#### SIXTY-FIVE SNAKES.

#### That Number of Young Ones Swallowed by a Thirty-Inch Mother Wriggier.

Prof. W. H. Ganr, superintendent of the schools at New Lisbon, a small town in Indiana, made a remarkable discovery in natural history a few days ago. Prof. Ganr is a naturalist of recognized standing and has many specimens of rare animals and plants preserved in his nesseum, but the specimen snake just secured is the most interesting and curious of all this collection, reports a local exchange.

Prof. Gaar tells the story of his capture and his statement is corroborated by Frederick Dryer and John Beyer, farmers, who witnessed the capture. Following is Prof. Gaar's story: "The other day at my nursery I killed a slatecolored snake about 30 inches long, of a variety unknown to me. Near the neck of the snake the skin was apparently broken, and through this aperture, which was a natural orifice, I was surprised to see a small snake wriggle out, followed by four others. I enlarged the orifice and discovered a duct or canal extending the entire length of the snake. In this duct were 60 more little snakes, making in all 65 snakes that were contained in the duct or canal The sun was shining hot and the little fellows snapped and bit viciously, but they all died in a short time.

"The canal which contained the snakes must have been the regular allmentary canal, as there was no other canal or passage in the body to serve the purposes of assimilation. This canal was full of little snakes its entire length, and each little wriggler was inclosed in an individual filmy sack."

#### BOSTON FOR A PATTERN.

#### Courtesy Shown Absent-Minded Passengers at a Railroad Station.

A man sat in the Reading terminal the other day, says the Philadelphia Record, so wrapped up in a Boston newspaper that he let his train slip off without him. When he found that the would have to wait two more hours be seemed annoyed, but, notwithstanding his annoyance, he was kind enough to explain in a loud voice to a couple of uniformed officials how they ought to run things at the terminal.

"You ought to do as we do in Poston," he said. At the stations there the names of the cities and towns all over the country that the trains run to are printed in big letters on the well, and the seats for the waiting passengers are grouped around these names. Suppose I want to go to Washington. I run my eve over the walls, and when I find the name I'm after I sit down near it in a Washington seat. Then when a train is ready the enunciator, as we call him in Boston-I don't know what you call him here-goes quietly to the people who are in that train's seat, touches them on the shoulder and murmurs in a polite way: 'Your train, sir,' 'Your train, madam. Gate 11.' Now, that's the way to do it. No shouting, no confusion, no trains escaping without their passengers. That's how we manage things in Boston."

## DOG IN A DIVORCE COURT.

#### Sharp-Secuted Bloodhound Bucharest Picks Up a Bit of Damaging Evidence.

A certain well-known inhabitant of Bucharest is the director of a manufactory which, being situated on the outskirts of the city, he goes to early each morning, returning late in the after-

The director was some few years ago married to the daughter of a rich merchapt. He also possesses a splendid bloodhound, which had become very clever in finding and bringing any lost object of his master or mistress.

Little did the director, when teaching his dog the trick, fancy to what purpose he was doing it.

Among his intimate friends he reckoned a certain banker, and visiting him one afternoon, accompanied by his dog, he noticed it sniff around the waste paper basket and then bring out from among the scraps of paper a green silk handkerchief, which seemed strangely familiar to him. He seized it and pocketed it, without the banker noticing, and soon after took his leave.

The lady was packed off to her parents and proceedings for a divorce commenced. She ultimately confessed to having given the handkerchief as a memento, which the banker had thrown into his waste paper basket to be found by the intelligent bloodhound.

## THE DOUBLE EAGLE.

#### As It Appears in the Arms of Russia and Austria Is of Ancient Origin.

The eagle, as an emblem of authority, is so old that it would be impossible to clearly trace its origin. It is found upon the most ancient sculptures that have yet been discovered, and was no doubt one of the very oldest of the totems, or tribe signs. The early Persian empire appears to be the first which adopted it as an imperial emblem. Among the Greeks the eagle was the emblem of Jove. The Romans also adopted the eagle as their standard, and so it became the token of Roman dominion. When Constantine became emperor he adopted the double-headed eagle as the insignia of his authority over east and west. When the German empire came into being in the twelfth century this emblem was revived as being that of the Holy Roman empire, and Rudolph of Hapsburg adopted it as his imperial arms. It appeared the Russian imperial arms in the sixteenth century, when Czar Ivan Basilovitch married Princess Sophia, niece of the eleventh Constantine, and the last of the Byzantine emperors.

#### TO RECLAIM THE LAND.

#### Dikes Are Proposed to a Plan to Render Submerged California Estates Profitable.

Application of the Dutch method of diking has resulted in the reclamation of about 30,000 acres of low-lying ground in the basin of the Sacramento river, California, below the city of Sacramento, while work is in progress to protect 20,000 more acres from the incursions of the last 15 or 16 years. About 105,000 neres are yet to be drained in the Sacramento bottoms and a less area in the lowlands of the valley of the San Joaquin. Attempts at diking made over 20 years ago failed because the surface soils and the peat used in constructing the dikes could not withstand the wearing effect of the river's current. Much money was wasted and the disheartened workers abandoned the enterprise. The newcomers on the ground dug deeper than their predecessors and found a bed of potter's clay, which, when heaped up in levees, is baked by the sun to almost the consistency of pottery. The accumulated water within the dikes is discharged into the river by pumps. A system of irrigation of the higher portion of the reclaimed lands is provided, and the apparent contradiction is presented of the draining and the irrigation at one time of the same body of land. For a depth of two feet the land is a mat of decayed tule stems, and, with control of the water, the former swamps have been made the most productive lands in the state.

## IDENTIFICATION OF JEWELRY.

#### Jewelers Have a Method of Number ing and Registering That Is of Lasting Value.

In these days of frequent robberies it is well to adopt some method of identifleation more sure than that of a simple recognition of one's own jewels. It is next to impossible to pick out one's own ring from a collection of 20. An expert might do it, but few women can, says the Chicago Times-Herald.

The best method is the fewelers' method. Every piece of jewelry they own is marked with an identification number. It is scratched by the feweler as soon as it is bought, and entered on his registry books with a full description of the setting and each stone. Examine your rings with a microscope and the numbers will be found.

Whenever an article of jewelry is re paired this number, with its repair registry number, is entered on the repair book wherever it is left. This is true of all articles of jewelry, but is particularly noticeable in the repair of watches. Every time a watch is cleaned its new number is scratched somewhere on the inside of the case. One can never deceive a jeweler as to the length of time since the watch was last cleaned, as he has it registered on his books.

If you cannot make out a jewelry descriptive list yourself, your jeweler will fill out the registry for you. Your chances of recovery in case of robbery are greatly increased.

## RARE OLD PLANTS.

### Some That Have Disappeared for Centuries Have Been Revived

Some 25 years ago, when the scoriae (or slag) produced by the ancient Greeks in working the silver mines of Lawimur, near Athens, was removed, in order to be reworked by more efficient modern appliances, the seeds of a kind of poppy of the genus Glancinon, which had lain underneath the slag in a dormant condition for at least 1,500 years, sprang up again all over the uncovered ground. Unknown in modern times, this plant was described in the first century of our era by Dioscorides and Pliny, and had disappeared from the face of the globe for 15 or 20 centuries. The fact that these seeds should have retained their vitality so long seems very extraordinary, but there are other instances quite as remarkable. For instance, raspberry seeds found in 1835 in an ancient tumulus in a coffin buried 30 feet below the surface, and believed to have been there since the second century, were successfully planted. And in another case seeds of the Polygonum Convolvulus, dug up from the bottom of a sand pit, where they were believed to have been buried for 2,000 years, were still vigorous and produced healthy plants.

Gloves for German Army Officers. German army officers are ordered by imperial decree to wear reddish-brown dogskin gloves during the maneuvers.

## NUDE TWENTY YEARS.

#### Awful Penance Self-Inflicted by Cte Indian Who Killed His Mother,

H. P. Myton, United States Indian agent at White Rocks, Utah, has among the Ute Indians on his reservation a man who for 20 years has done awful penance to atone for the accidental killing of his mother, but who, in spite of what he has passed through, thinks that he has not yet suffered sufficiently for his transgression.

The killing was entirely accidental, and the tribe held the Indian blameless and did not punish him. His conscience, however, was his accuser, and it held him up as a criminal.

When his first burst of grief was ver he imposed a harsh sentence upon himself. He made a solemn vow that for the rest of his life he would not wear clothing or enter a house, tepee, or other dwelling.

For more than 20 years the redskin has kept his word. He sleeps in the open air, with a piece of old blanket about three feet square hung over him

on some sticks. He is entirely nude. Mr. Myton says the Indian lies on the ground through the winter, even when the thermometer goes as low as 40 degrees below zero.

### CAR-RIDING MAKES HER SAD. It Is Because Mothers Ill-Trent

### Their Small Boys by Pulling Them About.

"I am always made sorry when I ride in the cars, through the shopping distriets particularly," says the Chicago Chroniele of a woman, "to see the way mothers lil-treat small boys. It is an ethical erucity, but quite as disastrous as physical ill treatment might be, it to be, pulled around in the cars, out of the cars, pushed into that seat and out of it into another as if they were so many little dummies.

"They usually are very nearly that, for seven or eight years of such pushing and pulling are enough to take all the spirit out of a small boy unless he has unusual vigor of character. A boy of that age ought to be beginning to look out for his mother and finding seats for her. Occasionally a sensible mother, who treats her boy like a human being, is to be found, and it is a pleasure to see the two together. The boy who is dragged around like a little muff during the early part of his life is apt to come to himself after a time If he is not entirely ruined and then he goes to an opposite extreme, is rude and self-asserting while he is trying to establish an equilibrium, and the mother can't imagine what the trouble

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strange rumance connected tub dat watch milion, sah. I wah comin' by Brudder Katkin's patch when I see dis yere milyun, near de fence. My ole heaht did go out mighty o dat milyun, sah, but I fought ob de tex, which say, Thou shalt not steal, an' I dun ol de debil tuh git round behin' me. Den Sumfin whispeh tuh me de Bible wohds, Bear ye one annudder's buhdens, an' I am,

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To RAISE \$20,000,000. -A meeting of the twentieth commission of the Central Pennsylvania Methodist Conference was held recently in Grace Church, Harrisburg, at the world for general purposes as a twentieth century offering was developed.

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## SHERIFF'S SALE.

By virtue of a writ of Fieri Factos, issued ut of the Court of Common Pleas of Columbia County, Pennsylvania, and to me directed, there will be exposed to public sale, at the Court House, in Bloomsburg, county and state

SATURDAY, OCT. 21, 1899, at 2 o'clock p m , the following described real estate, to wit: All that certain house and lot of ground, situate in the village of Minlinville Township of Mifflin, County of Columbia, and State of Pennsylvania, bounded and described as follows, to wit: On the north by Third street, of said village, on the east by lot of Annie H. Bastuscheck, on the south by Fourth street, and on the west by an alley, being two hundred and thirty-one feet deep along said alley, sixty-two feet front along said Fourth street, and fifty-four feet back along said Third street, upon which is erected a two-story

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Oco, Oco to be contributed by Methodists over land of Samuel Snyder south seventy and onehalf degrees west thirty-nine and six-tenths perches to a stone; thence north nine and one fourth degrees west sixty perches to a stone thence north sixty-nine and three-fourths de grees east forty-one perches along the line of William F. and Samuel Keller's land, to the

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The undersigned, executors of the estate of John Zaner, late of Fishingcreek township. Columbia County. Pennsylvania, deceased, will expose to public sale, on the premises, in sale

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