The Curious Affliction of a Tall Backwoods man from Tennessee.

A short time since the Tennessee and Kentucky newspapers contained a start-ling account of a wild man lately captured, with great difficulty, in the Cumberland mountains. He was six being captured he had to be frequently bathed. He was covered with shining scales, like those of a fish. His hands water-fowl²—so the newspaper accounts, with many embellishments, ran. It is scarcely necessary to say that much of this story was only shownan's talk, uttered to attract the attention of the curious and credulous public.

Have tails, which are called queues, and sometimes pig-tails, but never cat-tails. And it seemed improbable and heartless that a Chinaman would deny tails to his cats. However, I took the kitten in, and named her "China"—a name she has never responded to to this day. curious and credulous public.

The physicians of Louisville were

rival in the city, prior to his general exhibition. Among others I visited the merman; but before seeing the case I had diagnosed it as one of icthyosis, and or serpent skin; and his general effect is more that of a serpent than of a fish. But upon different parts of his body may be found nearly all the varieties of may be found nearly all the varieties of ichiposis. The resemblance of this man's skin to the shed skin of a boat constrictor, lately brought me by a friend from the zoological garden in London, is almost perfect. About his ichiposis, and wrinkled.

The resemblance of this perience it requires more.

As I said, I doubt if China is a cat, take her all together. She had, as a kitten, no tail. Her grown tail now is less than an inch long, and most of that is fur. It is exactly like a rabbit's tail; it is a kind of place for a tail. When where is dry and harsh, and never perspires. There seems to be an absolute and withered, of a dead ashen-gray appearance, except here and there, where he is brownish or blackish. Though only about fifty years of age, he impresses one as a very old man. The skiu of the face is red and shining, and tightly drawn about the cheeks, pulling the lower lids down to such an extent as to perfectly evert them, making a horrid case of ectropion. In some places his scales are silvery, in others dark, and again in others are small and branny. His hair is very thin and dead-looking, The backs of his hands are fissured, and on his palms and soles the cuticle is greatly thickened. The fingers and toes seem shorter than natural, and the skin is drawn tightly back over both feet and hands. The septum between the fingers and toes seems to extend much further down than usual, thus suggesting the webbed appearance before alinded to. He is considerably over six feet in height, and is a man of a low order of intelligence. He is married, and is the father of several children, none of whom, fortunately, inherit his malady; and as icthyosis is almost, if not always a con-genital disease, they are not likely ever to have it. The fish-man fails to present but a single variety of icthyosis, and that is the porcupine disease, as it is called. In this, spines, formed by hardened sebaceous material, protrude from the skin, closely packed together. Wilson states that he has observed them a quarter of an inch long. Willan reports having encountered them of an inch in length. I have never seen them longer than an eighth of an inch. Many years ago two brothers, in England, having this form of icthyosis, were exhibited in the shows as porcupine

lethyosis is one of the rarest of skin diseases. I am under the impression that it is more frequent in Europe than in this country. In ten years I have seen less than a dozen cases. Its cause, as I stated in my report to the American Dermatological association, in 1877, is secondary according to my observation. scrofula, according to my observation and experience. It is found in all the walks of life. I have encountered it with equal frequency among the rich and the poor. It is commonly considered incarable, and only temporarily and partially mitigable.

The treatment which I have found successful in permanently removing iethyosis, in more than one case, consists in the use of the constructives, i. e., cod-liver oil, extract of malt, sirup of the iodide of iron, sirup of the hypophosphites, etc.; attention to digestive organs, and by giving the richest and best fat-producing foods, such as cream, butter, hog meat, fresh or cured, sugar and other sweets. A careful and thorough daily anointing with some oleaginous substance is of great value, and prolonged vapor or hot water baths should be employed frequently.—Dr. L. P. Yandell, in Louis ville Medical News.

Forest Lands of Europe.

The proportion of land covered with forests throughout Europe is twenty-nine per cent., of which Russia and Sweden furnish the greatest part. In Russia, forty per cent, of territory is covered with woods, and of this some 200,000,000 acres are covered with pines and other cone-bearing trees. Sweden and Norway have thirty-four per cent., chiefly birch, maple, pine, fir and wil-low. Austria has twenty-nine per cent. Germany has twenty-six per cent, and France seventeen. Far below these comes Spain, with its cork woods and evergreen oak forests, covering seven per cent, of the land, and Holland and Balgium with the same. Portugal comes next with five per cent., and Great Britain follows with four per cent. The percentage annually decreases in all

FOR THE YOUNG PEOPLE.

What Shall He Do With Her ! This is a sad, but short, tale about

a cat, or perhaps about a rabbit that pretended to be a cat—I do not know which. You will presently see why it feet ten inches high, extraordinarily fleet of foot, and excessively savage. He fed chiefly on raw fish, which he captured without artificial aid. He spent much of his time in the water and after the control of the capture of the c tory, it is an absurd fact; for it is known that all Chinamen—even the smallest— have tails, which are called queues, and

she has never responded to, to this day.
And this shows the animal's instinct for when I came to look in the dictioninvited to visit the monster upon his ar- ary, I found that, in all probability, she was a Manx cat from the isle of Man—a small English island (hardly room enough to turn round) where cats are obliged to do without tails. It is cona single glance was sufficient to verify the correctness of my conjecture. The man fish presents a most magnificent example of the form of icthyosis or fish skin disease, called icthyosis serpentina, or serpent skin; and his general effect in more that of a servent than of a fish. to have seven Manx cats to get the equivalent of one real cat; in my ex-

joints the skin is loose and wrinkled, hanging in folds, and the scales are large, suggesting the skin of a lizard or slightly about their limbs and hells. It is a kind of place for a tail. When China first began to realize her existence, she evidently thought she was a alligator about their limbs and belly. cat, and her first sportive effort was to skin of the buffalo perch, the carp, or or other large fish. The cuticle everywhere is dry and harsh, and harsh, and there wasn't any tail there; the was mortified; but what could she do? ires. There seems to be an absolute sence of fat, and the man is shrunken with her hind leg, to chase it round and round as if it were a tail; and ever after that she has amused herself with her

hind leg.

And her hind legs are worth playing And her hind legs are worth playing with; for they are not like the hind legs of a cat, but are long and bent under exactly like the legs of a rabbit. When China sits down, she sits down like a rabbit. So she is neither one thing nor another; and I cannot make out whether she is a rabbit trying to be a cat, or a cat trying to be a rabbit. She succeeds any way. China is rether succeeds, any way. China is rather handsome. Her coat is the most beautiful combination of soft buff and ermine—a most pleasing color—and she is a shapely little thing besides, with a fine head and pretty face. Like some other beauties, however, she is not as good as she is beautiful. She has a temper—can be very playful and affectionate one minute, and scratch and bite the next without provocation. From an infant she seemed to have no conscience. She was a perfect whirlwind in the house, when the whim took her to frolie; went over chairs and all sorts of furuiture like a flying squirrel; succeeded in about a week in tearing off all the gimp from the chairs and lounges, climbed the azalia trees, shook off the bloscoms, and then broke the stems, Punishment she minded not at allonly to escape from it for the moment. I think she had not, as a kitten, a grain of moral sense, and yet she was "awful cunning" and entertaining-more so than a spoiled child. We got a sedate old cat to come and live with China, She drove that big cat out of the house and off the premises in less than half a and flesh-feeding batracuian.—Pend day; and that, too, when she wasn't Monthly. more than seven inches long. She went at the big cat with incredible fury, with the blaze and momentum of a little fire-

Now that China has come to be of decent size, some of the vivacity and playfulness has gone out of her, but she is really untamed—goes for things on the table, steals, and all that; and it is more difficult than ever to tell whether she is a rabbit or a cat. We have another companion for her—a mild, strid old grandmother of a cat, with a very big tail, enough for two, if they would share it. China treats her with no respect, but, on the whole, they get on well, quarreling only half the time,

and consent to live in the same house. China overlooks the intrusion. But as to the nature of China, this is what happened recently. China's mistress had undertaken to raise some radishes in advance of the season, in a box in her conservatory. It was a slow pro-cess, owing to a lack of heat or lack of disposition in the radishes to grow. They came up, shot up, grew slender, tall and pale. Occasionally the mistress would pull up one to see why the bot-toms didn't grow so that we could eat them; but she never discovered why. The plants spindled up, all top and no radieb; and by-and-by they got tired and laid down to rest. They might in time come to something. In fact, they began to look as if they were thickening in the stem and going to grow in the root. One morning they were gone. Gone, after weeks of patient watching, watering, and anxious expectation ! Nibbled off close to the ground. China had eaten every one of them short. Now, doesn't that show that China is

a rabbit? Will a cat eat radish tops? This is one thing I want to know. There came once to our house a facetious person; that is, a person who makes jokes likely to hurt your feelings; and he looked at the cat, and said it didn't matter if it had no tail, that I could write one for it. I have done so. But that makes no difference. What want to know from the children of St. Nicholas is this: What can I do

percentage annually decreases in all countries rapidly. As far back as 1838 it was estimated that timber was cut down yearly in Great Britain and Ireland alone to the value of \$10,000,000.

A Warning to Newspaper Stoppers.

A certain man got mad at the editor and stopped his paper. The next week he sold all his corn at four cents below the market price; then his property was sold for taxes because he only heard of the convention three days after it had adjourned; he lost ten dollars betting on Mollie McGarthy two days after Ten Broeck had won the race; he was arrested and fined eight dollars for hunting on Sunday; and he paid 500 for a lot of forged notes that had been advertised two weeks, and the public cautioned not to negotiate them. He then paid a big Irishman, with a leg like a derrick, to kick him all the way to the newspaper office, when he paid four years subscription in advance, and made the editor sign and swear to an agreement to knock him down and rob him if he ever ordered his paper stopped again.—

Truthful Exchange.

Nicholas is this: What can I do with her? I can neither give her away with a ref for a rabibit. Do you think it would coax a tail out of her to put her under blue glass?—Charles Bitters, and their continued oppularity for a quarter of a century as somethic, its scarcely but her? It can neither give her available. A would coax a tail out of her two during the long at a new and dreadfully mean swindle. A stranger has a free grocer and calls for two quarts of mounts in the dependent on the total convention three days after Ten grocer draws the stranger has a fine type of the convention three days after Ten Broceck had won the race; he was arrested and fined eight dollars for hunting on Sunday; and he paid \$300 for a lot of forged notes that had been advertised two weeks, and the public cautioned not to negotiate them. He then paid a big Irishman, with a leg like a derrick, to kick him all the way to the newspaper office, when he paid four years subscription in advance, and made the edi

gone, taking with him the contents of his money-drawer and such other artihappen to be portable. The rage is lost; the man who could transact it is as diabolical as anything in human shape this side of Mrs. Borgia. While we have not that respect for a confiding grocer which induces awe, we do look upon him as a respectable fellow-citizen, entitled to all the immunities; and to think of the feelings of that person as he endeavors to tear off the hat and the accompanying molasses—of his sudden revulsion from good nature to astonishment, and then to the extreme of most impotent anger and indignation-is to contemplate a depth of anguish not heretofore reached by any sympathy in heretofore reached by any sympathy in the world. We remember the melat-choly spectacle, a good many years ago, of a police justice of great enterprise and dignity sallying out to do a little arrest-ing on his own hook. He arrested two unpleasant men for being disorderly, and started with them for his office, one on either side. Suddenly one of those young men jumped high and brought his fist down on the high hat of the good old public functionary, and in a moment the rim of that hat was resting peacefully on his shoulders, the crown thereof covering his countenance, and fitting as firmly and closely as if it had been so much uncompromising stovepipe. The wicked young men ran away, taking a mean advantage of the frantic efforts of his honor to release himself. The look of pain, of wounded dignity, of extreme astonishment, of mingled horror, anger and humiliation that rested on the face of that police justice when he had finally got out of the hat can never be forgotten. Of the many who saw it there is not one who will not take it with him to his lonely grave. But what was this outrage in comparison with the molas-ses atrocity? What had this honored gentleman to complain of when one considers the confiding grocer and the wholly misplaced sweetness that agitated his hair ! We cannot do justice to this subject. It is more complex and hope-less to the humanitarian than the Bul-

garian fiendishness .- Buffalo Express. The Changes in the Frog. Nowhere in the animal kingdom is there so favorable an opportunity for peeping into nature's workshop as in the metamorphoses of the frog. This ani-mal is a worm when it comes from the egg, and remains such the first four days of its life, having neither eyes nor ears nor nostrils nor respiratory organs. It crawls. It breathes through its skin. After a while a neck is grooved into the flesh. Its soft lips are hardened into a a horny beak. The different organs, one after another, bud out; then a pair of branching gills, and last a long and limber tail. The worm has become fish. Three or four days more elapse, and the gills sink back into the body, while in their place others come, much more complex, arranged in vascular tufts, 112 in each. But they, too, have their day, and are absorbed, together with their frame work of bone and cartilage, to be succeeded by an entirely differen breathing apparatus, the initial of second correlated group of radica changes. Lungs are developed, the month widened, the horny beak con verted into rows of teeth; the stomach the abdomen, the intestines, prepare for the reception of animal food in place of vegetable; four limbs, fully equippe with hip and shoulder bones, with nerve and blood vessels, push out through th skin, while the tail, being now sur planted by them as a meaus of locomo tion, is carried away piecemeal by th absorbents, and the animal passes th balance of its days as an air-breathin

Economizing Fuel. One of the great objections to ord nary fireplaces is that too much of th heat goes up the chimney, and innumer able have been the attempts to obviat that loss. Register stoves have bee invented, and various contrivances adop ed to regulate the draught and reduc the size of the flue. One method proposed was to light the fire on the top and, after the first few minutes, as th heat spread downward, all the smok passing through the upper incandescen layer was consumed, and so much th more heat saved; but the moment th fire had to be made up again all the ad vantages were lost. One of the lates suggestions to prevent the waste of hea was to form the bottom of the grate of an iron plate instead of bars. An im provement on that plan is a patent cos economizer, which has a hollow pierce cylinder rising from the middle of th plate. The air entering the cylinde from below the grate is thus conveyed at once into the center of the fire, and the heat, instead of rushing up th chimney in undue quantity, is diffuse into the room, and coal is economized. The perfection of combustion is achiev ed when, instead of feeding the cylinde with the vitiated air of the room, it supplied by a pipe communicating with the external air. And further, we are informed that if camphor or any other disinfectant is hung on the cylinder, the scent is driven into every corner of the apartment. So that a room may be perfumed, disinfected or ventilated by this contrivance when properly managed.

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"How?" asked the philosopher.
"Why," replied Pat, "I'll be sleeping and draming, too, at the same time, don't you see?"

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