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were reduced to eating roots, lizzards, snakes, anything, however loathsome, that would sustain life. Then ships were not constantly plying the Medi-terranean as in these days, and the Genoese republic remained in happy

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ignorance of what was befalling her colony. The Spanlards ; "sed to al-low the Bonifazians to scient any mes-

senger; but the latter built a small boat in haste, and under cover of night

lowered it by ropes over the cliff; and then, one by one, let down a crew

who had volunteered to make the effort

to communicate with the Genoese sen-

ate. Meanwhile the king of Aragon was plying the Bonifazians with seem-

agreed to accept them, if help did not arrive within forty days. Then fol-lowed a period of terrible suspense. All the observe and the suspense are accepted at the suspense are accepted at the suspense are accepted from

DAWN TILL MIDNIGHT,

the people praying on their knees for deliverance from their enemies, and go-

ing barefoot, nobles and all, in pro-cessions along the snow-strewn streets,

mediately fitted out; but for weeks a

and the Spanlards, unaware of the ap-

proach of the Genoese in their rear.

the churches were opened from

Special Correspondence. Cagliaria, Sardinia, March 15, 1901 .--It would be a mistake to leave Corsica without devoting at least twenty-four hours to one of the oddest strongholds in the world-Benifazio, on its extreme southern border. Besides its remarkably ploturesque fortifications, of great height and extent, perched high above the sea, and the mysterious caverns that honey-comb their foundations, all the environs are extremely interesting, including the storied islets of the strait, some of them almost within a stone's throw of the ramparts. The of Bonifazio is unique, especially as viewed from the sea. It occupies the apex of a huge white pyramid of the apex of an three sides by the sea, nock, washed on three sides by a tiny inlet, by courtesy the habor, shut in cessible hills. Wild rocks, tumbled all around and exposed to the rest. word into the most fantastic outlines, In many places there is no beach at all the narrow strip bordering the inlet the narrow built up with very tall being closely built up with very tall being on whose fronts are carved the houses on whose fronts are carved the ancient arms of Genoa, a crowned lion, holding a ring in his claw. A long and disty flight of stairs leads from the vil-lage straight up to the citadel, and the iny-uniformed French soldiers, movatop. look like so many motes in sunshine. The soft, stratified cliff which the mediaeval defenses are bilt has crumbled away in many paces, leaving their walls standing in shelves, or ledges of the rock, prowing one beyond the other, with im-mense black grottees beneath. The latextending away back into the dark. ody knows how far, look as if ness. 110 about to crumble altogether and drop the whole thing into the sea; and the danger is

NOT PURELY IMAGINARY.

as the walls of masonry that in many as the waits of introducty that in interfy places support the sides of the vaces will show. Just think of it! This old town was built more than ten hundred years ago, (A.D. \$33), by one of Charle-magne's contemporaries! After a naval wears ver Saricen Corsairs, the Nar victory over Saracen Corsairs, the Mar-quis of Bonifazio, a Tuscan margrave, selected this lofty cliff on the narrow strait, which has since borne his name, as the strongest barrier he could find against future piratical attaches. Of the forts he erected in that early day, one still stands entire—a massive circu-lar tower called "II Terriore." There are three other towers, almost a counterpart of the first one, but they are of later date. The place soon passed into the hands of the Pisani; but was wrested from them by the Genoese, late in the eleventh century. Then, for three hundred tranquil and prosperous years, it enjoyed practical self-government, under the patriarchal protection f Genoa. Almost the only link of connection between Bonifazio and the country of its conqueror, was the Genoese governor; and he was never put in possession of the town until he had solemnly sworn, on the holy sacrament, to preserve inviolate all its treaties and statutes. The curious re-spect with which the Genoese treated he Bonifazians is a matter of history. When one of their vessels entered the Genoa, its captain was

terwards restored to the Genoese, who repaired and enlarged its fortifications As garrisoned by the present owners of Corsica, the French, it is a place of almost impregnable strength, and yes preserves its original character of a fortified town of the Middle Ages. There are the same old towers, walls and churches; the extremely tall houses, with the arms of noble Genoese families CARVED IN STONE over their portals; and a network of

narrow and irregular streets, spread-ing all over the plateau within the walls, which rise from the very edge of the cliff. The only entrance is under the vaulted archway of the barblean which is still as jealously guarded as if Saracen, Turk and Spaplard threatened immediate attck. This tow with its bristling guns, commands the with its bristing gais, commands the only approach from the sea, by a long inclined plane, at a sharp angle; and all day long troops of little donkeys toil painfully up and down, bringing every article used in the town. Owing to its cramped space, there are no plazas or other vacant income second the other vacant places, except the espian ade. The streets, criss-crossing in th most perplexing manner, have hardl width enough for two laden mules t pass each other. They are as void a every kind of vehicle as those of Ver ice and almost as unsavory as in canals. The dwellings, built of th same material as the rock on wh they stand, are all snowy-white; an as walls and towers are also white, th this sunny latitude, with the sparklin

general effect of the shudeless place sea in front and the dazzling sky abov is blinding at noonday. Every morn-ing nearly the whole population pours down the inclined plane with their beasts of burden, to work in the coun-try, miles away, because of course on the barries of the theorem chanting solemn litanies. Of course they could not know the fate of the little boat they had cast upon the wa-ters. It reached Genoa in safety, and a fleet, with reinforcements for the garrison, and stores of food, was imthe barren cliffs there

ARE NO GARDENS

or other vegetation. The churches of Borifazio are worth visiting. Sainte Marie Majeure, with its wide porch and flying buttresses, is of Pisan construc-tion. San Dominique, with its pieced octagonal tower, is of the Thirteenth century and belonged to the Templars. San Francisco, the newest of all was begun in 1398.

mediately fitted out; but for weeks a succession of storms prevented its leav-ing port. At last, when hope had al-most died out of every heart in the be-leagured city, the dispatch boat crept under the rock by night, and at a giv-en signal, its crew was hauled up over the precipice, to announce that the Genoese fleet was close at hand. Then what was the joy in Bonifazio' Merry towers, signal-fires blazed on every vantage point, and the Aragonese. in If the weather permits, you should vantage point, and the Aragonese, in their sullen camps, listened in astonishby all means visit some of the seawrought caverns in the chalky cliffs. The largest grotto, called La Dragon-etta, is just beyond the light-house and easily accessible. It is in two parts, one like an ante-chamber, its gigantic dome cut in half, and, fribred, with ment to the exultant shouts that rent the air. The day of surrender arrived dome cut in half and fringed with stalactites. Through this, the boat en-ters the second cavern, which is light-ed from above by an aperature, said to pressed for admission at the gates of pressed for admission at the gates of Bonifazio, according to the terms agreed upon. The soldiers replied that the Geneese had arrived during the night; and behold, armed figures carrying the Geneese standard, were seen marching round be in the exact form of the outline of map of Corsica. The effect of color here, from the deep, translucent blue of the sea, the bright red of the water-line, and the chalky whiteness above, is most striking. In this still and silent retreat, fish congregate by millions. It is not safe for mortals to venture far inside, not only and round the battlements, their lances shining in the morning light. It was shifting in the morning light. It was the women of Bonifazio, every one of whom had put on armor, and in this way the force of the town seemed trebled. Said Alfonso, "Have the Gen-oese wings, that they can reach this rock when we command every ap-proach to it?" He ordered the attack to be renewed: and just as the Spanish on account of the crumbling walls, but because of the uncertain Mediterran-ean currents which may send huge bilto be renewed; and just as the Spanish ships were ready to begin another bom-bardment of the famishing town, the Genoese ships burst through the chains lows rolling in at any moment. Steer-ing out of this grotto, you soon reach the open strait, which seems to be the bluest blue that can possibly be imthat closed the harbor. The long stair-way leading up to the citadel, known as "Escallier du Roi d'Aragon" is said to have been built by King Alfonso in agined. Presently you see directly in front a huge pyramidal rock, rising with double front to meet the rush of waters. This glorious facade, named his fulle efforts to take the town; but that tradition is probably untrue. Again, in 1554, Henry IV, of France, besieged the place, in alliance with a Monte Pertusato, is a triumphant spe cimen of nature's architectural skill On either side are massive buttresses of besieged the place, in alliance with a Turkish fleet. After a gallant resist-ance, it fell, through treachery, into

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The women of Bonifazio were not less active than the men in defending their wa; and even monks and priests took

heir turn in guarding the broken ramparts. Finally Alfonso resolved to re-duce the place by familne, and estab-lished a close blockade by land and sea, drawing chains across the narrow arbor to prevent the arrival of supplies. The corn magazines had long been burned, and the Bonifazians

Here is an exclusive snapshot showing Tom Jenkins, champion wrestler of America, practicing his famous terrible arm bar. Jenkins is planning a tour of Europe, having exhausted the supply of native victims. PROSPECTS FOR A BIG GOLF SEASON.



The above cut shows the Golf club house at Atlantic city, where the big intercollegiate golf contests have just been held. The prospects for this sea son's golf are regarded as exceedingly bright. Above also are shown Travis and Douglas, two crack players.

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