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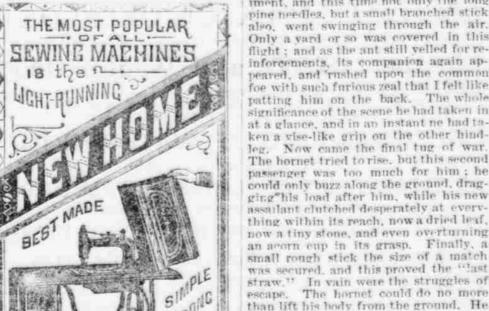
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The sand-bornet is the greatest vii-

lain that flies on wing, and he is built for a professional murderer. He carries two keen cimeters besides a deadly poisoned pionard, and is armed throughout with an invulnerable coat of mail. He has things his own way; he lives a life of tyranny and feeds on blood. There are few birds-none that I know of-that care to swallow such a red-hot morsel. It is said that not even the butcher bird mankers after him. The toad will no touch him, seeming to know by instinct what sort of chain-lightning he contains. Among insects this hornet is the harpy eagle, and nearly all of them are at his mercy. Even the cicadia, or drumming harvest fly, an insect often larger and heavier than himself. is his very common victim. Considering these characteristics, it was of special interest to witness such an incident as I have here pictured, where one of

these huge tyrants was actually captured and overpowered by the strategy of three black ants. I had left the meadow, and was ascending a spur of the mountain by the keep up. Close in to your centre!"

espied the hornet in question almost at my feet. He immediately took to wing, and as he flew on ahead of me I observed a long pendant object dangling from his body. The incumbrance proved too great an obstacle for continuous flight, and he soon dropped again on the path, a rod or so in advance of me. I overtook him, and on close inspection discovered a plucky black ant clutching tightly with its teeth upon the hindfoot of its captive, while with its two hind legs it clung desperately to a long cluster of pine needles which it carried as dead-weight. No sooner had the hornet touched the ground than the aut began to tug and yell for help. There were certainly evidences to warant such

a belief, for a second ant immediately appeared upon the scene, hurridly emerging from a neighboring thicket of pine tree moss. He was too late, however, for the hornet immediately took to flight But this attempt was even more futile than the former, for that plucky little assailant had laid hold of another impediment, and this time not only the long pine needles, but a small branched stick also, went swinging through the air. Only a yard or so was covered in this flight ; and as the ant still velled for reinforcements, its companion again appeared, and 'rushed upon the common foe with such furious zeal that I felt like patting him on the back. The whole significance of the scene he had taken in at a glance, and in an instant ne had taken a vise-like grip on the other hindleg. Now came the final tug of war, The hornet tried to rise, but this second passenger was too much for him ; he could only buzz along the ground, dragging"hls load after him, while his new assailant clutched desperately at everything within its reach, now a dried leaf, now a tiny stone, and even overturning an acorn cup in its grasp. Finally, a small rough stick the size of a match was secured, and this proved the "last straw." In vain were the struggles of escape. The hornet could do no more

Charge of the Light Brigads.

After we had mounted for the famous charge, and just before we commenced our advance, Colonel Shewell, commanding the Eight Hussars, happened to rest his eye on one of his men with a pipe in his mouth, which so excited his military ire, that he hallooed to him that "he was disgracing his regiment by smoking in the presence of the enemy," a grave view of the question which certainly I (his commanding officer) did not, or at least up to that time had not reciprocated, inasmuch as I at this very moment was enjoying a remarkably good cigar. The question then arose in my mind, "Am I to set this bad example? (in the Colonel's opinion, at least,) or should I throw away a good eigar?"-no such common article in those days, be it remembered. Well, the cigar carried the day, and it lasted me till we got to the guns. With shame do I say it. . . . There was one, I believe, who, when he started on this advance, was insensible to the desperate undertaking in which he was about to be engaged. * So we went on. "Right flank

edge of a pine wood, when suddenly I The smoke, the noise, the cheers, the groans, the "ping, ping," whizzing past one's head, the "whirr" of the fragments of shells, the well-known "slush" of that unwelcome intruder on one's ears-what a sublime confusion it wast

One incident struck me forcibly about this time-the bearing of the riderless horses in such circumstances. I was, of course, riding by myself and clear of the line, and for that reason was a marked object for the poor, dumb brutes. They consequently made dashes at me, some advancing with me a considerable distance, at one time as many as five on my right and two on my left cringing in on me, and positively squeezing me as the round shot came bounding by them. I remarked their eves betokening as keen a sense of the perils around them as we human beings experienced, (and that is saying a good deal). The bearing of the horse I was riding, in contrast to these, was remarkable. He had been struck, but showed no signs of fear, thus evincing the confidence of dumb animals in the superior being .- The Light Cavalyy Brigade in the Crimen-Lord George Pagel. -

Some time ago an Austrian chemist is said to have devised a new sonorifie. the action of which is so rapid and powerful, that a few drops of it sprinkled on the head and face will offertually stupely a man in a sew seconds, and render him utt-rly defenseless. He gave it the name of Bandiger, or "tam-" and offered the secret of its sale to the Austrian Government. But the Government has not only refused to purchase it, but has ordered the police authorities to formally notify the inventor to discontinue his experiments. and to ab-tain utterly from using in any way his invention, or communicating it to others, under pain of being criminally dealt with.



A TRUE TONIC

How Peanute are Cleaned and Prepared

for the Market. Peanuts to be prepared for the mar-

ket are placed in a large cylinder, from which they enter the brushes, where every nut receives fifteen fect of a brushing before it becomes free. lish enckoo, Then they are dropped on an endless belt, passing along at the rate of four miles an hour. On each side of the belt stand girls, and, as the nuts fall on the belt, the girls, with a quick motion of the hand, pick out all the poor-looking nuts, allowing only the best to pass the crucible. Those that do pass drop into bags on the floor below. When the bag is filled it is sewed up and branded as "cocks," with the figure of a roostmade er prominent on its sides. The peas caught by the girls are thrown to one side again, picked over, and the best singled out, bagged and branded as "ships." These are as fine a nut as the first for eating, but in shape and color do not compare with the "cocks. The third grade is branded as "engles." These are picked out of the cullings of "cocks" and "ships." The cullings that are left from the "eagles" are bagged, sent to the top story, and what

little meat is in them is shaken out by a patent sheller. The nuts being shelled by this process, the meat drops in bags below, free from dirt or dust of any kind, and is then shipped in 200-pound sacks to the North, where it is bought by the confectioners for the purpose of making taffy or peanut candy. It may be here stated that a peculiar kind of oil is extracted from the meat of the nut, and in this specialty a large trade is done among the wholesale druggists.

There is nothing wasted, for even shells are made useful. They are packed in sacks and sold to stable-keepers for horse-bedding, and a very healthy bed they make.

Pacific Islands Folk-Lore.

When in the Tonga-tabu group I was been circulated, amused by a curious custom the natives there have of saying, when one sneezed, a man sneezed he was thinking of his the fashion in Spain to-day. wife, and that when a woman did so she was thinking of her husband; so of gold has fluctuated from 151-S to 15 that they consider it only a polite little 7-8 that of silver averaging about 15 1-2 attention to say "Ofa" to one at those times and never falling so low as that of times. Here in Samoa I find a very fifteen times such value. different phrase in vogue on similar occasions, and, on account of its likeness fasti, or annals, was kept by driving in meaning to one still used in England. nails into the walls of the Temple of of much greater interest. Here when one sneezes, they say, "Soefua," whose meaning is, as near as possible, "Gød tened in the Temple of Jupiter. bless you." It is strange that in two countries so far apart as England and Samoa there should be a custom so very much alike .- Notes and Queries.

Capt. Isaac Bassett, the veteran doorkeeper of the United States senate, and who will complete his half century of service in the Secate chamber in December next, is now busily engaged in preparing his forthcoming volume, entitled "Sketches and Reminiscences of the United States Senate-1831-

CLIPPINGS FOR THE CURIOUS.

Cock fighting originated with the Athenians. The great gray slug has a supply of

29.000 teeth. There are forty-six species of the Eng-

Dusters were at first made of the tails of oxen or foxes.

The earliest mention of parks is among the Persians.

The leech has eight or ten eyes set in its back near the head.

The idea of fertilizing land with salt was conceived by John Napier in 1498. Gauze is said to receive its name from Gaza, in Palistine, where it was first

The part of the human body which show the greatest variety of colors is the iris of the eve.

The moon was pronounced by Anaxagoras, 500 B. C., to be an earth having mountains and valleys.

King Alfred used to measure time by a device of twelve candles, graduated so as to burn two hours each.

The boiling water column of the Iceland geysers is nineteen feet in diameter, and sometimes rises ninety-two feet. The cochineal insect is very small, a

pound of cochineal being calculated to contain not less than 70,000 in a dried state.

A peculiar violet odor is emitted from the males of some species of Brazil'an butterflies, the female being not at all fragrant

When frogs are seized by snakes they enlarge themselves wonderfully, so that if the snake be of small size the frog es-CADES.

To neutralize the sting of guats and mosquitos, English sportsmen rub the parts affected with cerumen, or the wax from the ear.

The Bible has been translated into 226 languages and dialects, and in the last eight years 140,000,000 copies have

The fashion in men's hats changes far more often in England, France and "Ofa," which means love. I asked the America than in other countries. The reason for this, and was told that when sombrero worn in Don Quixote's time is

Within the past sixty years the value

Among the early Romans a kind of Minerva ; and in public calamities, in time of pestilence, etc., a nail was fas-

Christian names are so-called by haying been given to converts in baptism as substitutes for their former pagan appellations, many of which were borrowed from the names of their gods, and

therefore rejected as profane. The institution of the "Order of the Bath" originated in the custom of the Franks who, when the conferred knighthood, bathed before they performed the ceremony, and from this habit came the title Knight of the Bath.

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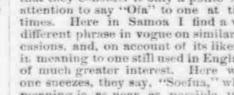
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knew its searching propen certainly managed to keep clear of this busy extremity. How long this pell-mell battle would

rolled and kicked and tumbled, but to

no purpose, except to make it very live-

ly for his captors; and the thrusts of

that lively dugger were wasted on the

dessert air, for whether or not these ants

have lasted I know not, for a third ant now appeared, and it was astonlshing to see him ; with every movement of the hornet, he in turn would lay hold of a third stick, and at the same time would clutch upon those pine needles to add their impediment to the burden of his

own body Practically the ants had won the victory, but what they intended to do with the floundering elephant on their hands seemed a problem. But it was to them only a question of patience. They had now pieped their victim securely, and held him to await assistance. It came, The entire neighborhood had been apprised of the battle, and in less than five minutes the ground swarmed with an army of re-inforcements. They came from all directions; they pitched upon that hornet with terrible ferocity, and his complete destruction was only a question of moments. - W. H. Gibssn.

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