

Plantain Leaves for Snake Poison.

A Marlborough (N.Y.) letter to the New York Times says: Charles M. Purdy is one of the leading commission merchants in New York who handle the fruit products of the Hudson Valley. Mr. Purdy's residence is near Marlborough. About 80 years ago Mr. Purdy's mother, then a young woman, while rambling along the bank of the Hudson here, on what is now the Thomas T. Buckley estate, was bitten by a rattlesnake on the leg. The poison caused great pain and the limb was discolored very much, and the old settlers said that the only thing to do was to mount a fast horse and to ride to the Marlborough mountain and coax an old Indian woman, who lived there then in a cave all alone, to come and cure her. This was done, and the life of Mrs. Purdy was saved through the medicine furnished by this old squaw. It is a simple remedy—a small cupful of the juice of the plantain weed, which is to be found along every road and in nearly every door yard in the country.

Mrs. Purdy gave these facts to the Times' correspondent for publication expressing the hope that inasmuch as the plantain juice undoubtedly saved the life of Mr. Purdy's mother the same service might be available to others if publicity was given to the facts.

Inquiry made among farmers and country people generally elicited the information that plantain weed is used extensively for poulticing, to heal up running sores and to break up cases of chills and fever. Dr. A. H. Palmer, of this town, says that a handful of plantain leaves made into a cup of tea breaks up severe attacks of certain malarial disorders when other specifics fail. Old inhabitants say plantain leaves years ago were considered a sure cure for hydrophobia. Wood choppers on the Plattekill, Marlborough, and Shawangunk mountains say that they have long known that plantain juice would prevent fatal results from the bite of a rattlesnake. Toads and other animals know the medicinal properties of the plantain weed. When bitten by a snake they invariably hop to where the specific can be found.

Smuggler's Tricks.

The curious tricks to which people resort who deal in contraband goods, show a zeal and ingenuity worthy of a better cause. One dealer in costly lace used to run in a valuable lot through the gates of Paris, under the very feet and eyes of the officials, on the back of a little dog, who had another coat neatly fitted all over his back, which he wore with as much grace as his own hairy jacket. The lace was wound smoothly and evenly about his body, and he could carry thousands of dollars' worth in this way, and nobody be the wiser. He was a sharp little fellow, and when baffled at one gate, would run off to another, slipping in under the very hoofs of the horses as a carriage rolled along. The trick was at last suspected, and the wary dog, rather than suffer himself to be caught, took to the water, and was shot. He had a costly winding sheet of lace about him, when he came to be examined. Such a faithful dog ought to have had a better master.

There is a museum of these confiscated articles at Paris, which is now and then visited by the curiosity hunter, where is a pile of coats, with a spool of sewing thread in each chunk; boots with French watches hid in the heels; a coffin which is filled with cigars; a huge stuffed boaconstrictor, a tent in whose sides disclosed a precious assignment of valuable laces; a huge African hangs by his neck in a very ghastly fashion, but a stroke of the cane shows him to be only a sounding tin. He used to figure on the footboard of a carriage, as an attendant, and drove in and out many times through the gates of Paris. But one time, in a jam, when everybody was scolding and swearing and trying to get on, an officer present harangued the crowd of drivers and told them to take an example of equanimity from this black, who looked so serenely amidst the tumult. Slapping the good fellow approvingly on the shoulder, he was surprised to hear him give a very metallic rattle. He was taken to the inspection room, and found to be filled with excellent brandy, which was drawn off at the toe. They soon sampled an 'armful' of the fluid, and the poor black's 'day' of service was over.

A somewhat similar game was played on English custom house officers, who inspected a consignment to Dr. Swartz, which proved to be four African heads preserved in brandy, and also some other pickled 'remains' all in 'excellent preservation.' They 'passed,' and the owners poured off the brandy from their porcelain heads and the bone, and drank to the health of the sharp officials in the excellent liquor.

Fashion-Hints from Peterson's Magazine for October.

Black, in all materials, continues to be much worn, even for full-dress.—Peterson's Magazine.

There is no special change in styles of making dresses: pointed waists, short on the hips, jackets with waistcoat-fronts, short round jackets, and round waists with belts, are all fashionable.—Peterson's Magazine.

Tunics are worn both long and short, though the latter are perhaps the more fashionable.—Peterson's Magazine.

Sleeves are still slightly gathered into the arm-holes; but they do not stand up quite as high as they did.—Peterson's Magazine.

Woolen will be principally used for walking and out-door dresses, this fall; silk and velvet being reserved for more ceremonious occasions.—Peterson's Magazine.

Hats are generally worn high in the crown and with narrow brims: we record this as the fashion, but we think it unbecoming.—Peterson's Magazine.

Bonnets have a decided tendency to a peak in front, and this peak is high enough to admit of a flower or a bow of ribbon beneath it: the long poke-bonnet is now used principally for morning-wear.—Peterson's Magazine.

Corsages, of black, sapphire, or ruby velvet, or of Sicilienne in the same hues, are now worn with skirts of cream-white, and considered very stylish.—Paris letter in Peterson's Magazine.

Velvet is extensively used for trimming, this fall: this is to say, velvet by the yard, cut bias, and employed in very wide bands.—Paris letter in Peterson's Magazine.

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LEAVE WESTWARD.					
	1	3	5	7	9
	A. M.	A. M.	P. M.	P. M.	P. M.
Montandon	7:05	9:40	2:05	6:00	7:45
Lewisburg	7:25	10:05	2:20		
Fair Ground	7:50	10:15	2:25		
Rich	8:10	10:35	2:35		
Vicksburg	8:45	10:35	2:40		
Millinburg	8:50 ar. 11:00	ar. 2:55			
		10:35			
Millmont	8:22		3:28		
Laurelton	8:33		3:40		
Wicker Run	8:37		4:08		
Cherry Run	8:45		4:25		
Fowler	8:55		4:47		
Coburn	9:05		5:04		
Spring Mills	10:15		ar. 5:30		

LEAVE EASTWARD.					
	2	4	6	8	10
	A. M.	A. M.	P. M.	P. M.	P. M.
Spring Mills	5:50		1:50		
Coburn	6:18		2:20		
Fowler	6:28		2:33		
Cherry Run	6:48		2:55		
Wicker Run	7:05		3:15		
Laurelton	7:30		3:40		
Millmont	7:40		3:52		
Millinburg	8:00		4:15		
Vicksburg	8:15		4:32		
Bieh	8:20		4:38		
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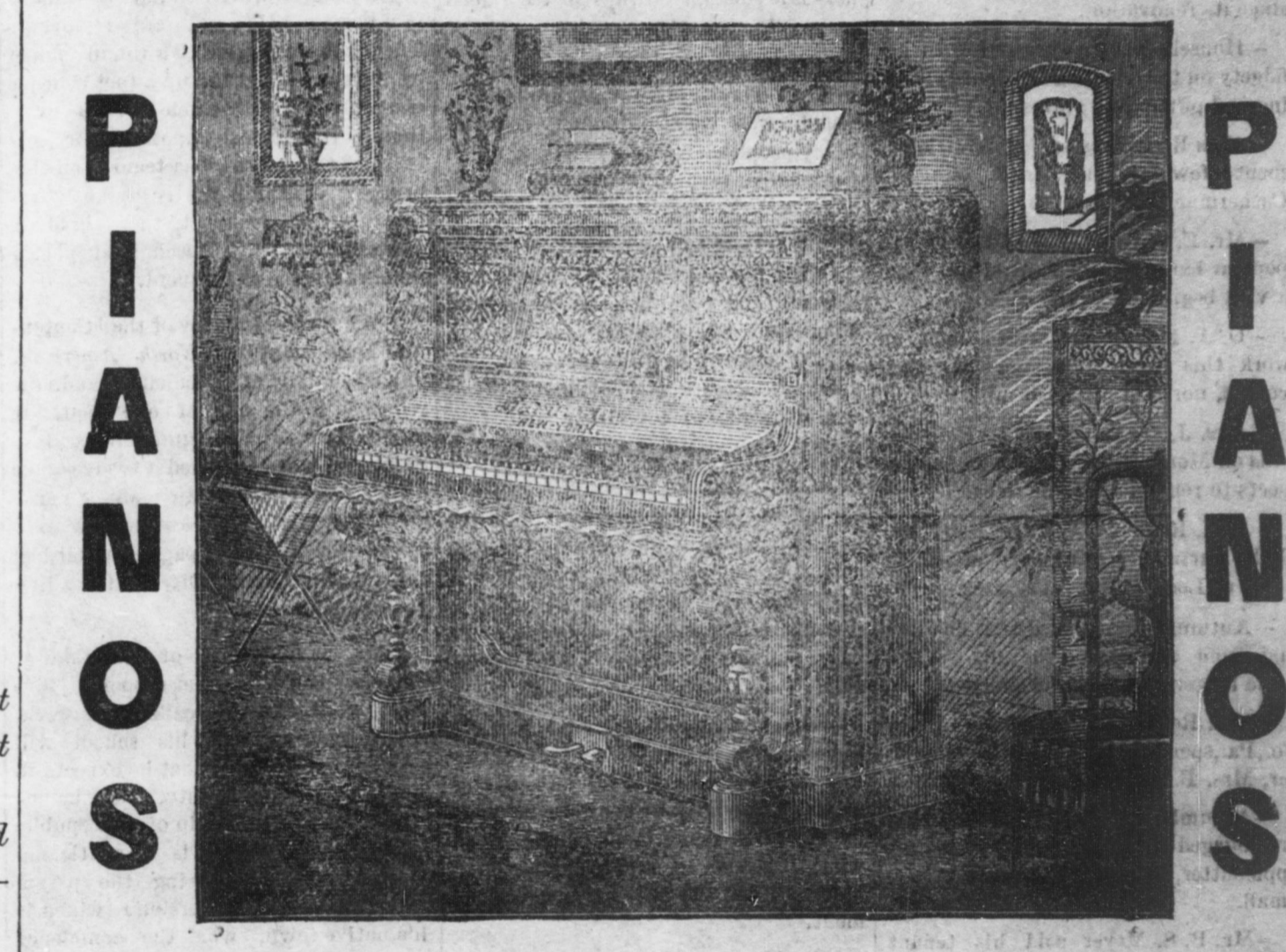
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