

Blanc, made the ascent. On the way her party was joined by another, which included the Marquis de Turenne, an old gentleman of 72. And so it has gone on, till at length no less than 61 stout-hearted ladies have left their little foot-prints on the summit of Mont Blanc.

The first mishap in connection

vation. The flesh was still firm. The silk veils were still entire.

In 1870 occurred the most serious accident of which the snows of Mont Blanc have been the scene. A party of eleven persons were making the ascent: two Americans, Mr. John Randall and Dr. Bean, and a Scotch clergyman, the Rev. Mark Corkendale, accom-



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with ascents of Mont Blanc took place in August, 1820. At the head of the expedition was a Dr. Hamel, Russian Councillor of State. An avalanche overwhelmed the caravan and hurled three of the guides into a deep crevasse. Forty-one years later, their remains were found five miles lower down, the glacier gradually gave up its dead, in a state of wonderfully good preser-

panied by three guides and five porters. Near the summit the expedition was surprised by a terrific storm. Blinded by the snow which the furious gale drove in their faces, the guides lost the path and all perished. Five corpses were found on September 17th near the Petits Mulets; what became of the other six is unknown.

Dr. Bean's note-book contained