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EBENSBURG, PA., FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 30, 1877.

NUMBER 44.

SHERIFF'S SALES.

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or Sat.s. -One-third of the purchase and the remaining two-thirds upon con-JOHN RYAN, Sheriff. W DICK, ATTORNEY-AT-LAW, Eb-

SHERIFF'S SALES.

Py virtue of sundry writs of Al. Fi. Fa., Vend. Expon., and Plu. Vend. Expon., issued out of the Court of Common Pleas of Cambria county and to me directed, there will be exposed to Public Sale, at the Court House in Ebensburg. Saturday, Dec. 1st, 1877, On MONDAY, Dec. 3d, 1877, the following real estate at 1 o'clock, P. M., the following real estate to wit:

ALL the right, title and interest of John Me-ALL the right, title and interest of John Mc-Mahon, of, in and to a piece or parcel of land sit-nate in Washington township, Cambria county, Pa., adjoining lands of Thos. Powers, John Grne, Thos. McGough, and others, containing 130 acres, more or less, having thereon erected two one and a-half story frame houses and a log barn, now in the occupancy of John McMahon. Taken in ex-ception and to be said at the suit of Mrs. Research ecution and to be sold at the suit of Mrs. Rosanne McEnrue.
Also, all the right, title and interest of Eliza

Also, all the right, title and interest of Eliza Noonan, of, in and to a piece or parcel of land sit-uate in Munster township, Cambria county, Pa., adjoining lands of Philip Sanders, Hugh Griffin, and others, containing 56 acres, more or less, most-iy cleared, having thereon erected a log barn, Taken in execution and to be sold at the suit of

ALSO, all the right, title and interest of John Spade, of, in and to a lot of ground situate in the borough of Summitville, Cambria county, Pa., fronting on the old Portage Railroad and running back to an alley, adjoining lot of John Riffel on the north and school lot on the south, baving thereon creeted a large two story frame house and plank stable, now in the occupancy of John Spade. Ta-ken in execution and to be sold at the suit of John

Also, all the right, title and interest of Philip W. Pringle, of, in and to a piece or parcel of land situate in Jackson township, Cambria county, Pa., adjoining lands of George Rex. James R. Cooper tract, and others, containing 160 acres, more or less, about s acres of which are cleared, having thereon erected a two story plank kouse, plank stable, and water saw mill, now in the occupancy of Philip W. Pringle. Taken in execution and to be sold at the suit of David Brendlinger.

Also, all the right, title and interest of Thos. ALSO, all the right, title and interest of Thos. Stiles, of, in and to a piece or parcel of land situate in Barr township, Cambria county, Pa., adjoining lands of Henry Shultz and Fred'k Adams on the east, on the north by John McGee, on the west and south by Peter Bennett, containing 50 scres, more or less, about 20 acres of which are cleared, having thereon creeted a two story plank house and bard stable, now in the accuracy of iouse and board stable, now in the occupancy of Thomas Stilles. Also, about 40 acres, more or less, unimproved, adjoining lands of Thomas Thompson and James Thompson on the west, Jos. Stiles on the south, and Isainh Bonner on the north, having thereon exected a water saw mill, now in

the occupancy of Thomas Stiles. Taken in execu-tion and to be sold at the suit of Peter Neily. Also, all the right, title and interest of John J. Krise, of, in and to a piece or parcel of land sit-uate in Clearfield township, Cambria county, Pa., adjoining lands of John McDermitt, Wm. Little, Lewis Carle, and others, containing 135 acres, more or less, about 50 acres cleared, having thereon erected a two story leg house and leg stable, now in the occupancy of Jacob Brand, and a two story plank house and leg stable, now in the occupancy of ______ Taken in execution and to

Younkin. Geo Lamer, and others, containing 16 acres, more or less about 40 acres cleared, having thereon erected a one and a half story house and frame barn, now in the occupancy of Geo. B. Richards, and a one-and a half story house, not occupied. Taken in execution and to be sold at the suit of Samuel F. George.

Also, all the right, title and interest of William A. Stewart, of, in and to a piece or parcel of land situate in Jackson townsh p. Cambria county, Pa., adjusting lands of John Rager, dec'd, on the east.

adjoining lands of John Rager, dec'd, on the east, heirs of David Davis, dec'd, on the north, William Byers on the west, and the Samuel Paul tract on

cleared, having thereon erected a one story plank house and plank barn, now in the occupancy of Wm. A. Stewart. Taken in execution and to be sold at the suit of S. P. Dunmire.

Also, all the right, title and interest of L. L. Worthlee and W. H. Edwards, of, in and to a piece or percel of land situate in White township. Cambria county, Pa., adjoining lands of Williams Lovel, John Mulholiam, and others, containing 55 acres, more or less, about 15 acres of which are cleared, having thereon erected a two story plank cleared, having thereon erected a two story plank house (not now occupie), a water saw mill, a two story plans house and plank stable, now in the oc curping of Rev. W. H. Furdy. Taken in execu-tion and to be sold at the suit of John Van Scoyoe and Aaron Van Scoyoc, administrators of Stephen

TERMS OF SALE. One-third of the purchase oney to be pain when the property is knocked down, and the remaining two-thirds on confirmation of the deed.

JOHN RVAN, Sheriff.

Sheriff's Office, Ebensburg, Nov. 12, 1877. TRIAL LIST, DECEMBER TERM. List of Canses set down for trial at a Court of Common Pleas to be held at Ebensfor Cambria county, commencing on th FIRST MONDAY OF DECEMBER, 1877; FIRST WEEK.

Collins, Johnston & Co vs. Dunegan,

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Hipps & Lloyd es Shoemaker vs. Trent. .vs. Finttery. Flattery .. B. McCOLGAN, Pro henotary. Prothonotary s Office, Ebensburg, Nov. 3, 1877.

vs. Trex er

Administrator's Sale of Real Estate. In pursuance of an order of the Orphans' Court, the undersigned will offer at public sale on the premises, at 2-o'clock, P. M., on

Saturday, December 1st, '77, ALL THAT CERTAIN PIECE OR PARCEL OF LAND situate in the village of Hemiock, Washington township, Cambria county, Pa., bounded and detownship, Cambria county, Fa., considering and Morris street, adjoining discount the north and lot of F. is south, and running back to making thereon erected a two discounts, now in the occupancy of fer. Taken in execution and to dit of Stephen Stutzman.

Tight, title and interest of John is to a lot of ground situate in grough. Cambria county, Pa., is sufficiently feet, to a post on the line of lot of D. M. Fox: thence by line of D. M. Fox: thenc

> HANDS OFF .- I have this day bought at constable sale the following personal property of J. W. Neason, to wit: 2 horses, 1 cow, 6 hogs, 1 windmill, a lot of rye, 2 horses, I cow, 6 hogs, I windmil, a lot of rye, I cutting-box one crib of corn, a lot of wheat, cooking stove, I table, cupboard, a lot of chairs, I sink, I clock, 3 bedstends and hedding, and a lot of dishes, which I have left with J. W. Neason during my pleasure. I hereby warn all parties from meddling with the same on any pretext whatever.
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> Clearfield Twp., Nov. 9, 1877.—16.—31.

Administrator of Frank Urbin, dec'd.

STRAY HEIFER.—Strayed from the premises of the subscriber in Munthe premises of the subscriber in Mun-ster township, on or about the 15th of May last, a dark brown and white spotted yearling beifer, with face all white. Any information that will lead to the recovery of said beifer will be thankfully received and suitably rewarded. EDWARD O'BRIEN. Munster Twp., Nov. 13, 18,7.-5t. tatours, Pa. Office in front room of T. 130's new huilding. Centre stre t. All front legal husiness attended to satisfactions a specialty. [19-14.t...]

CHASED BY WOLVES.

of the State of New York was very sparsely settled. In one of the remote counties, which, for name's sake, we will call Macy county, a stout hearted settler named Devins posted himself beyond the borders of civilization and hewed for his little family a home in the heart of a forest that extended all the way from Lake Champlain to Lake Ontario. His nearest neighbor was six miles away, and the nearest town near-

gave them no concern. It was a splendid place to live in. In summer the eye ranged from the slope of vines on the high ground that formed wound its sparkling way northward. When down to think. autumn painted the scene in brilliant hues, and it lay glowing under the crimson light of October sunsets, the dullest observer could not restrain bursts of admiration.

Mr. Devins' first attack on the stubborn forest had been over the brow of 'he hill, some four miles nearer Owenton, but his ken his family there from Albany. He had he began with renewed energy his second home, in which the closing in of the winter of 1889 found him. He had sixty acres of intelligent boy of sixteen.

snow set in before the end of November, and, even in the open country, lay upon the ground until the beginning of April, while in the recesses of the forest it was was great distress among the settlers outside of the bounds of civilization, to whom them news of how badly their neighbors space where he lay.

and temporarily buried, until her remains years old. After a short consultation, the though very cold, it was determined to albearing medicine, tea and other little necessaries for the family. He was impres- without. sively warned to begin his return at so early an hour that he might reach home before the danger of wild animals. The severity of the winter had made the wolves more venturesome and dangerous than they had been for many years. Mr. Devins had lost several sheep and hogs, and deemed it unsafe for any of his family to be caught far

from the house at night. Allan armed himself with his light rifle, put some biscuits and cold meat in a pouch strapped to his waist, mounted one of the strong farm-horses, and set out on his jour-The road through the forest was better than he expected to find it, as the snow had been drifted off, but at the turns and in the thickest part of the wood, his horse floundered through drifts more than breast bigh; and more than once Allan had to dismount and beat a path ahead. Therefore, he did not reach Iuman's till two o'clock and, by the time he had helped Esther about her work, assisted her young brother to get in a good supply of wood and made things more comfortable for the invalid, it was almost sundown. He stoutly refused to stay for supper, declaring that the luncheon still in his pouch would serve, and started just as the short twilight came on. He was a brave lad, and, with no thought of peril, went off, kissing his hand

gayly to Esther. It took him an hour to traverse the first three miles, and then he came to a stretch of comparatively bare ground leading through his father's old clearing almost to the top of the hill back of Mr. Devins' house. He was just urging old Bob into a trot when a long, clear howl broke upon his ear : then another and another answered from east and south. He knew what that meant. It was the cry of the advance guard of a pack of wolves.

The howling sounded near, and came swiftly nearer, as though the wolves had found his tracks and scented their prey, Old Bob trembled in every limb, and seemed powerless to move. Allan realized that he could not, before dark, reach home through the drifts ahead, and the increasing cold of the advancing night would render a refuge in a tree top probably as deadly as an encounter with the pack.

Presently there came a cry, shriller and sharper than before, and Allan, looking back, saw a great, lean, hungry gray wolf burst from the underbrush into the road, followed by dozens more; and in a moment the road behind him was full of wolves, open mouthed and keen in chase. Their yell now seemed notes of exultation, for the leader of the pack -the strongest, fleetest, out. hungriest one among them-was within a dozen yards of Allan, who was now riding faster than old Bob had ever gone before or ever would again. Excitement made the lad's blood boil in his veins and he determined to show fight. The moon had risen and the scene was almost as light as day. Now he could count the crowding host of his enemies, and, just as he broke from the forest road into the clearing, he turned in his saddle and fired. The foremost of the ered around and tore their leader in pieces.

rifle loaded. He determined to make a running fight of it to the hill, where he was sure of meeting his father, or could take to a tree and shoot until help came. This had hardly flashed through his brain when, right ahead of him, a detachment of the pack sprang into the road and answered with double yells the cries of the rest coming up behind. The horse wheeled suddenly, almost unseating Allan, and dashed across the clearing toward the wood; but he had not taken a dozen bounds when a wolf sprang upon him. Old Bob reared and they get bigger by oursing them.

fell, pitching Allan nearly twenty feet ahead, and was covered with wolves before Some forty years ago the northern part he could regain his footing. That was the last of poor old Bob.

But Allan! What of him? When he recovered from the effects of the shock he found himself over head and ears in snow. He had no idea where he was, but struggled and plunged in vain endeavors to extricate himself, until at last he broke into a space that was clear of snow, but dark as served a curious looking figure straddling Erebus, damp and close. Feeling about ly twenty, but the Devinses were so happy ing slanting against the upper edge of a and contented that the absence of company pit, and then he knew he was in the cellar | iron gray whiskers, long hair, and a rather of the old house his father had built, and which had been burned down nine years before! The cellar was full of snow, except where the sturdy pioneer had built his at the corner roofed over by the fallen logs, house over miles and miles of waving beech and Allan, bursting through into the empty | directly in front of the astounded ladies and and maple woods, away to the dark lines corner, was as secure from the wolves as though seated by his father's fireside. It mous rattlesnake, which he had brought the horizon. In the valley below, Otter was not nearly as cold in there as outside, Creek, a tributary of the St. Lawrence, and he found a dry spot upon which he lay

He was in no danger of freezing to death, his food would keep him from starvation a week at least, and Allan concluded that, with the first gimpse of dawn, his father would be in search of him, and, following the tracks, find old Bob's bones, and quickly rescue him from his predicament. He house was burned down before he had ta- reasoned wisely enough, but the elements stantly going, its head slightly raised, and were against him. Before sunrise a furious regretted that he had not "pitched his storm of wind and snow had completely tent" on the slope of Orter Creek, so now obliterated every trace of horse, rider and

At home, as the night wore on, the anxiety of the family had increased. While rich soil under cultivation at the time of they were watching the gathering storm which we are to speak, his right-hand man they heard the long dismal howl of the being his son Allan-a rugged, handsome, wolves coming over the hill. The chill of fear that they should never see the boy The winter of '39 was a terrible one; again settled down upon all their hearts, until the house was as weary within as the winter waste and gloomy forest were with-

found as late as the middle of June. There asleep, dreaming as peacefully as though cover, and, whenever desired, the owner snugly resting with his brother in his warm | turns it out to crawl and rattle for the debed at home. He slumbered on uncon- lectation of visitors. It is somewhat over the snow was an impassable barrier. The scious of the raging storm without, and did four feet in length, and has had fourteen Devinses neither saw nor heard from their not awake until late the next forenoon. It rattles, several of which were knocked off which I did, and in ten minutes I was so nearest neighbors from the first of Decem- took him several seconds to realize where against the box. During the three months drunk that I couldn't eat breakfast." ber till near the beginning of February, he was and how he came there, but grad- of its confinement it has not eaten a mouthwhen a crust was formed upon the snow ually he remembered his ride for life, and ful or drank a swallow. A toad was placed and sold half a thousand rattlesuakes dursufficiently firm to bear the weight of a the falling of his horse, his struggle in the within its reach, and was immediately man, and a friendly Cayuga Indian brought snow and his breaking into the protected

Mr. Devins was especially touched by the the succeeding night. Allan ate slightly, in flesh, but there seems to be ground for thoroughly that he runs comparatively no bad case of his friend Will Inman, who quenched his thirst with a few drops of the general belief that the rattlesnake eats visk at all. He has frequently kept a num lived on the nearest farm. The poor man water obtained by melting snow in the nothing at all during hot weather. lay ill of a fever; Mrs. Inman was dead palm of his hand and began casting about volved upon Esther, his daughter, fourteen power. If he could have made a succession of footholds, the task would have been next morning breaking bright and clear, easy, but all his efforts only tended to fill his retreat, without bringing him nearer low Allan to go over the hill to Inman's, the air. As soon as he saw this he gave himself up to calmly waiting for help from

The second morning of his imprisonment broke clear and cheerful, and Mr. Devius the short day's end, especially because of set out to search for traces of his boy. He visited the Inmans and learned the particulars of Allan's stay and departure, then mournfully turned his face bomeward, his heart filled with despair. When be emerged from the forest into the clearing he met the Indian who had visited him a few days before, and he told the red man of Allan's loss. The Indian stood a moment in deep thought, and then asked : "No horse, no boy back there?" pointing

to the read just traversed by Mr. Devius. "No. I have looked carefully, and if there had been a trace left by the recent storm I should have detected it. "Ugh! Well, me come over the hill; nothing that way either; than they here.'

"Why do you think so?" "Ah! me know, wolves. When Allan came to the place they ahead; horse turn; wolves caught 'em this side woods; we look there," and Tavenathonto pointed to the very course taken by the horse and It so happened when Allan was thrown

from the horse's back that his rifle flew from his hand and struck, muzzle down, in a hollow stump, where, imbedded in the snow, it stood like a sign to mark the scene of the last struggle of the lost boy. The snow had whitened all its hither side. When the Indian came abreast of it he

"Told you so! See! Allan's gun! And here rest of 'em," pointing to a little heap over the ruins of the old cabin. Kicking the snow hastily aside, the Indian examined the ground carefully a moment, and then said :

"No, only horse; Allan farther on. The indian, with head bent down, walked quickly forward, threw up his arms, and disappeared. He had stepped over the clean edge of the cellar, and sunk exactly as Allan had. A few desperate plunges don't often see in a lifetime. There was a sufficed to take the strong Indian through the intervening snow and in to the cellar, where Allan, just rousing from his second sieep, sat bolt upright. The Indian's coming disturbed the snow so that a glimmer of light penetrated into the dark space. Allan supposed a wolf had found its way down there, and drew his large knife, brac-

ing himself for an encounter. The Indian sputtered, thrashed about to clear himself from the snow, and in so doing rapped his head smartly against the low ceiting of logs.

"Waugh! waugh!" exclaimed he. "Too much low; Indian break 'em head; look Allan instantly recognized the voice of the Indian, his comrade on many a fishing

and hunting tour. "Tayenathouto!" he cried, "dear old fellow, who would thought of you finding

The Indian quietly replied: "Tayenathonto no find; come like waterfall ; couldn't help his self."

A very few minutes sufficed to put both on the surface again, where Allan was repack rolled over and over; the rest gath. ceived "like one come from the dead," and closely folded in his fa her's arms. Oh! the snake, and nothing but a scar to show where a large toad poke its head out of a hole in have lived and the reconjection to By the time they resumed the chase Al- joy of that embrace. The past grief and suflan was a hundred yards ahead with his fering were forgotten in the bliss of that mine was bit in the heel by one of 'em, and barely escaped being cut up by the saw. a mere tradition of the place; but yet,

father and son to their home, where he was hailed as Allan's rescuer, and enjoyed \$20 apiece. A few years ago I caught a The animal was quite flat, and nearly as to the full a share of the festivities. In after years Allan married Esther In-

the wolves, and the little ones never tire of times, and he was so pleased that he gave ception of a decayed spot about a foot in petting their faithful old Tayenathonto. Why are troubles like babies ?--Because

OLD RATTLESNAKE JOHN. EXPLOITS OF A MIGHTY REPTILE HUNTER.

Some months ago the Pennsylvania Ed. itorial Association made an excursion through the eastern portion of the State, staying a brief while at the Delaware Water Gap. The day was a hot one, and while a number were sitting on the piazza they obfor h from the woods, and making towards him, be discovered over his head logs rest- them. He was clad in blue leans, heavy cow-hide boots and an old straw hat, with wild, rolling eye. He stooped somewhat with age, but was still active and muscular. It was noticed that he was dragging something by a string, and when he halted

gentlemen they saw that it was an enorout for their inspection. The old man, in his slow and solemn way, released the snake, while the horrified feminines screamed and scrambled out of the way, each certain that the reptile would instantly dart for them. The old man told them there was no danger, and by and by they ventured somewhat closer, assured by the sluggish movement of the snake and the evident mastery of its captor. With its rattle erected and conits inky, forked tongue playing about its bead and bead-like eyes, it glided cautiously forward, seeking to reach the cover of the woods close at hand. The old fellow continually got in its way, sometimes turning it with his forked stick or with his boot, and thus keeping it in the open space in front of the visitors. This was continued for awhile, when the reptile was imprisoned again by means of a loop of twine, and the owner shuffled off with it to the photograph gallery, stationed between the Water Gap and the Kittatinny house, where it is still an object of curiosity to the visitors. It is and then a glass of milk. I kept that up escape without loss of time from the threat-Meanwhile the brave youth was sound | confined in a wooden box, with a glass all night. It pained like all creation, but strack and killed, but the reptile would not

John Vanscoten, the old fellow who capfor means to get out. He soon found that tured the reptile, is nearly seventy years of could be removed to the cemetery in Ow. to dig his way up through the mass of age, and has killed and taken so many of entown, and all the care of the family de- snow that filled the cellar was beyond his the venomous reptiles that he has been known for years through the Water Gap section as Rattlesnake John. "I seen the reptile asleep on the fence."

said the old fellow, after placing himself outside of a stiff drink of whisky, "and I inst snared him, that's all." "How was that done?"

"The easiest way in the world. I just made a loop of twine, slipped it over his head, and there he was "Did you ever catch any of them before?"

The old man, who is never known to laugh, turned a sort of reproachful, solemn ments. Hogs grow fat upon them and care look upon the questioner and heaved a prodigious sigh.

"The first one I ever catched!" he muttered to himsel!, "that's worse than a bite from one of the serpents. Young man, 've catched and sold more than 5,000, and I've killed eighty in one day with the help of a young darkey. There ain't any rattlesnakes or copperheads around here in the Water Gap, but there's plenty of 'em' mong the hills over there in Jersey. When I feel a handkering arter the reptiles, that's fast varmint I seen was about fifty years ago when I was ploughing. I didn't know what it was and I killed it afore I learned. After that I soulof took to the business and 1 couldn't begin to tell a half or a quarter of what I've done. That introduced me to the perfession, and I belonged to a rattle-

snake family." Being asked to explain what he meant by this, the old man said : "An uncle of mine, ninety years of age and a revolutioner, stepped on a snake one day and it bit him. By that time both were mad, and my uncle kept jumping on it until it was smashed from head to tail. Afore that, howsumever, the snake bit him three or four times. But the old fellow hadn't fit through the revolution to be killed by a rattlesnake, so he belted down about a gallon of whiskey, and was all

right in a few days," "Some years ago I was out hunting sheep with my step-son over in Jersey, when all of a sudden be left out a yell loud enough to wake the dead. I went thrashing through the bushes, and when I reached him there was a sight such as a man den of rattlesnakes, and, as it looked to me, about sixteen million of 'em, rattling and crawling about. Howsumever, my boy and me sailed in with long sticks and much of a blow to kill one of 'em, and we never struck one of 'em twice. Often they was so close together that one belt would went out to see he prospect. We killed that we laid out.

"Howsumever, the rattlesnake is a square, up and down reptile that gives you notice afore he strikes; but the copperhead you without the least notice. One hot day I was mowing near Bethel, when I cut the tail off one of the critters, and the other part got out of the way, somehow, so I time. I don't 'spose you'll believe it, stranger, but the next summer I found that The Indian had to return with the happy forty times; that's all that saved him.

big black spotted one-that is a female- large as a man's hand. He was perfectly and it had eighteen small ones, which used blind, but when taken from his bed he man, and now, by the fireside in winter, he to run down its throat when scared. Liet made use of his limbs to crawl away. tells his grandchildren of his escape from a Mr. Reading see this performance several. The tree was perfectly sound with the exme \$24 for the family, which is the largest length below the hollow place in which he blower, from Glassboro, a couple of snakes what did he live on? And is the story which cost bim \$1,000.

. "You see the way of it was this: He wanted to buy a couple that I had, and I was afraid, 'cause the man was generally half full of whisky, and liked to try and play smart before his friends. But he insisted, and I let him have 'em, warning him that one of the snakes was ngly and would bite. Sure enough he hadu't had him more than a week when the chap was bit on the hand. I spose the whisky in him helped matters, for he didn't die. But

his doctor's bill was \$200, and he lost his

whole summer's work, worth \$500 more. "I was over in Jersey one day when I come upon a couple of speckled beauties base of one of the loftiest of this great sunning themseves. I found an old hat range, called Monte Pezza, stood the vilnear by, and it didn't take me long to scoop 'em both in. Then I put my hat over the other, and I had 'em as nice as you could wish. It was a scorching day. and after I walked a couple of miles I sot down and waited for the stage. It come along purty soon and I climbed in and took a seat all quiet like. The stage was nearly full, and bimeby I got to nodding, when I heered the blaned snake rattling. I tried to soothe 'em, but the wouldn't stop, and some of the passengers axed me what they was. I said, nothing but a couple of rai- portents of those overwhelming catastrotlesnakes that I had just catched. Well, plus that are continually to be dreaded; they bounced me out of that stage in such and on listening more attentively, he bea hurry that it makes me disgusted when- came convinced that serious peril was im-

ever I think of it. "I was never bit but once and that's forty years ago. I had three in a box and | face of the mountain, and rolled down to a used to take 'em out every day for exer- considerable distance; while at intervals cise like. I was just putting the lid on, arter shoving 'em back, when one of the evident to be mistaken. cusses turned like lightning and zip! he took me right there, close by the second j'int on the middle finger. I vanked him hastily quitting his work, he made the best out agin and slathered him into a half-do. of his way down to the nearest village, and zen pieces before I was through with him, with the excitement naturally caused by I didn't tell my mother for fear of scaring anxiety and fear, he told the inhabitance her, but I poulticed the finger with indigo and tobacker, and took a gulger of gin, I wasn't the least drunk. There was a to have at ached no value to the signs of lump on my finger about the size of a hen's approaching mischief which the man deegg, but the pain was so nearly done that scribed to them; and it would appear that I concluded to take only one more drink, they considered the falling debris to be at-

which he killed cannot be conjectured. touch it further. It has shed its skin He seems to be careless in handling them, The storm lasted all day and far into twice, and appears to have lost somewhat and yet he understands their nature so ber in his cellar and under his bed for tunity to sell them.

> persons whom the old gentleman knows to have been bitten during many years past, not a single one has died. Many came within a hair's breadth, but they managed to pull through by some means. Plentiful libations of whisky answered in many! cases, while an herb known as lion's heart assisted in others. The female or black rattlesnake gives the loudest alarm when trees, and the grease obtained from flying them out is regarded as a sovereign specific for rheumatism, sore eyes and other ailnothing for their poison. The Indians, and occasionally a negro, eat them. The most rattles that the old gentleman ever saw upon one snake was nineteen; but we knew of a monster killed in Illinois in 1843 which had the extraordicary number of thirty-two. There have been none found for years in the vicinity of the Water Gap.

story is told of a former resident of Negaudigging at the foot of a mountain, in Bouldee county, when a Temonic gentle man came along and inquired :

"My good frient, vat you peen do dare?" "Oh, I'm only scratching around to see what I can find."

"Vell, my friend, I doud know pre ty much by dis explorin' pisness; anverdond you could dell me where I could find me a gold mine right away guick?" "Oh, you just find a big pine tree and

go to digging in its shadow, and you will find what you want," "Dank you, mine friend;" and the Garman went a little way up the mountain,

found the shadow of a pine tree, and went to digging. In a short time he found what is now the celebrated Melvina mine, and now our Negauncelte is suing for an interest to the valuable property, on the ground that he gave the information which led to its discovery .- Marquette Mining

BLUNT BUT TRUE. - There is said to be a young man in the Missouri penitentiary whose parents at their death left him a fortune of \$50,000. There is where his par parish church of a village which had been rents made a fatal mistake. If they had recalled Alleghe, after the submersion of taken the precaution to myest this sum in the first of that name. The organ of this a small dog, and shot him, and had simply left the young man a jackplane or a wood went to slaughtering them. It don't take saw, with printed instructions how to use it, the chances are that, instead of being in the penitentiary, he would to-day have been gradually but surely working his way tending on him being killed on the saud knock the stuffing out of a half dozen. We up to a handsome competency and an honkept it up till the smell of the pison made us both deathly sick, when we went home.

The next morning was Sunday, and we point to toil and struggle all their lives in of the district, which seemed to have been order to realize a sum of money to purfour more, and there was a mighty lot that chase, when they are dead and gone, their got away. Altegether it was over eighty sons each a first class through ticket to the devil, and it is not to be wondered at that so many of their sons, reared in vice and idleness, as too many of them often are, have no higher ambition than to invest Alleghe, the principal memorial of the ais an ornery cass that il sneak up and sting their inheritance in just that sort of trans- tastrophe, is only an added beauty to the

A REMARKABBE frog story is told by the Toronto Globe. A pine log was being couldn't find it, though I looked a long sawed into lumber at a saw mill in Acton. The ontside slab and one board had been waves. cut off, and while the workmen were turnidentical tail growed fast to the rest of the ing over the log they were surprised to see since then, many generations of village a I cut the bite open and washed it out about As the log was the fourth or fifth from the looking down into the clear depths of butt of the tree, his position must have "I used to sell the snakes for from \$1 to been fifty or sixty feet from the ground. raise ripples on its surface, the outlines of price I ever received; but I sold a glass- was imbedded. How did he get there, and . true"

TERRIBLE CALAMITIES.

TWO GREAT MOUNTAIN SLIPS IN THE TYROL.

In 1771 a terrible calamity of this nature befell the little village of Alleghe, situated on the banks of the river Cordevole, not far from the town of Caprile in the Tyrol. The district was a fertile and beautiful one, with several scattered villages surrounded by orchards and comfields, and protected from the fierce blasis of winter by the range of high mountains, which were at once its safeguard and its peril. At the base of one of the loftiest of this great lage of Alleghe.

In the mouth of January, when the mountains around were all covered with heavy snow, a charcoal burner was at his work in the woods of Monte Pezza, when his attention was suddenly arrested by a distinctly tremulous movement of the ground, and by the frequent raitling down of stones and debris from the rocky precipices behind him. These were sufficient indications of danger to the practiced ear of the mountaineer. He knew too well the pending. Even as he watched, several large boulders became detached from the atrembling motion of the ground was too

It was growing late in the afternoon, and darkness would soon fall on the valley; so of the alarming todications he had just witnesed, and neged them to make their ened danger. Strangely enough, they seem tribatable to some accidental snowship, caused possibly by the warm rays of the

Whatever they may have thought, they coal-burner baying done all be could to save them from the threatened calamity. went on as fast as possible to carry his terrible news to three other villages, which were all directly exposed to the like danger. But they also utterly disbelieved in it, and weeks at a time waiting for a good oppor- laughed at the fears of the poor man, whose breathless and agitated condition It is a singular fact that among all the clearly testified to the truth of his conviction that a very great peril was close at hand. One and all they refused to quit their dwellings, and the charcoal burner, having vainly endeavored to awaken them to a sense of their danger, quitted the spot himself and sought shelter eisewhere.

Hours passed, and no further disturbance of any kind taking place, the villagers concluded the whole thing to have been a about to strike. They climb fences and , false alarm, and at night all retired to rest as usual, without apparently a shadow of

Suddenly, in the midst of the sllenge and darkness, a fearful crash of falling rocks sounded far and wide through the valley, and when the first rays of the sun lighted up the mountain peaks, a terrible scene of rain and death was revealed. Tre four little hamlets had entirely disappeared; two of them, those that lay nearest to the slopes of Monte Pezza, were completely buried under an unmense mass of fallen earth and rocks; the other two were submerged beneath the water of the river Cor. devole, which had been driven from us feel a handkering arter the reptiles, that's nee, now living in Colerado. He was an course by the pountain tall, and had where I go, and I always fetch 'em. The explorer of some note, and was one day spread on into what is now known as the Lake of A legbe.

None of the unhappy victims had a moment's time for escape, even had escape been possible. The rushing down of the monntain was instantaneous, and buried them as they lay sleeping, and the water flowed with impetuous rapidity into the unprotected villages, not one inmate of which survived to relate the experiences of that

Some months passed, and the first horror of the catastrophe had a little taded, when another mountain fall took place, again followed by iamentable consequences. It occurred in the month of May, and in daylight; but a much smaller loss of life was the result, though the destruction of proper y was even greater than on the previ-

Owing to the tremendous force exerted by the falling debris, the waters of the lake, which had never subsided since its formation, instantly arose into an enormous wave and rushed violently up the valley. wrecking houses and farm buildings, destroying the flourishing orchards and cornfields, and carrying away a portion of the church was forcibly swept to a considerable distance, and a tree borne along on the mighty wave was dashed into the open window of the cure's bouse, while he was sitting at dinner, the servant who was an Many lives were lost ouring the second so specially singled out for misfortune,

Suce that time, however, no other serious disaster has befallen them; the buce again builed death and ruin on the sul 1 g valley at their feet, and the little lake of lovely scenery which surrounds it, and less there in serene tranquility, all meconscious of the beating hearts forever stilled perneath its waters, of the happy homes rendered dark and desolate by its cold, cruel

lake, on a day when there is no wind to the submerged villages can be distinctly traced. Roofs and walls of bouses can yet be distingused; it is even said that the belfry of the church is visible, flights of stalrs, and many other relies of the past life of the drowned inhabitants.

WHY is a good resolution like a fainting lady at a ball ?- Because it ought to be