The foundations for the great steel structures are built by means of calssons in which the men can work under a great pressure of air. It is a very interesting sight to watch them, and the best of it is that any one may see them at close range from an adjoining sidewalk. The caisson is a hollow steel sylinder open at the bottom and just large enough to permit a man to work. The workman climbs down a ladder in this tube and digs away the earth at the bottom. As the earth is taken away the steel tube is gradually lowered. The earth is taken out by a bucket, which is lowered and raised by a tall derrick at one side. As the caisson sinks, air is pumped into the compartment containing the man. This is to force back any water or dirt that might fill the hole from the outside as fast as the workman removes it from within. The pressure of this air is often so great that a man can work but an hour or so at a time. At the top of the caisson is a steel cylinder with an air tight door at either end, which serves as a kind of vestibule to the tube below.

When one of the caisson workers starts to go to work he opens the door or lid at the top and climbs in, when the opening is once more tightly clos-This door or lid is air tight. After the opening to the outer air has been closed the workman opens the door at the bottom of this steel compartment and lets in compressed air from the caisson below. It takes a few minutes to become accustomed to breathing this atmosphere, for the heavy air makes the head ring. As soon as the workman can do so he climbs down into the funnel below, closing the lower door of the steel anteroom as he does so. All this must be done in the dark. If the workman wishes to signal the outer world he may do so by striking the steel sides of his narrow prison with his shovel. He usually signals in this way when the bucket is to be raised or lowered .-Frances Arnold Collins in St. Nicholas.

HOW THE MOON LOOKS.

Queer Variance In Impressions as to the Same Object.

I asked my men to compare the size of the full moon to that of some object held in the hand at arm's length. I explained the question carefully and said that they were to describe an object just large enough when seen at arm's length to cover the whole moon. My list of answers begins as follows: Quarter of a dollar, fair sized cantaloupe: at the horizon, large dinner plate; overhead, dessert plate; my watch six inches in diameter, silver dollar, hundred times as large as my watch, man's head, fifty cent piece, nine inches in diameter, grape fruit, carriage wheel, butter plate, orange, ten feet, two inches, one cent piece, schoolroom clock, a pea, soup plate, fountain pen, lemon pie, palm of the hand, three feet in diameter-enough to show again the overwhelming man-

ifoldness of the impressions received. To the surprise of my readers perhaps it may be added at once that the only man who was right was the one who compared it to a pea. It is most probable that the results would not have been different if I had asked the question on a moonlight night with the full moon overhead. The substitution of the memory image for the immediate perception can hardly have impaired the correctness of the judgments. If in any court the size of a distant object were to be given by witnesses, and one man declared it as large as a pea and the second as large as a lemon pie and the third ten feet in diameter it would hardly be fair to form an objective judgment till the psychologist had found out what kind of a mind was producing that estimate. - Professor Hugo Munsterberg in McClure's.

Clean Chopsticks Sure.

"Seeing these quill toothpicks done up in paper envelopes in the hotels here," said the man from the far east, "reminds me of the Japanese eating places. In the bigger hotels or restaurants they hand you the chopsticks done up in a sealed envelope. This is with the idea of convincing you that they never have been used before, which is not always so. In the cheaper restaurants they have a much better plan for setting your mind at rest. There you get a piece of wood as broad as two chopsticks split to within an inch of one end. When you take this piece of wood you split it the rest of the way, and there you have the two sticks. You can be sure then that no other person has used them."-New York Sun.

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Compensation. "But suppose you awake from your dream to find that the feet of your

idol are but clay?" "That will be all right if I find the rest of him turned into dust."-Houston Post.

Luther said that if a man were not strong at twenty, handsome at thirty. learned at forty and rich at fifty he never would be strong, handsome. learned or rich.

SOUP AT \$35 A PLATE.

Steriet Roe at \$10 a Head and Peanut

Bud Jelly at \$250. Public interest has recently been excited by a remarkable dinner party 000. Some high class chefs who know the deepest mysteries of their business are inclined to say that this was really nothing after all.

The most expensive soup that can be served is Chinese bird's nest soup. which can hardly be done at less than \$35 for a moderate plate of it for each guest.

When the fish course is reached in the menu the most expensive item possible is the newest cavaire, made from sterlet roe and not from common sturgeon. There are only one or two London restaurants at which this rare delicacy may be obtained, and the Discovery." charge for it is \$10 per head.

Mullet roe, another rare dish, costs more than its weight in silver, while those who do not wish to advance quite to this point in expenditure might be satisfied with a more frequently served dish, Caribbean pompano, which has to be brought to London on ice from Galveston or Pensacola and which costs \$5 to \$10 a pound.

A game Lie, made of the little birds called ruffs - small things with long legs and a ruff of feathers behind their necks, belonging to the sandpiper family-is about the most expensive thing possible in this direction and cannot be done for less than \$50 to \$75, while if the ruffs are unusually scarce the charge for the pie may easily run up to \$100.

Dunstable larks come next. They are fairly common on the tables of epicures, but it costs quite \$7.50 to serve a single dish of them.

There are not so many possibilities for gigantic expenditure when the joints come on the table, giraffe steak or bison ribs at anything from \$2.50 to

\$5 a head being about the best. As for sweets, the thoughts of a millionaire host who wanted to beat the record and knew his business would naturally fly to a jelly of peanut buds and ginger, which would be sent to him in little pots from China at a charge of \$250 a pot, one tablespoonful

in each. Forced strawberries in the middle of winter are most expensive to buy and may run to anything from \$5 to \$25 a

head. A great delicacy at one time was the double cocoanut, or coco-de-mer, which is only grown on two small islands of the Seychelles and which was last sold at \$200. It is, however, so extremely rare now that an enactment has been passed forbidding its exportation under any circumstances.-London Stray Stories

INVISIBLE SNAKES.

A Den of Reptiles That Eluded the Ordinary Passer's Eye.

The fact that snakes are rarely seen even when they are abundant was impressed upon the mind of the writer one day while waiting for a train at a small station in New Jersey. A nearby culvert, where a small stream flowed under the junction of the railway and a well traveled public road, seemed a favorable place for them. The stone wall, laid up without mortar, which supported the approach to the bridge had a southern exposure. The chinks afforded ample hiding place, and the reedy borders of the stream promised good hunting for the species which live upon small fish, frogs, toads and earthworms.

The flagman, who for several years had passed ten hours a day at his leisurely occupation there, denied that there were snakes in the vicinity. "No more than there be in Ireland, an' it's not me as would be tendin' this cross in' if there was," he asserted. But a few minutes' search in the gutters and grass revealed four specimens which had been under his very eyes-a garter, a worm, a De Kay and a newly hatched milk snake. A new flagman was installed there the following day, but crowds of people, many of whom would become hysterical at the sight of a snake, continue to pass within three feet of the wall blissfully unconscious that they are walking over a den of serpents.-Francis Metcalfe in Outing Magazine.

He Remembered.

Old Commodore Vanderbilt was always very democratic in spirit. Sitting on the porch of a fashionable hotel at a fashionable resort on one occasion, it is related that the commodore saw a lady aproaching with whom he was acquainted. His wife and daughter, who recognized ber, could scarcely contain their anger when he arose and politely addressed her. "Don't you know," asked the daugh-

ter after she had gone, "that borrid woman used to sell poultry to us?" "Yes," responded the old millionaire, "and I remember when your mother sold root beer and I peddled oysters in New Jersey."

Horse on Them. The wooden horse was standing be-

fore the beleaguered city. "That seems a heavy beast," remarked Paris to Hector, surveying it critically. "Of what weight would you say it was?" "Troy weight, of course," answered Hector. Whereat envy turned Paris

green.-Harper's Weekly. An Appropriate Tablet. A lady wrote upon a window some verses intimating her design of never

lowing lines underneath: The lady whose resolve these words betoken Wrote them on glass, to show it may be

-London Reader.

marrying. A gentleman wrote the fol-

When the Clock Stops.

When the clock has stopped you may have seen the wife or husband take it up and shake it to start it again. Sometimes they succeed. Some little clogging particle is removed by the shock and the clock starts again. But it does not go very long given in London at which twenty-four people sat down and which cost \$15,000. Some high class chefs who know again, and presently has to be overhauled by the clock doctor. It's something the same way with the liver. It stops its useful and necessary offices, sometimes, and the man or woman affected tries to jar it into starting, with some powerful pill or potion. Perhaps they succeed. But the success does not last. The liver soon stops again, and finally they have to go to a doo The value of Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery in such cases, is that it carries off the clogging particles which interfere with the health of the body. It strengthens the liver, purifies the blood, and heals diseases of the stomach and organs of digestion and patrition. There can be no substitute for "Golden Medical

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