

SILVER LAKE'S FAMOUS SERPENT.

A Snake Which Helped a Friend and Did No One Any Harm.

Faxon was happened when going something to relieve the distress of mother, and he was, moreover, greatly given to practical joking. These two characteristics in him produced a hoax once that became famous at the time, and it was near about the same time that he caused Bloodin to walk across Niagara.

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 and picturesque country, where he built a superb hotel, hoping to make the place a popular resort.

At Buffalo lived a young German dentist of an ingenious turn of mind. To him Faxon went and under Faxon's direction an immense tin snake was secretly made, and so contrived that by the use of wires it would, under proper arrangements, go into serpentine windings and open and shut its enormous mouth.

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

Finally one day the wires broke, the snake floated to the surface and turned its white belly toward the sky, just like any other dead snake, and the great hoax was exploded.

Useful Indian Lore. "People out West," observed a Kansas Congressman, "have learned a number of things from the Indians, and many of them are of value."

These towns which are located thus fortunately use their Indian origin as an advertisement and as a guarantee for settlement.

The Word "People." There is one word which is misused by every journalist and every author whenever the English language is written—the word "people."

A Large Order. A merchant Scots Grey passing along Princess Street, Edinburgh, one day, stopped at the post-office, and called on a shoeback to shine his shoes.

The feet of the Dragon were in proportion to his height, and, looking at the tremendous boots before him, the arab knelt down on the pavement and called out to a chum near by: "Samie, come over and gie's a hand; I've got an army contract!"—Answers.

QUEER HERBS GROWN HERE.

Absinthine Now Made in America on Michigan Sage Worth \$140 a Ton.

The manufacture of genuine French absinthine is the latest American industry. This is guaranteed to be the real stuff, straight from the boulevards.

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

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 in the humid valleys.

A Sparrow's Ride in a Fly Wheel. Birds have all sorts of queer adventures, but perhaps what was the oddest one of recent days is that which befell a sparrow at Anderson, Ind.

A note which Mr. Beerbohn Tree read to a Strand magazine reporter the other day ran as follows: "Venerable Sir: I wish to go on the stage, and I would like to join your valuable theatre."

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.

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 very noted personages.

One Way to Grow Rich. A very rich Frenchman called "Pere" Chapelier made his fortune by utilizing the stale bread of Paris, not only that which came directly from households but also that found among the garbage of the city.

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

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BIKE-SKATE A WONDER.

Enables a Man to go Ten Miles an Hour Where He 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 foot something that is very much like a miniature bicycle.

The wheels are fitted with ball bearings and tires of hollow rubber. Pneumatic tires have been discarded as not strong enough.

A Rare Instance of Perseverance and Determination. At Warsaw a student has just graduated at the ripe age of seventy-five!

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.

Banana Leaves. Banana-leaves serve many purposes, for of them are made tough paper, from the thinnest tissue to thickest cardboard, clothing, hats and brushes, mats and hammocks.

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LABOR-SAVING JUSTICE.

Mexicans Have a Method, Short and Effective, for Avoiding a Trial.

"The administration of justice in Mexico has certain phases which might startle those who are accustomed 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 doubt about the prisoner's guilt technicalities were never allowed to interfere with his prompt punishment.

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REASONS FOR USING Walter Baker & Co.'s Breakfast Cocoa. 1. Because it is absolutely pure. 2. Because it is not made by the so-called Dutch Process in which chemicals are used.

ALEXANDER BROTHERS & CO. DEALERS IN Cigars, Tobacco, Candies, Fruits and Nuts. Sole Agents for Henry Maillard's Fine Candies. Fresh Every Week.

Prices Low and Good Work. For the finest and best stoves, tinware, roofing, spouting and general job work, go to W. W. Watts, on Iron street.

SHOES SHOES We buy right and sell right. OUR SUCCESS IS BASED ON THIS FACT. Honest trading has won us hosts of customers but we want more.

IF YOU ARE IN NEED OF CARPET, MATTING, or OIL CLOTH, YOU WILL FIND A NICE LINE AT W. H. BROWER'S. 2nd Door above Court House.

THE NATION'S DEBT TO DOLLY MADISON. Saved the Declaration of Independence From Falling Into British Hands.

Avoca, Pa., May 10, 1897.—I suffered with a severe pain across my chest, and I had headaches. I tried many different medicines, but found nothing that did me any good until I gave Hood's Sarsaparilla a trial.

CATARH AND COLDS RELIEVED IN 10 TO 60 MINUTES.—One short puff of the breath through the Blower, supplied with each bottle of Dr. Agnew's Catarrh Powder, diffuses this Powder over the surface of the nasal passages.