

Snakes in United States.
There are 19 varieties of rattlesnakes in the United States, one copperhead, and one water-moccasin. The rattlesnake, of course, can always be told by its rattle. The timber rattlesnake is the commonest. It grows sometimes as long as five feet, but is rarely found over two or three feet in length. It haunts the woods in hilly or mountainous regions, as does the copperhead. Both live on rabbits, squirrels, and other animals which they generally catch at night.

Didn't Believe in Tattling.
Marjorie, aged four, was in the library with her father, while her mother was superintending the preparation of dinner. The attention of the head of the house was attracted by a scratching sound, and he looked up to find his daughter at work with a pair of scissors on the top of a polished table. "Marjorie," he said, sternly, "go tell your mother what you've been doing." "I won't do it, papa," she said. "Do you think I'm a tattletale?"—Judge.

Like Wasted Time to Johnny.
Johnny, aged six, was permitted to have his friend Teddy stay over night with him. On getting ready for bed they both knelt down to say their prayers, and all went well, but in the morning I happened to arrive in the room as Teddy was again saying his prayers, just in time to hear Johnny say: "What are ya sayin' your prayers now for anyway, ya haven't done anythin' all night have ya?"

Austria's Day of Defeat.
At the battle of Magenta in 1859 during the Italian war, the French and Sardinians defeated the Austrians at a loss to the latter of 10,000 in killed and 7,000 in prisoners, while the allies only lost 4,000. For this victory the French marshal, MacMahon, was created duke of Magenta by the Emperor Louis Napoleon.

Depth of the Sea.
The average depth of the sea (all oceans) is from two to three miles, about 10,500 to 15,900 feet. At the mouth of the Rio de la Plata, half way to the Island of Tristan da Cunha, off the South American coast, the depth of the Atlantic is 45,000 feet, or over eight miles.

Methusalem.
It is impossible to tell why Methusalem lived so long. It is more than likely that the patriarch died long before he had reached the age of 969 years. In a word, no one nowadays whose opinion is worth anything believes that the "patriarchs" lived any longer than men do these times.

Work to Keep Healthy.
The very best cure for a case of nerves is to keep busy. If you cannot find any work of your own, help some friend who has more to do than she can accomplish. Be really interested in everything you do and do it with all your might. You never heard of a washerwoman being nervous.

Kept It Secret.
Katherine's uncle had come to pay them a visit. After the first greetings were over and he was comfortably seated with little Katherine on his knee, he asked, as uncles often do, if she were "a good little girl." "Yes, but nobody knows it," was the prompt answer.—The Delineator.

The Ways of a Man.
Nothing pleases a man better than to be misunderstood by someone so that he can tell you about it. He may talk about his future, his prospects, his interests, his family, or his business, but when he speaks of himself he is in earnest.

Daily Thought.
It is not work that kills man; it is worry. Work is healthy; you could hardly put more upon a man than he can bear. Worry is rust upon the blade. It is not the revolution that destroys machinery; it is the friction.—Beecher.

A Defiance.
"You may be the stronger," said the speckled trout as the fisherman dropped him into the basket, "but I will nevertheless maintain that you can't knock the spots off me!"

The Really Great Thing.
I find the great thing in this world is not so much where we stand as in what direction we are moving.—Oliver Wendell Holmes.

Keeping Burmese River in Check.
One of the world's largest retaining walls has been built to prevent the River Rangoon, Burma, from shifting its channel.

Depends on the Well.
"Truth lies at the bottom of a well," quoted the Sage. "Not if it happens to be an oil well," corrected the fool.

Warmed By Snow.
The earth, under a thick coating of snow, is ten degrees warmer than the air immediately above the snow.

On Improvement.
We cannot improve the world faster than we improve ourselves.—Creighton.

RANGERS MEN OF RESOURCE

Hard to Stump Guardians of Uncle Sam's Forests, When They Set Out to Do a Thing.

As an example of the resourcefulness of the United States forest ranger, always ready for all emergencies, there stands a 115-foot tower located in the Sitgraves National forest, in Arizona, which was entirely built by these men with a very limited equipment of tools and material. A triangulation station was needed in one of the districts, but because the area was covered with tall timber and had a very gentle slope, but one good, natural lookout post could be found, and here, unfortunately, the timber was so tall that the tower would have to be at least 100 feet high. The tools and rigging at hand were sufficient to build a tower of only half that height, but, nevertheless, it was decided to undertake the building of the tall tower at once, without waiting for further equipment, for the reason that the nearest base of supplies was 75 miles away, and the dangerous fire season was close at hand. The materials available consisted of 300 feet of three-quarter-inch rope in four pieces, the longest being 100 feet in length; two double blocks six inches long, and one single sheave block of the same size. The tools consisted of axes, two-men saws, hatchets, crow-bars, two pairs of linemen's climbers and belts and a brace and bit. Telephone wire was used for guys. The crew was made up of temporaries and two rangers. At the start there were eight men, including one cook, one teamster and the man in charge. By the time the tower was half-built the crew was cut down to four men, but, notwithstanding these adverse conditions, the work was done, and well done, and did excellent service, and will continue to do so for some time to come.

MOST NATURAL OF QUERIES

Probably First Interrogation That Was Ever Made Was, "Is It Good to Eat?"

In Farm and Fireside Herbert Quick, editor of that publication, writes an editorial in which he brought out many interesting facts as to the use of various meats as food. Following is an interesting extract from his article:

"Whenever we boys found anything animal, vegetable or mineral—almost—which looked not absolutely repulsive, our first query always was, 'Is it good to eat?'"

"That is the oldest question in the world. Every animal asks it a dozen times a day, and lets sight and smell answer it. Now that war is making a worldwide scarcity, 'Is it good to eat?' becomes a world-wide question for the human beast.

"Take the whale, for instance. We have been wasting the meat of the whale all the many years during which we have been slaughtering this largest of mammals. Why? The whale is a swimming beast which suckles its young and lives on clean food. Now there is a movement on foot to begin the canning of whale beef, to be sold at a low price to those who have the open-mindedness and strength of palate to tackle it.

"In Japan the meat of a red dog is a great delicacy, and dogs of other colors are preferred to beef, mutton or poultry. Pork is looked upon by the Japanese with much the same lack of appetite with which we regard the meat of the dog or horse.

"Horse beef was not eaten in France until after the great siege of 1871. Now it is a regular article of commerce."

On Tolerance.
At the German-American Chamber of Commerce in New York Dr. Adolph Muller, an agent for the purchase of woolsens, said:

"A better spirit, a spirit of tolerance, is now manifesting itself. On the boat coming over a French shoe buyer and an English cloth buyer shared my table with me and we got on well.

"Gentlemen, I said to those chaps one morning, 'we Germans and you English and you French are not all thieves, vandals and murderers. With us it is like the dog riddle.

"Why is a dog like a man?" a boy asked.
"Give it up," said another boy.
"Because it's bow-legged."
"But," said the second boy, "all dogs are not bow-legged."
"Well, neither are all men."

Plan Maori Memorial.
The Victoria league in Auckland, New Zealand, has a scheme on hand by which it is hoped that the land on which an old Maori "pa" (a fortified native village) stood may be secured as a perpetual memorial to the Maori warriors who fought and died there 50 years ago. At present a public road runs through the center of the pa, and the object of the Victoria league is not only to prevent further destruction, but to secure for all time the site of the pa, and restore it as far as possible to its original formation.

Modern Method.
Apropos of an elderly Chicago banker, whose wife had threatened to divorce him on account of his affection for a beautiful stenographer of seventeen years, George Ade said:
"A tragedy this, of a not uncommon kind, a tragedy due to our modern business methods. The grand old merchant prince of the past used to take his pen in hand. Today, it seems, he takes his typewriter on his knee."

Good Work of Humble Worm.
Worms are great promoters of vegetation by boring, perforating and loosening the soil and rendering it pervious to rains and the fibers of plants by drawing straws and stalks of leaves and twigs into it, and, most of all, by throwing up such infinite numbers of lumps of earth called wormcasts, which form a fine manure for grain and grass. The earth without worms would soon become cold, hard, void of fermentation and consequently sterile. This has occurred in many cases where the worms have been either accidentally or intentionally destroyed, and the fertility of the soil thus lost has only been restored when the worms had again collected and resumed their fertilizing work.

Napoleon Near Capture.
After the passage of the Mincio (at Valeggio) Napoleon, having concerted all his plans and pursued the enemy in every direction, entered a castle on the left bank of the river. He was troubled with a headache and used a foot bath. A large detachment of the enemy, in great confusion, arrived, having ascended the river as far as the castle. Napoleon was there and only a few persons were with him; the sentinel on duty at the gate had just time to close it, exclaiming, "To arms!" and the general of the army of Italy, in the hour of victory, was compelled to escape through the back gate of the gardens with but one boot on!—"The Napoleon Anecdotes," W. H. Ireland.

Advice to Readers.
Very ready are we to say of a book, "How good this is—that's exactly what I think!" But the right feeling is "How strange that is! I never thought of that before, and yet I see it is true, or if I do not now, I hope I shall some day." But whether thus submissively or not, at least be sure that you go to the author to get his meaning, not to find yours. Judge it afterward if you think yourself qualified to do so; but ascertain it first. And be sure also, if the author is worth anything, that you will not get at his meaning all at once; nay at his whole meaning you will not for a long time arrive in any wise.—Ruskin.

One Purpose of Life.
What do we live for if it is not to make life less difficult for each other?—George Elliot.

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