How a Spider Captured a Potato

I wish to place on record with you an incident which came under my observation, and which almost equals the account of a spider raising a snake in its web, which you published some time ago. I was sitting on my back porch one day this summer, when I observed a potato bug slowly approaching along the floor. Auxious to annihilate as many as possible of these pests, I kept my eye on him until he should come within reach, when I could put my foot on him. While watching in this way I noticed a pretty good sized spider approaching the bug. At a little distance he stopped to survey his contemplated victim, and then, with a mind seemingly determined as to what course to pursue, ran around on the opposite side of the bug, and with an apparent 'nip' at him turned the bug from his course, and toward a corner where I noticed the spider had a web some four or more inches from the floor. The bug had no inclination to go in that direction, but he was so closely driven by the spider, which ran first to one side then the other, exactly like a shepherd dog driving sheep, hurrying his victim up with an occasional 'nip' or bite at his side. All this was something new to me in the habits and ways of the spider, and I watched with intense interest to see what the result would be.

When the bug had been driven into the corner at a point directly under the web, the spider changed tactics, and made a series of circles rapidly around the bug, first in one direction and then in another, occasionally taking a run up into the web. While I was unable to see the delicate thread soun by the spider, I saw that the bug's legs soon became so entangled that he could not make any headway, but could only struggle around in a limited latitude, which became more and more limited as the spider untiringly continued his work. Being compelled to leave at this moment, I returned again in about half an hour. I then found the bug turned on its back, and its feet apparently quite firmly bound. He was quite motionless, and I thought he was dead, but he soon showed signs of life by vigorously kicking, which nearly released him.

The spider had been running up and down at different points, but quickly left that work, and sliding down to the bug, seemed to attack his throat, and in such a manner that the bug gave a few spasmodic kicks and seeming lines to the bug and the web. They were soon so numerous that I could see them; besides, the light had ity of the lines formed a sort of funnel, diverging as they did from the bng to the outer parts of the web

After a time the spider seemed to have lines enough attached, and began the new work of shortening each line, as it appeared. He passed from line to line many times over, stopping an instant at each. I was again called away at this juncture, and did not see the surjosity until the next day. The bug was then elevated over an inch above the floor, and the third day he was safe'y in the center of the web, some five inches from the floor, and all the tackle employed in hoisting was completely cleared away. In the web were the carcasses of two other pota'o bugs, which I have no doubt were caught in like manner, though they may have crawled up the wall into the web. I cannot name the varicty of the spider, but it is a very common one, of rather good size taken altogether, but small as compared with the bug. The spider could not have weighted one-eighth as much as the bug; his body was long and slen- scription der, with long, slender legs, a very orbrown color,) and called a large spider on account of his long legs.

This may be a very common habit of the spider, running out and driving in game to a place where it can be se eured and hoisted, but I never heard of the like before .- R. B. Tweller, in Scientific American.

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THINGS WORTH KNOWING.

CURE FOR LOCK JAW IN HORSES -A writer in the Wilmington Republican suggests the following as a sure care for lock jaw: "There is a large number of horses dying from lock jaw. I would suggest the following treatment, which will in eight cases out of ten save the life of the horse. If the wound is from a nail in the foot enlarge the wound and apply spirits of turpentine. Then apply laudanum every hour for two days; at the same time bathe the foot twice a day, for the lock jaw generally sets in from ten to twenty days after the wound has been made. The horse should not be

THE use of chloride of potassium is recommended in Germany as a means of increasing the growth of wool in sheep. The fact of the "yclk" of sheep containing a large proportion of this chemical led some German chemist to make experiments with a view of proial would promote the growth of wool, and this result has proved that by administering chloride of potassium in the proportion of one part of chloride to nine parts of salt, the production of wool may be increased and its quality improved, while the general health of the animal is at the same time benefitted. Experiments are being made in order to ascertain the proper quantities to administer .- Prairie Farmer.

CURE FOR BLIND STAGGERS.-Take three tablespoonfuls of Jamestown weed seed, put them in a pint of clear water, and boil them until you make a strong tea; then strain the tea in order to get all the seed out. Mix with this tea one ounce of the spirits of nitre and one ounce of paregoric -or three pods of pepper will answer-This compound forms a liniment, of which take one teaspoonful and pour in each ear. Let the horse rest about fifteen minutes, then take a half pint of assafetida tea, one onnce of hartsmustard. This you may squirt up each nostril until he begins to snort free.v, and then you may stop, as the water collected around the brain will run out at the ears and nose.

To CLEAN BLACK SILK .- One of the things not "generally known," at least in this country, is the Persian method of cleaning black silk. The modus operandi is very simple, and the result infinitely superior to that achieved in any other manner The silk must be thoroughly brushed and wiped with a cloth, then laid flat on a board or table and sponge well with hot coffee, freed from sediment by being strained through muslin. The silk is sponged on the side intended to show, it is allowed to become partially dry and then removes every particle of grease and restores the brilliancy to the silk without imparting to it either the shiny We have made arrangements whereby we are appearance or crackly and papery enabled to offer for the next sixty days a genuine stiffness obtained by beer, or indeed GROVER & BAKER Improved SEWING MACHINE any other liquid. The silk really appears thickened by the process and this good effect is permanent. Our readers who will experimentalize on an apron or cravat will never again try any other method.

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About four years ago a farmer

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morth, they were frozen in. While in the last land named the explorers observed many wild goes and other water fowl flying southward Some of the geese stopped at the place where the ship lay, and seven were killed by members of the corr In the crops of some of these geese is recollects to have seen a considerable quantity of a grain such as the new cereal of Surprise Valley is said to be As no such grain is known in the ten perate zone, and as we have no count of a grain of the kind bein found in any known region of the world, he is of opinion that the gers obtained it in a region lying about the

open polar sea. He says no man has yet gone so far north but he has found wild geese and other water fowl flying larther to the northward. As the geese are madoubtedly wending their way to a well known stopping place for to north, there must be something i them to feed upon at the point where they stop As wild geese live no more on fish than do tame ones, there must be in the country to which they; grass and other vegetation similar that found in temperate regions. wild geese that halt on the Pacifi coast make the grain fields their test ing place, and it is not likely that the land about the pole their salure so changed that they live upon won

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A WESTERN WONDER -The great est wonder in the State of love perhaps any other State, is what called the "Walled Lake," in We county, twelve miles north of the buque and Pacific Railway, and o hundred and fifty miles west of I'm buque city. The lake is from two three feet higher than the earth's sal face. In some places the wall is in feet high; width at bottom fifteen is: and at the top five. Another facts size of the stones used in constructhe whole of them varying in well from three tons down to one hand pounds. There is an abundance stones in Weight county; but rounding the lake to the extent of or ten miles, there are none. Not can form an idea as to the means ploved to bring them to the who constructed it, around the lake is a belt of woodland half a " in width, composed of oak; with exception the country is a rolling rie. The trees must have been plan there at the time of building of the farmers in the vicinity were of to repair the damages to prevent dation. The lake occupies a gn

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