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AN EIGHT TON

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possibly several centuries old. It stands 31 feet above the sands of the desert. It is more than 50 feet in diameter, and its weight is estimated at eight tons.

The Wallapai Indians say they have been told that the strange growth was there, as large as it is now, when their ancestors ranged unhindered across the deserts from Mexico to the Columbia River.



reached the bottom remembered that I had only three cartridges left in my magazine. We had been caught napping, and in the excitement I had forgotten to put on my belt. To go back afoot meant the loss of the bull, so I crawled up the face of the cliff in front of me, speculating rather uneasily at what I should find at the top of it. However, when I peered over the crest I could see nothing. Then I saw a patch of black in some rank grass. It was the buffalo lying down, and, as I hoped, dead. I crawled nearer, and to my dismay he struggled up and turned his small ferocious eyes full on me. I

Hairdresser—"Hair begins to get very thin, sir." Customer—"Yes." Hairdresser—"Have you tried our tonic lotion?" Customer—"Yes. That didn't do it, though." Punch.

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ALBATROS.

In few places in the world can so remarkable a sight be seen as on Laysan, one of the northwestern islands of the Hawaiian group. Myriads of birds can be seen standing close together and extending as far as the eye can reach. They are called "goovers," or albatross, and belonging to the petrel family.

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By means of clever manipulation of a camera shutter and "break" photographs are produced that bewilder and puzzle the unophisticated. Here, for instance, is a picture of what seems to be a boy with two heads. The sitter hasn't, of course, any more heads than the average human being.

In making the photograph, a flashlight exposure was made, the sitter posing his head far on one side. After the exposure he removed his head, exactly as he had sat for the photographer, but changed the pose of his head, inclining in the opposite direction.

While thus posed a second flashlight exposure was made upon the same plate with

BARROW

plumage; the feet are flesh colored and the bills are yellow.

On Laysan Island there is a guano company which has been gathering the rookneys' eggs are gathered for the use of the company's employees or for shipment to Honolulu. In earlier years the superintendent of the company stated that the rookneys were scarce from but it is to be feared that they cannot

ing to the difficulty of getting them on board in the heavy seaway. Besides the herds of wild ponies the government will some day have a nice bunch of well bred horses on the island. There are several teams now there, used for drawing the lifeboats, and Lt.-Col. Goodridge who got into the business of horse breeding, has a project under way to produce a suitable class of horses on the island.

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In a few places in the world can so remarkable a sight be seen as on Laysan, one of the northwesternly islands of the Hawaiian group. Here the birds can be seen standing close together and resting as far as the eye can see. The birds are of many different tribes, and belonging to the petrel family.

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as found all over the Pacific Ocean and the Southern sea, and there are several species. The large albatrosses are the most numerous, and are often seen by vessels far out at sea. Sailors regard the albatross with a feeling of awe, and believe that it is a very unlucky act to kill one. The "gooney" nests on the ground and lays single white eggs. The birds of the petrel family vary considerably in size

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On Laysan Island there is a guano company, and immense quantities of the gooneys' eggs are gathered for the purpose of making fertilizer for export shipment to Honolulu. In earlier days the superintendent of the company was a bird of prey, and it was from him it is to be feared that they cannot

be so well bred horses on the island. There are several teams now there, for drawing the heavy machinery of Col. Gourdeau, who takes a keen interest in horse breeding, has a project under way to breed a suitable class of horses on the island.

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Toronto Men's Ingenious Scheme to

gual, when called upon to answer the crucial questions, as to the name and address of his wife, he was unwilling to furnish the necessary data, and thought he might escape the question by pleading ignorance of the English language. Therefore, when interrogated, he threw out his arms, after the manner of the genuine "foreigner," and with an air of complicity exclaimed: "Je ne puis pas parler Anglais aujourd'hui!"

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It transpired during the trial, however, that he had disposed of the furniture obtained under a hire-purchase agreement, and on leaving the dock at the Old Bailey he was re-arrested by the police on this charge, and subsequently sentenced to eighteen months' imprisonment.

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