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By Stephen G. Bloom

MAN EATS QUEEN-SIZE WATERBED

NEW YORK—"They're all nuts," said a man who has heard it all. David Boehm is editor and publisher of the North American edition of the Guinness Book of World Records.

The most recent nut, Boehm says, is a French man who ate a waterbed, piece by piece, in an Amarillo, Texas, department store this summer.

Michel Lotito, a Grenoble stuntman who goes under the name of Monsieur Mangetout ("Mr. Eat-All," in French), ate a queen-sized waterbed by taking it apart and filing down the bedboards and cutting the mattress into thin strips. His act was a promotional gimmick sponsored by a store called Lifestyles Bedrooms, for which he received \$5,000...

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Among all the bird skins and mounts in my private collection there is not a single albino. Complete albinism is fairly rare, and therefore only by...

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On the 25th March, 18—, a very strange occurrence took place in St Petersburg. On the Ascension Avenue there lived a barber of the name of Ivan Jakovlevitch. He had lost his family name, and on his sign-board, on which was depicted the head of a gentleman with one cheek soaped, the only inscription to be read was, "Blood-

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EATABLE GHOSTS

Among the many supernatural annoyances which disturb the comfort of the Eibo-folk that is to say the population of Swedish origin that inhabits the northern coast and the islands of the Gulf of Riga—may be mentioned a formidable leg ion of...

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A LAW REGARDING FROG JUMPING AND WHAT TO DO SHOULD A FROG DIE DURING SAID CONTEST (CALIFORNIA)

6880. As used in this article, "frog-jumping contest" means a contest generally and popularly known as a frog-jumping contest

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SPIRIT-RAPPING MADE EASY; OR, HOW TO COME OUT AS A MEDIUM

The writer of the present paper is induced to proffer his explanation of the phenomena produced by the so-called Spirit Mediums, from two or three circumstances peculiar to his own experience. He is disposed to look at the...

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FLESH DESCENDING IN A SHOWER

LOUISVILLE, March 9. —The Bath County (Ky.) News of this date says: "On last Friday a shower of meat fell near the house of Allen Crouch, who lives some two or three miles from the Olympian Springs in the southern portion of the county, covering a strip of ground about one hundred yards in length and fifty wide..."

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PUSSY BLACK FACE

My name is Pussy Black-Face, and I am a naughty young kitten. I wish I were good like my mother. She is the best cat that I ever saw. I try to be like her, and sometimes I succeed, but most times be bad all the time, and not worry about it..

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Having often heard that the stamina of the Barberry, Berberis communis, were endowed with a considerable degree of irritability, I made the experiment in...

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The mouth is not to be played pranks with, but it often is so. The needless practice of..

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In the open square of the old Norman city of Falaise, in the year 1386, a vast and motley crowd had gathered to witness the execution of a criminal convicted of the crime...

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THE MAN WITH THE IRON EYEBROWS

SUPPOSITION credits each of us with having a double somewhere on earth, but although it is a bold thing to declare against a popular belief, I do so in this instance, and dare say that the perfect counterpart of M. Gregor Olivos, "the man with the iron eyebrows," has yet to be created. There are many so-called strong men, but none of the past or present have developed such unique strength nor displayed...

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TUDOR TENNIS BALLS

A.E. Crawley, writing in the Observer, says: —Every educated enthusiast of a game might be expected to take an interest in its history and evolution. But I find very few lawn tennis players who do. A man once said to me, "I don't give a damn for this antiquarian business. I don't care why we score by fifteens." Even "champion William T. Tilden, 2nd" (as he would be styled in the States), goes so far in the iconoclastic...

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ABSENCE SEIZURE

Absence seizures are one of several kinds of seizures. These seizures

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Is a term applied to a type of historical revisionism. It purports to be history, and uses ostensibly-scholarly methods and techniques (which in fact depart from standard historiographical...