which was obstructed by a locked door. On breaking it open they entered a spacious chamber filled with valuable booty, and in the centre of the apartment was the unfortunate Marista, who had fallen on her knees and clasped her hands in unavailing prayer. On examination it was found that she had died of starvation. The bandits had fastened her in their hair, and being all thrown into prison were powerless to rescue her.

SIRIAD'S ROO.

An Egg Which Recalls the Famous Arabian Legend.

LONDON, May 9.—A great rarity will be exhibited at the gardens of the Zoological Society Tuesday. A fossil egg of the sphenocrinus, of which very few specimens exist in existence, and each from 2 1/2 inches in length, and nearly a foot long, and is only rivalled in size and rarity by that of the great auk, which also brings a heavy price.

A few of these eggs have been found in Madagascar. The bird that laid them is only imperfectly known from fragments of its large skeleton, but is supposed to be the origin of the famous roc by which Sirinbad the Sailor escaped from his captivity in the Valley of Diamonds. The latter, however, as is usual in legends and myths, is very much exaggerated as to size.

IMMENSE LOSSES TO STOCK.

A Large Number of Dead Cattle and Horses on the Prairie.

LUTHERIDGE, N.W.T., May 9.—The storm of last week was the hardest on record of any since 1887 and the loss will not be fully known until after the spring round-up. Reports from Macleod and Ft. Assiniboia state that a large number of cattle were snowed under, having got under cutbanks, and the snow drifted over them, in some cases completely covering them. The cowboys were busy last week pulling out all those which were still alive, but they state that a great number had succumbed. On the north side of the river they drifted over cutbanks and waded under numbers of them lying dead at the bottom while numbers of calves were running on the prairie without mothers.

The Mayor's Attention is Called.

Editor World: It is now evident that the deputation of aldermen and electrical experts as to what would be the most suitable system of rapid transit for Toronto, have unanimously agreed to recommend the trolley. Although the trolley system is successful and considered a great luxury everywhere, it is deplorable to hope the mayor and majority of the council will again frustrate any attempt to introduce that system here. Other inventions than those already examined and found faulty have lately been perfected and are said to be successful in operation, and are said to be in successful operation, and are said to be in successful operation.

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