

Perilous Adventure.

BURSTING OF A BALLOON IN MID-AIR.
THRILLING EXPERIENCE OF SEVEN PAS-
SENGERS IN AN AERIAL CAB.

The San Francisco Call gives the following particulars of the bursting of a balloon mid-air near that city, on the 4th instant, one of its reporters having been in the

The ascent was made from Woodward's garden, San Francisco, and for the first hour the voyage was a pleasant one. The wind increased, and Mr. Buislay, the assistant balloonist, decided to descend, though opposed by the rest of the party. The account continues:

"About three miles directly east lay the coast hills, and on the other side stretched a large fertile valley. All were certain that the captain would not attempt to land on the side of the hills, at the rate the bag was traveling, and when Mons. Barbier

side Mr. Buislay protested very strongly, and advised him to go over the range of hills. The advice was disregarded and the captives, having given orders for all to sit in the bottom of the basket, dropped his 150 pound anchor over the side and passed out about one hundred feet of rope. A pull at the vain cord brought the monster down like an aerolite, and the anchor dragged over a portion of the Estudillo ranch for about a quarter of a mile without retaining hold.

Our reporter looked over the side and saw the balloon passing over a small shanty, situated in the eastern portion of the city.

and all crouched down in the basket to be prepared for the shock. No one except Mr. Buist anticipated such a terrible shock followed in a few seconds. The balloon passed over the house, and then, the anchor struck a light fence, which did not in the least impede its progress. One of the flukes dragged against the house, and the conclusion threw all the voyagers into a heap in the basket. They hardly time to recover from the shock when the rope broke, about three feet from the anchor, and the balloon shot almost perpendicularly up into the air.

been lost, and to look out for a landing. All instinctively felt the perilous position they were placed in, the wind carrying the bag along at a terrible rate. But the voyagers sat in the bottom of the basket quietly in suspense, awaiting the swoop to the ground, now impending. Into the air flew, until four hundred feet up, a quick, sharp, but slight report was heard, followed by a ringing of silk. The balloonist took upward, and saw the whole centre of the balloon exposed, while the lower half was flapping around in ribbons. "Look out, look out," cried the men, and the balloon

All clung tightly to the ropes and sides of the basket. The words had hardly been spoken when in less than a flash, what was left of the balloon was dashed to the ground at an angle of about forty-five degrees, and at a terrible velocity. The suspense was almost elementary, for with a thud, which almost crushed the basket, it was dashed against the ground about a quarter of a mile from the spot where the anchor had been left.

The concussion was terrific, and the two dies and five gentlemen were thrown together in a mass. Not a word was spoken by the dies or any one in the car as they alighted.

capized as soon as it touched the ground, and it completely covered the occupants. The lower part of the balloon by this time was ribbons, and as the upper portion formed a parachute it dragged the car along the ground at a fearful speed, under which the struggling occupants rolled along the ground without any possible chance of freeing themselves from the basket or the ropes, the former covering them as with a box, and the latter preventing any possible chance of the party dropping.

On over the ground the car was dragged for a distance of three hundred yards, the voyagers

at every bump of the balloon. The inmates of the Alameda County Hospital, where the balloon struck, ran towards it, to render assistance, and about forty willing hands caught the hoist of the long rope attached to the basket. The balloon, after a few ineffectual tugs, at length settled down, after doing all the damage it could.

"When taken out, Captain Barber was unable to walk, and was carried to the hospital close by. Miss Alice Burrington sustained a severe concussion on the right side of the head, but was otherwise uninjured. The Gauguin escaped with a slight cut on the chin.

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who approached the bridegroom, and, placing him on the shoulder, said: "I wish to talk with you a moment privately, sir." No rumor had been busy about the forty-ninth and there were not wanting those who knew that in the far-away distance, in those States which he had left he had also forsaken a State of matrimony with two children. Pale as the cheek of the newly-married man, rufous were the plumes of the agitated bride. "The moment will suffice," said the funeral-bell-ringing person; "please step into this parlour." "Well, sir," said the deeply-mystified man, "what—"

mal gentleman, "It's necessary for him to look with prudence for the future, and he can't begin too soon. Now, sir, a lot in Oakdale Cemetery, which association I represent."—But the sentence died away among the sacred aisles, and the sicks of the funeraler resounded above the shrieks of loved maidenhood. We have merely to remark that insurance companies should lose no touch in securing the services of that man. Such a canvasser only blooms like the American a once in a hundred years.

Early in the evening a stranger entered room in a mistake. Prentiss courteously vited him to join the party. Before long strange guest began boasting of how m he had drank during the day—a cock here, a smasher there, a julep in this place slug in that, and so on, apparently with end.

At length Prentiss said:

"Sir, do you believe in the doctrine of r
tempyschosis?"

"I don't know," was the reply, "an

"It has," rejoined Prentiss, "such—much—every way. I have firm faith in that doctrine. I believe that in the next life every man will be transformed into the thing which he has best qualified himself in this life. In that life, sir, you will become a better groggery."

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that institution in 1861, and was immediately appointed a tutor. Not long after he was promoted to the chair of ethics and physics which he held until 1858, when he was elected President of Hobart College. Nine years later he was recalled to take the Presidency of Trinity. He was a ripe and profound scholar, and his loss is deeply felt in Hartford. The funeral services take place at Hartford this afternoon.

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Adelaide, Hall, at New York from Pernambuco reports strong N and NW gales after reaching Brazil, and lost and split sails, carried away fore

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and, April 7, 1874. ap9dlaw3Wt*

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