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EARTHQUAKE CAUSES HAVOC.

The governmental palace, city hall, the cathedral and many other buildings at Guayaquil were damaged and two persons were killed by a violent earthquake. Many other persons were injured, railroads were made impassable and the military academy was abandoned on account of the dangerous condition in which it was left. The Town of Bamba was also covered with ashes while white-hot stones fell in the outskirts from the volcano Tunguragua. Huge flames rose from its crater.—*The Pathfinder*, June 2nd.

HUNTING CRADLE OF HUMAN RACE.

About a year ago an expedition sent out by the American museum of natural history found in the Gobi desert of Inner Mongolia many interesting fossil remains of ancient plant and animal life. Among these were fossil bones of a four-toed horse, remains of dinosaurs like those found in the New World and the skull of a Baluchitherium which shows characters similar to those of animal types found in India. These and other discoveries made at that time strengthened the theory of museum scientists that all animal life, including the human species, originated somewhere in central Asia. Spurred on by these results another party of scientists under the auspices of the museum has lately started from Peking to explore the Gobi desert territory in which, they believe was located the garden of Eden. The explorers, who are completely equipped for the work, will



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make a special search for fossil remains of the earliest human types.—*Ibid.*

CHILDREN PACKED IN BOXES

At Soo-chow the marine police opened two big dry goods boxes and found inside 13 boys and girls, from seven to 12 years of age, bound and gagged and consigned to Shanghai. An old woman in charge of the boxes was arrested. The consignment was one from a group of kidnappers and abductors who have been carrying on a big business, selling the children into practical slavery.—*Ibid.*

FIND HANNIBAL'S ELEPHANT STABLES

Archeologists exploring the ruins of ancient Carthage, on the northern coast of Africa, have, lately unearthed the stables in which Hannibal, inveterate enemy of the Romans, used to shelter the elephants belonging to his armies 2,000 years ago. Numerous tusks and teeth of elephants were found scattered about the ruins.—*Ibid.*

FOUND ANCIENT ROMAN BASILICA

After reading of the recent discoveries in the valley of the kings in Egypt a French woman began digging about in her garden bordering on the Sahara des-

ert in Africa. She unearthed the remains of a stone basilica or public hall which was used by the Romans in the second century. Within its walls were found mosaics picturing peacocks and other birds, Roman crosses a drinking fountain and altar columns in a good state of preservation. The discovery is particularly interesting because of its connection with the history of the Romans' occupation of northern Africa. The finding of the basilica stimulated general excavations in Tunis and Algeria which have brought to light numerous other relics of the Romans.—*Ibid.*

A CARD.

Captain A. J. Blackwood and son Ralph Blackwood, through this medium, beg to express their gratitude for the expressions of sympathy, they have received, in this their great bereavement, from their many friends, and neighbors, both personally, and by telegrams and letters which they appreciate highly. Also for the kind and generous aid given them in their hour of need.

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