MAGIC'S WONDERS.

"While in London, England, a short time ago," said the professor, "our Oxford-atreet waiter was made the victim of a practical joke. One morning, as this tensorial artist sat reading his newspaper, he was stortled by seeing a young man enter in a very excited manner, who throw ing, rather than scating, himself in the chair, demanded a shave instantor. The barber, who was a ready fellow, at once set about obeying the commands of this excited and hurried guest. With a rapidity that surprised himself, he shaved the right side of his customer's face, and then immediately turned to the left. That side he also shaved with cleanliness and despatch, but, judge of his surprise, when his customer demanded to know in tones anything but pleased why he did not shave the right side. The poor bowildered barber was almost certain that he had done so, but perceived to his surprise that the side in question was covered with jetblack hair. Again he shaved it, but while he did so, to his surprise and horror, the hair was growing on the other side. Thus it continued for an hour. While he shaved one side, he could actually see the hair growing on the other side. Terrified beyond expression, he stood motionless; hereupon the young man leaped from the chair, and, snatching the razor, drew it across his throat, and fell to the floor covered with blood. The barber flew inco the street hallooing "Murder i" at the top of his voice. A crowd soon gathered, and, with the affrighted barber, beheld the supposed corpse quietly arranging his tie before the mirror-turning very pleasantly, he paid the barber and departed A theatrical gentleman among the lookers on soon gave it out that it was Professor Hermann, the Great American magician. I went to my hotel and awoke next day to find myself the talk of London," concluded the Professor, "for it was I who did it. I gave the poor barber fits. Did you over hear how I gave a friend of mine the snakes?" asked the Professor. On receiving an answer in the negative, he said, "A friend of mine, who was as great a drunkard as an actor, and that is saying a great deal, was one morning seen by me entering a drinking-saloon when he was almost on the verge of delinium tremens, and knowing his horror of 'snakes,' as mania-a-potu is vulgarly called, I resolved to save him. I entered just as he raised a glass of whiskey to his lips, and rushing forward I snatched the glass from his hand, crying at the same time, 'Hold S., until I take this fly out.' Pretending to take the fly out, I held up a ser-pent. S. cried out, 'My God ! that is a snake !' Not at all, said I, 'It is a simple house-fly. See ! you are covered with them,' saying which I approached, and from his sleeves, hair, etc., I proceeded to pull snakes, protesting all the time that they were flies. 'They are snakes!' cried S. again. 'My God! that is a snake; I tell you, Hermann, they are snukes !' 'Nonsense,' said I, 'they are but flies.' 'Then,' said he, 'I have snakes myself !' and he rushed from the saloon. He was not seen for more than a week after; but when next seen he was sober, and has been so since." "Professor," saked the interviewer, " were you, who are so fond of surprising others, ever surprised yourself?" Once," was the answer, "then the surprise was a very great and agreeable one, I assure you. It came about in this way, I was for a number of years a sufferer from cramps in my.left side, immediately under the heart. I suffered regularly at the close of each performance, and very often was compelled to cancal engagements which I had made, owing to my inability to fill them, being prostrated by cramps, and being in a weak condition. I entertained very serious thoughts of giving up my profession and spending some years in travel, and would have done so but for an attendant of mine, whose head I had cut off occasionally while performing my wonderful decapitation act. The individual to wonderful decapitation act. The individual so whom I complained of the pains and the cramps in my side on one occasion said it was curious—that I, who could decapitate another and replace the head at will, ought certainly to be able to cure myself. I told him how some of the best doctors in Europe and America had failed. He laughed at me, and said he could cure me in a week. That night he presented me with a bottle of St. Jacobs Oil, the Great German Remedy, saying that its use would produce an areliable cough medicine. whom I complained of the pains and the crampe

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THE LUMBER OUTLOOK.

The Lumberman's Gazette, of Bay City, Mich., says .- There is no mistaking the tendency of the lumber market. The quotations from every direction show an upward tendency, and in some quarters on particular stocks, the advance is very marked. This may be, in a measure, the result of a scarcity of the particular class of lumber on which the advance is so noticeable, but a very material advance on all grades has resulted in almost every direction. That there can be no reaction during the coming season a careful consideration of the causes which have resulted in the rise must convince the most skeptical about the stability of the present lumber business boom. The unexampled building activity of last year reduced the stocks in the yards of dealers in every direction. The increased demand thus engendered, also reduced enormously the unsold lumber in the great manufacturing centres at the close of the season. The greatly increased expense of securing the log crop for next season with which to replace the depleted stock and supply the inevitable demand, must act as an effectual bar against any reduction in price from the figures already attained; and the great probabilities are that a still further advance will result before the new log crop reaches the market in a manufactured state.

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