EVER LAKE'S PAMOUS SERPENT. & John Which Helped a Friend and Did No Que Any Earm

Paron was happlest when doing sething to relieve the distress of er, and he was, moreover, greatby given to practical joking. These margatics in him produced a bear once that became famous at the sine, and it was near about the same time that he caused Blondin to walk cross Ningnes.

Faxon had a friend who went to Silver Lake, a beautiful body of water a few miles south of Buffalo and Rochester, in what was then a wild picturingue country, where he buffet a supports hotel bording to make the place a popular resort. This man's fortube was expended in building and sufficing the hotel, but as people did not respect to the place in considerable combers it falled of becoming much of a moort, and the man was about to be farancially ruined. Paxon went to the place for a few days' relaxation. secled the condition of affairs, inwented a scheme which his friend doblensly full into, and the investment DISTRIBUTION AND

At Buffsho lived a young German south of an ingenious turn of mend. To him Faxon west, and under Fax direction un immense tin sanke secretis made, and so contrived that by the geo of wires it would under proper arrangements, go into serpendire writings and open and abut its enormous mouth. This 'controp-Sen" was quietly taken to Silver Lake and so fixed in the water-which was ery deep-that by wires worked from the cellar of the botel it would show itself on the surface, spap its terrible mouth and dive down again.

The snake being arranged in working order, Faxon went back to Buffalo. and in his paper printed under great "scare heads," the story of the discovery of an emormous spake in Silver lake. People visited the place by hundreds and then by thousands. The hetel and its barns and outbuildings of all kinds were filled with guests, and many people went there and camped on the shores of the lake, his snakeship coming to the surface at satisfactors intervals and doing his share of the work. So the fame of the Silver Lake snake went abroad

There came a body of savants of the school of Europe to see the famous ternor, and they saw it and pondered over it but at a most respectful distance.

Finally one day the wires broke, the make floated to the surface and turned m white belly toward the sky, just like any other dead spake, and the great hoar was exploded. But Faron's friend had saved his fortune and added to it, and Silver Lake became resort after all.-Chicago

Useful Indian Lore.

"People out West," observed a Kan-Congressmen, "have learned a number of things from the Indians, ad many of them are of value. Probshly the most valuable has been in the matter of cyclones. We have kerned that whenever a city or town was built the site of an old Indian settlement. It has been free from any of the cyses which have now and then come slong in the Western country. How the Indians were observent and smart ough to select sites for settlement more than we have been able to learn by study or investigation, but the fact cemains that the towns or cities on crisinal Indian settlements are cywhose proof.

These towns which are located thus netunately use their Indian origin as an advertisement and as a guarantee for settlement. Thus lots in an origial Indian settlement town are sold for a higher price and are in greater mend than in towns laid out by white men. It is rather rough on our intelligence, but it is dollars to pennies that it is right. The cyclone insurance company will insure a policy on houses is an Indian settlement for one-third deprices they charge for similar poliin other sections. They have tound that it pays them better to issee the low-rate policies than other policies at the higher rate."-Washing-

The Word " People,"

There is one word which is misused by every journalist and every author wherever the English language is writthe word "people." Mr. Howells for instance, in one of his delightful novels speaks of "three people" sitting in a room. Now, if two of these "people" were to withdraw, one "peode" would be left-and very much tent It seems unnecessary to stateand yet it is necessary to state it-that "people" is a collective noun, and can properly be applied only to nation, a tribe, a class, a community. It is quite admissible to say, "How are your people?"-meaning your family, your clan; but such a phrase as "Fifty people were injured," or "A hundred people were present," are not convertible For twenty-five years or more I have kept my eye on this little word 'people," and I have yet to find a single American or English author who does not misuse it. In the course of 300 or 300 years the correct employat of it may possibly become general.-New York Gritic.

A Large Order.

A beredean Scots Grey passing along Princess Street, Edinburgh, one stopped at the post-office, and collect on a shoeblack to shine his

The feed the Dragoon were in propertion to his height, and, looking at the tremestens boots before him, the arab knest down on the pavement and called out to a chum mear by:

Damle, come ow're and gie's a hand: I've got as drimy contract!"-Answers. admirers."

QUEER HERBS GROWN HERE

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stuff, straight from the boolevards. It is made from the common worm wood which is found in many old Nev England gardens, and from which a thick oil is distilled. It has been found by an examination of custom house ex perts that sixty years ago large quan titles of this American wormwood were experted from New York and Vermont to France where it was used

in making absinthe. But so large has the home consump tion now grown that we now use al the worm wood for our own production as well as five times as much, which imported from Prance and Ger The American wormwood i regarded as the best in the world.

Another expensive herb which is grown here is saffron which is worth from \$6 to \$8 per pound. Until guits recently the chief supply of suffror came from Vermont, but a seven drought there killed most of the plants

In Michigan there are vast fields or propermint, which is cultivated care fully and sells for a high price. An other medicinal herb grows in Michi gun is suge, which is sold at 140 per ton, in addition to which 100 tons or sage are imported into the United States every year at a value of \$80 per ton, most of it coming from Italy

In the mountains of North Carolins and Tennessee boneset, pennyroyal and thorn apple leaves are cultivated, as well as mandrake, blood root and black reshoad, all of which are used in patenmedicines. California and Cape Coc are the homes of horehound, which makes a courb medicine.

This country raises a greater variety of medicinal herbs than any other producing those that grow in cold and hot climates, as well as those that thrive on dry mountain tops and it the humid valleys. Burdock angelies and bayberry are some of these roots and others are spikenard, unicorn root. cascarilla, cramp bark, thyme and pigeon berry .- New York Journal.

WANTED TO BE ACTORS.

A Sumple of Queer Notes Received by Stage Professionals. A note which Mr. Beerhoben Tree

read to a Strand magazine reporter the other day ran as follows:

"Veneered Sir: I wish to go on the stage, and I would like to join your valuable theatre. I have been a bricklayer for five years, but having failed in this branch I have decided to take on acting, it being easier work, I am not young, but am six foot tall without any boots. I have studied Bell's system of elecution and am fond of late hours.

The incident which this suggests was told by a friend who was playing Rosalind at the time here in Boston, and playing it, as she fancied, rather acceptably. As she entered her dressing room at the theatre one night, a note was handed to her which read in this

"Dere lady I worked for a dentist but I have spoiled so many of his teeth saying over your part in the play that now I can say it just as well as you do. and I want you to let me try it to-night and see if I can't for the dentist says over our army-what then?" cannot have me any go on the stage and I will be here at 7 o'clock."

The exchange was not made.-From Time and The Hour.

Princeton's Gain.

Mr. Laurence Hutton has given his famous collection of masks to Princeton University. There are over seventy masks in the lot, nearly all of them of very noted personages. It is the only notable collection of the sort in existence and Mr. Hutton has been adding to it for the last thirty years. The story of its beginning is that one day, as long ago as the civil war, while Mr. Hutton was still a clerk in a New York store, he was standing in a book shop when a boy came in with a death mask in his hand, which he sold to the proprietor of the shop for fifty cents. Mr. Hutton identified the mask as one of Franklin, and assisted in the transaction. Mr. Hutton followed the boy out, learned that he had found the mask in in ash barrel and that there were more, Next he located the barrel, and found in it six masks, which turned out to be another mask of Franklin, others of Wordsworth, Scott and Cromwell, and casts from the skulls of Robert Burns and Robert Bruce. So the collection began.-Harper's Weekly.

The Thanks Were Premature. During the rebellion the 19th Maine acquired a reputation for foraging the country so thoroughly that they were said to have starved the confederacy out. One day they were sweeping along dining on the fat of the land as usual. Another troop was ahead, and between them and the 19th rode Gen. Hancock. As the general was passing one plantation the proprietor came out and heiled his party.

"General," said he, "I want some sort of safeguard. The troops that have just gone by stole my pigs, lifted my hen roosts and emptied my cellar."

"I am very sorry," said Hancock. "Yes," continued the old man, "they stole everything but my hope of immortality. Thank God, none of them can steal that."

"Don't be too sure of that," retorted the general; "the 19th Maine is coming next"-San Francisco Argonaut.

His Surprise.

A .- "I had a great surprise last evening."

B .- How was that?"

A.- "My wife introduced me to a fellow who never was one of her old

BIKE-SKATE A WONDER

Enables a Mante go Ten Miles as Rous

Where Be Likes. An ingenious and practical machine is now manufactured, which is a combination of the bicycle and the roller skate. The skater carries on each foor something that is very much like a ministure bicycle.

A blorde skate consists of a steel platform connected by a system of forks, with two wheels about six inches in diameter, one in front of the foot and the other behind. The foot of the skater is about two inches from the ground. The wheels being at the extremities of the platform the base on which the two feet rests is very long. and the point of support is made as strong as possible.

The wheels are fitted with ball bear ings and tires of hollow rubber, Ppeumatic tires have been discarded as not strong enough.

The bicycle skates were invented in England and have already been need extensively in that country and in France. A proficient rider can enally

It is claimed for the skates that they give the riders the advantages of bicycle riding and walking at the same With them a man can go as fast as he would on a bleycle when riding for pleasure. When he comes to a place where a hicycle could not go be can take off his skates and carry them with him. Thus he may climb a mountain, get over a fence or walk in a wood without incenvenience when out with his skates.-New York Journal.

A Sparrow's Bide in a Fly Wheel. Birds have all sorts of queer adven-

tures, but perhaps what was the oddest one of recent days is that which befell a sparrow at Anderson, Ind. It flew into a knife and bar manufactors. and, getting too near a small wheel, was sucked in. The workmen noticed it go into the wheel, but knowing that the cylinder was revolving at a speed of 130 revolutions a minute, took it for granted that the bird had been killed When the factory shut down at noon the men were astonished to hear a gentie chirp from the wheel, and lo, there was the sparrow as well as ever. They found that the bird had clung to the strengthening rod of the wheel and was in a semi-dazed condition. They picked him up and put him on a table. and thence, after collecting his wits. the little bird flew to freedom. The wheel in which the bird rode made \$1,000 revolutions while it was upon it, and so the tiny feathered creature travelled seventy-three and eighttenths miles in the embrace of a fly wheel.-Cleveland Plain Dealer.

A Valuable Invention.

An inventor recently went to the British War Office with an explosive that he said would destroy any army against which it was directed. "It is the most powerful explosive the world ever saw," said the visitor, "and I propose to send up a balloon over an army that would attack ours, setting the fuse so that it might go off the moment the balloon floated over the army of the enemy." "That is all very good. indeed," said the Secretary of War, interrupting: "but suppose that a current of air should carry your explosive "Well." said the inventor, laying his hand on must pay for his teeth, and so I must the right honorable gentleman's arm, "I tell you what it is, my friend-our army would have to get up and run like the very dickens."-New York Tribune.

Banana-leaves serve many purposes, for of them are made tough paper, from the thinnest tissue to thickest cardboard, clothing, bats and brushes, mats and hammocks. Millions of pounds of banana fibre, misnamed Manila "hemp," are each year brought to the United States or taken to Europe, and spun into cordage from the fineness of silk up through the size of twine to the bigness of mammoth esbles; and many a dainty handkerchief and bit of the lace has been woven from the fibres of banam-leaves by the deft fingers of the women of South America and of the far East.

One Way to Grow Rich. A very rich Frenchman called "Pere" Chapalier made his fortune by utilizing the stale bread of Paris, not only that which came directly from house holds but also that found among the garbage of the city. Chapalier was a manufacturer of bread crumbs. He pulverized the stale bread collected by a multitude of agents, and either sold the crumbs to restaurants for kitchen use or remoulded and baked them in the form of loaves for the poor .- New

The Commercial Instinct.

Mr. Umpstein came home with his eye blacked, his nose swollen, and a few other injuries were scattered about his countenance.

"Been helt up," he explained to his wife. "He was four dimes as pig as me, but I made him fight"

"Vy didn't you gif up, Izzy?" asked his wife.

"Sufferin' Rebecca, voman! Don't you subbose I vant to git my money's vert?"-Indianapolis Journal.

What Became of Her. What became of that Samuels girl that Pottersby was firting with last summer?

"You mean the girl that Pottersby thought he was fiirting with? She married him,"

Not Yet. Old Resident.-"Yes, sir, I'm eighty years old, and I walked thirty miles other day. Could you do that?" Average Man.-"No-o, not yet; I'm

only forty."

LABOR-BAYING JUSTICE Mexicans Have a Method, Short and Ef.

tive, for Aveiding a Trial. "The administration of justice it Mexico has certain phases which might startle those who are ac customed to the law's delays in this country." remarked a Chicagoan the other day who has spent the last three

years in the sister republic. "There is no unnecessary delay at any stage of the game. If there is no doub about the prisoner's guilt technically ties were never slowed to interfere with his prompt punishment. And very often the Mexican authorities manage to save the expense of a trial. When ever a notorious desperado, for in stance, is captured be is turned over to a couple of rurals to be transferred to another jail at some little distance. Or the way the prisoner always tries to escape—at least, that is the report made by the guards.

"It is unnecessary to add that or prisoner ever did escape under such circumstances or that no prisoner ever could do so. The guards simply report gravel from ten to fifteen miles an that their man tried to give them the slip and that they felt compelled to riddle him with bullets to prevent his escape. This dispenses with a trial and a legal execution. No investigation ever is made: it is strictly legal in Mexico to shoot down an 'escaping prisonen. It is a labor-saving device. that's aff. but it is as effective and as expeditious as it is economical."-Chicago Times-Herald.

A SEPTUAGENARIAN STUDENT.

A Rare Instance of Perseverance and

At Warsaw a student has just graduated at the ripe age of seventy-five! After passing his matriculation many years ago, lack of funds prevented him from at once proceeding to the university, and he was compelled to work as a tutor twenty years in order to save enough money to enable him to continne his studies. At the end of that tim he presented himself at Warsaw Medical Academy, and passed the entrance examination with distinction. Before be could begin his studies, the Polish rebellion of 1863 broke out, and Borysik, who was forty-one years of age threw himself into the movement with all the enthusiasm of a youthful revolutionist. The revolt was suppressed, and Borysik was exiled to Siberia. where for thirty-two years be underwent hard labor in the silver mines. In 1895 be received a free pardon, and returned to Warsaw. In spite of his age and the hardships he had endured. Borysik lost none of his enthusiasm for medical work, and took up his studies where he had left off in 1863. After a two years' course this remarkable man has now, at the age of seventyfive, pased the final medical examination with bonors, and will begin to practice in Warsaw.-London Daily

HAM-EATING IN PARIS

The Bones Used with Pork Out into Shape to Imitate the Genuine Article.

Parisians of a certain class are inordinate enters of ham; in fact, almost as many hams are eaten in Paris as could be furnished by all the pigs killed throughout the whole of France, even allowing for both shoulder and leg being ham-cured in accordance with French practice. The demand formerly-and may be now-met in this wise. The dealers in cooked hams bought up the old ham-bones at a couple of sous a-piece, and ingeniously inserted them in pieces of pickled pork which they trimined into shape, and coated with grated bread-crasts. In this way many bones did duty hundreds of times over, lasting, in fact, for years. They would leave the dealers in the morning and frequently return to them the same night, to quit them again the following day. Nevertheless the supply could hardly keep pace with the demand. Only fancy the inconvenience of having to wait for your ham until your neighbor's servant took back the ham-bone which the charcutier relied upon receiving yester day! It was to obviste such a state of things that an ingenious individual conceived the idea of manufacturing ham-bones wholesale, and ere long be drove a thriving trade, at ten sons the dozen; since which time the stock of hams has augmented, and the delicacy has become less difficult to procure.

As It Seemed to Him.

"Doctan I gwine ax yo' fo' annudder o' dem ermetic powdars dat yo' gib me las' week w'en I done be'n sick wid de' spepsy."

"Then you have had another attack, have you. Jamper?"

"Not 'zackly, sah, but I done drap mer pipe down de well sah, an' from de way dat powdah pufform in de case er merse'f, I got er right ter t'ink ist ef I drap it down de well hit rwine ter bring dat pipe ter de sufface in erbout fe' seconds, sah."-Boston

Not Particular.

"I suppose," she said seridly, "that you would turn up your nose at cold victuals."

"No, ma'am," replied Meandering like. "You'd be surprised to see how Mike. good-natured I'd take it if you was to offer me a Roman punch or champagne frappé."-Washington Star.

The Trouble.

"Who ever brought you up, Walter?" demanded his aunt, after some small

bit of rudeness on his part.
"Never was brought up," said Waiter. "I've been taken down all my

Hard on Him. "I stood there in the silent night." said Willie Wishington, "wrapped in

thought." "Dear me!" murmured Miss Cay-"How chilly you must have

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forces under Admiral Cockburn are she was willing to sacrifice her I'e. graphically recalled by Clifford How- Without attempting to open the glazest ard in the July Ladies' Home Jour- door of the case she shattered the nal in its notable "Great Personal glass with her clenched hand, snatch Events " series. Mr. Howard lucidly ed the priceless parchment, and wavtells of the incidents leading up to the ing it exultantly above her head, but invasion, and pictures the terror and ried to the door, where she entered excitement of the people of Washing- her carriage and was rapidly driven ton, who fied shouting, screaming, away in the direction of Georgetownjostling one another under foot, into Virginia as the enemy approached. President Madison had gone to the fered with a severe pain across my front, and his wife was anxiously await- chest, and I had headaches. I tried ing his return, in fear for his safety. many different medicines, but found The White House attaches had nearly all deserted their posts, but Mrs. Madison had packed all her husband's papers and and records, and as she was about to abandon the house, bethought nerself of General Washington's portrait. The heavy frame inclosing it was broken by a servant with an axe, and she removed the canvas 25c. with her own hands, keeping it from falling into the hands of the enemy.

"It was then," writes Mr. Howard, iust as she was in the act of hurrying away, that Dolly Madison was seized with an inspiration that will ever cause her name to live in the heart of every true American. She stopped to think. dependence? In a flash she called to Painless and delightful to use. apart from the other papers it had Headache, Sore Throat, Tonsilitis been overlooked in the worriment and and Deafness, 50 cts.

tion she turned and rushed back into the house. 'Stop ! for Heaven's sake, stop! cried her friends, vainly endeavoring to intercept her. Regardless of their commands, regardless of her The capture, invasion and burning danger, the brave woman sped to the of our National Capital by British room containing the treasure for which

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