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## Bellefonte, Pa., February 7, 1913.

## SURELY WAS CLEVER SNAKE

#### Truthful Old Darkey Recalls an Incident of His Youthful Days "Foh de Wah."

In some way one clever, if not ab solutely good, snake story has been passed up all these centuries and left for a white-haired darkey deacon of Brunner to bring to the colored National Baptist convention in Houston, Texas, as his offering at the "foh de meetin'" experience class.

It happened "foh de wah," according to his account, when he was enumerated in the stock inventory on a large plantation near Houston. His duties were to accompany and take care of a boy about his own age, a son of his "ol' marstah."

"Yeh! Lawd," he exclaimed between his sputtering, toothless gums, "my marstah sho was a smart chil'. We used to go fishin' an' Ah used to help carry de bait and tackle an' such. Da' used to be a snake down on the bank of the bayou and we sho' things. worried de life outten dat sarpint. sho' we did. But what Ah's gwine to tell yuh is dat sarpint knowed more'n de books. When we used to set down on de bank of de creek, he would come a stealing tru de leaves and hands it to her sister. She looks ord. to his hole and scoot down it quick. doubtfully at the hat in the saleswom-When he'd git all but his tail in, marstah would ketch holdt de tail an' yank him out. He done got exasperated and come up to de hole awful slow an' wind up in a curl by his hole, sorter peep in and den wink one eye. I kin jes see dat snake a-laughing We both got up close and waitnow. ed for him to slip in. Marstah sorter nudged me and laughed sorter low. Den dat snake just stick his tail in he hole and went down head up. After dat time he always went in backwards."

an's hand).

not worn at all."

Sister (disgustedly)-"You're worse

(Haughty saleswoman returns and

suddenly engulfs business woman in a

hat about two feet high and with a

don't you think this one is bigger than

crown like a scrubbing pail).

the other?"

disdain.)

to you."

could sell me anything."

over there to take it out and show it

Business woman (after bracing her

Business woman (after vainly trav-

around counters and showcases)-

"Do you suppose if I wore one of these I would lose my job?"

Sister-"Here, try this one. Now,

If you had a big bandeau so that you

would look a little as if you had on a

Business woman (gratefully)-

"How cheering you are! (She peers out from under the hat with the air of a startled rabbit.) Would you mind

asking one of the saleswomen if they

Sister (after pursuing saleswoman

around the counter and finally bring-

ing her to bay)-"I want a large

bandeau. One that will hold a hat up

Saleswoman (languidly and without

offering to move)—"You mean a halo. No, we don't carry them. They're not

worn." (She resumes her important

occupation of gazing dreamily into

space. Sister returns to business

woman, who is still in a millinery

eclipse. She regards business woman

thoughtfully for a moment. Then a

triumphant light suddenly comes into

her eyes. She fairly snatches the hat

hat, and stuffs it inside the other one,

then replaces the new hat on business

woman's head, where it perches in a most sprightly, if somewhat precari-

Business woman (regarding herself

with more or less satisfaction in the mirror)—"You're a genius!" (Wheed

ingly). "You're so awfully clever and

if you can, with honeyed words and

sweet smiles, persuade somebody to

sell this hat to me?"-Chicago Daily

from the business woman's head). Sister (gleefully)—"They don't have halos. But—" (She seizes the old

hat and not a necklace.

have bandeaus?"

off the head."

ous, way).

News.

not."

### PRETTY NEAR IT.

A woman strolled into the public an flounces away). library the other day in search of a certain book. She accosted Chalmers than abject, Sarah. You're perfectly Hadley, librarian, and solicited his maudlin.' assistance in the search.

"I am searching for a book called "The Dentist's Infirmary," she said. "You see, we are studying him in our literary club.

Business woman (gasps)—"Oh, dear! Where am I? Why, really, "'The Dentist's Infirmary,' madam?" inquired Mr. Hadley, seeking to associate such a book with such a study class.

"Yes," replied the woman, "it's all about devils and angels and such like.

The light of understanding dawned upon the puzzled mind of the longsuffering librarian and he almost over and look at them." (She gath-

#### THRILLING ADVENTURE **OF BUSINESS WOMAN** James Jesse Strang Really Was Crowned and Had Dominion Within the United States.

(The plain busines woman and her sister, who has ben pressed into service for the occasion, enter the milli- Chestnut street a professional beggar nery section of a large department store).

who claims to be Henry Strang, a son of America's only king. His tale is Busines woman (plaintively)-"It greeted as a huge joke, yet the story does seem to me that I am never free he tells is true, the only part of it from the thrall of the hat. Just after concerning which there may be any Christmas it begins to hang over me doubt being his own connection like a pall, and when the spring hats with it.

KING OF AMERICAN ISLAND

There frequently appears along

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really begin to sprout in the windows 1 The kingdom he refers to was once get perfectly morbid." (Speaks very set up on Beaver island, in northern humbly to haughty saleswoman.) "It Lake Michigan, and flourished for you could wait on us, please, it would some years. James Jesse Strang, a be so kind of you. Something small, prominent Mormon, had quarreled if you please." (To sister while with the leaders of his church, and in haughty saleswoman departs in search 1846 withdrew with a few followers of hat). "Dear me! I wish I didn't to that island. Other Mormons joined the colony from time to time, and by get so positively abject on these occasions. I know some people who really the winter of 1848 they were suffi ciently numerous to threaten control get a bitter satisfaction out of sailing into exclusive millinery establish- of the island. On July 8, 1850, Strang was crowned king with elaborate cer ments, where the hats are dreams of beauty and becomingness, and de emonies. There was much contro manding to be shown confections versy between the Mormons and the whose prices send the cold chills down other inhabitants of the island, most one's back, and then departing with a ly fishermen. While on a visit to De dissatisfied shake of the head. But troit President Fillmore heard of this not so I. I fell impudent when I cast little kingdom within the domain o' even a glance at the wonderful the United States. He sent an armed vessel to Beaver island, and King Strang was captured and tried for (Haughty saleswoman returns balancing a hat on her hand. She looks treason. He conducted his own de bored to extinction. Business woman fense and made such an eloquent plea removes her much battered, squashy that he was acquitted. In 1850 he and obviously home made headgear was assassinated .-- Philadelphia Rec

#### Embraced Whole Fraternity.

Business woman-"It looks awfully Among the unwritten legends that float around the court rooms of Man Saleswoman-"It's the smallest hat hattan are a dozen or more stories which have the venerable commission in the house, madam. Small hats are er of jurors, "Judge" Thomas Allison for a hero. His shrewdness, his Business woman (hastily)-"Oh, of course, I know the hats are all big. sympathy and his tact are all famous But you see my face is so small that One day half a dozen men were ir when I get one of these large things his office to qualify for jury duty-or on I look just like a monkey. I really to disqualify, as most of them re garded the matter. Two young fellows don't think it's worth while for me to try it on. I'm sorry to trouble you, but if you could find something that to the desk in their turn. The first wouldn't sit quite so far down on my gave his name, address and age, and head, I'd be so much obliged." (She then the commissioner asked: smiles pathetically and the saleswom-"Your occupation?"

"Artist." "Are you worth \$250?"

"No. "You're discharged." The other young man also gave his name, age and address. The dialogue went: "Your occupation?" "Artist."

"You're discharged."

#### Not in Sight.

Saleswoman-"No, madam; it is A countryman named Street owned a runaway cow. As the season ad-Business woman (looking forlornly vanced Street was compelled to make and apologetically toward showcase) several long pilgrimages into the -"But some of those hats are smallcountry for the reprehensible animal. On one occasion the trail led on er, aren't they? I think I'll just step on until Street had entered the ers up her belongings with the air of environs of a town where a new trola detected sneakthief and sidles ley system was installed. Just as over to the showcase. Haughty salesthe cow-hunter turned a corner in the woman turns away with an air of deep out-skirts, the car lumbered up and the conductor called out: Business woman (almost in tears) "Cedar Street!" The owner of the estrayed cow -"Why won't they be nice to me? If they only realized it, I'm such an stopped in his tracks and bawled back at the man in blue and gold: -an easy mark. A kind person "No, darn her, I ain't seed her; an' Sister (impatiently)-"Oh, have a when I do it won't be good fer her little backbone. I'm perfectly ashamed blamed old hide either!"-Woman's of you. Now, there's a pretty hat and World. a little one at that. Ask that girl

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"One friend of mine after another has opened campaign headquarters. What I want to know is whether 'headquarters' is a singular or a plural noun, and if it is singular what is the plural?"

Profitable Magic. Taking his stand close to the footlights the great magician exclaimed: "I will now cause this egg to completely disappear." A ruralite in the audience arose to his feet and cried excitedly: "Don't do it. What we want to see

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Would Be Pleased.

Loquacious Visitor (who has been describing in great detail her bridal trousseau)-And you ought to see me in my going away frock!

Hostess (wearily)—I—er—wish 1 could.—London Tatler.

The Explorer-Git on, you mutt! How'll I ever reach the pole at dis

A Weary Life. What written word could e'er relate One-half his perturbation-The bard condemned by cruel fate To rhyme 'thout inspiration.

Might Be Heard Some Distance. Ty Cobb of baseball-strike fame, said at a recent baseball barquet in Minneapolis:

self to the effort of addressing an-"I admit that there is too much loud other goddess of the millinery world, fades away in deep humiliation upon talk, too much arguing and wrangling being told that the price of the hat and chin music in a game of baseball. "I know a man who was seen the in question is \$25)-"She could tell other day getting into a taxicab. by the quiver in my voice that it was not for the likes of me."

"'Where are you going?' they ask Sister-"Why didn't you make her ed him.

take it out and show it to you, any-"'I'm going to hear the ball game, way? That's what they're here for." he replied."

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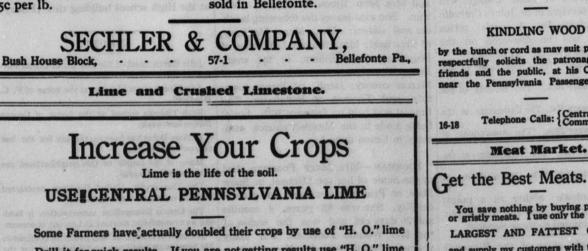
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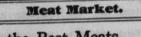


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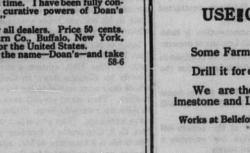
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