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A WOMAN WITHOUT BONES.

The social developments across the water show a lamentable state of affairs due apparently to no other cause than a deficiency of backbone in one or two individuals.

When such disastrous consequences proceed from the weakening of a part only of the human framework, we sincerely trust that there may be no spreading of the disease lately developed across the ocean in the person of an Irish woman, who lived to see her entire skeleton waste away until it was but a fourth part as heavy as a new born babe.

The case occurred in Dublin, and may truly be called extraordinary. The victim, forty-five years old, was a patient in an insane asylum. For five years she was confined to her bed, complaining of no pain, but gradually becoming weaker, while dwindling in stature until she lost half her height.

As the disease progressed, her limbs were coiled up in every possible shape, the bones becoming extremely light, soft, fragile, and atrophied in every respect. At death, all that was left of her skeleton, including the skull, weighed two pounds and a half.

The number of fractures was prodigious. The ribs were in a hundred fragments. The head of the humerus was bent; the fibulae were curved; the thigh bones and pelvis were huddled together; the bones of the vertebrae were thinned and worn away across the front of their bodies; the lower jaw was atrophied and broken into three pieces; the base of the skull was cribiform all through.

Had she lived a little longer, it was thought that not a vestige of a bone would have been left in her body. What ailed her no one could tell, the disease being almost unheard of and difficult to diagnose, treat, or even name.

Professor R. W. Smith, of Dublin University, who brought the case before the Pathological Faculty, looked upon the condition of the bones not as a disease but as a manifestation of a diseased condition as yet unknown, possibly related to rickets.

DOINGS OF FROGS.

Naturalists have not left us entirely without anecdotes of froggy. Dr. Roots had a frog which domesticated itself in the kitchen. Every evening, when the servants went to supper, he peeped out of his hole, as if to reconnoitre, jumped out if all seemed right, basked on the warm bright hearth, and there remained till the family went to bed.

A friendship sprang up between froggy and an old cat, who shared the fireside with him, and was solicitous not to disturb or incommode his strange companion. A writer in the Zoologist states that on one occasion he saw several frogs gather round a window, crawl up the sun-blind, and peep into the room, each in his turn. At the time he did not understand what it meant, but on the following morning he found a frog which had accidentally been imprisoned between the window and the blind.

The episode became clear enough; the frogs had anxiously clambered up to see a comrade who was in trouble, and were no doubt sorry at being unable to extricate him.

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