remarkable in connection with this bit, a First, it is, in respect of this desh eating propensity, an exception to the whole family of parrots, which are fragivorous living on fruits, seeds, leaves, buds and the like; and, second, this carnivorous tas'e is not a natural, but an acquired possession, the species of parrot in question having been, till a few years since, fencivorous, like others of its family, This earious bird is the ken Nester no-

or mountain parrot, and comes New Zealand, The general color of its plumage is green; its length from point of bill to extremity of tall is twenty-one inches long, the upper mandible being curved and very strong. It inhabits the higher wooded glens and reresses of the mountainous district of New Zealand, and, like the owl, is generally nocturnal in its habits. The kea was first made known to science in 1856. In the time of Maori rule, the bird was an (anocent and harmless in its habits as spects its food, as any others of the pairot family; and it was not till the igner tracts of country were utilized that the kea was tempted to desert its fruit-eating habits, and join the destructive army of the carnivore.

About 1868 it was noticed at the sheep shearing seasons on the upland rms that many sheep were suffering from sores or sears, more or less recent, on the back, immediately in front of the hips, Curlensly enough, it was observed that in ill the animals so injured, the wound was precisely the same place in eachfafely above the kidneys.

The animals so injured were invariably those in the best condition; and many discussions ensued as to what could be the cause of this singular state of things. At last a shepherd gave it as his opinion that the injury was inflicted by a kind of parrot, rather a tame sort of bird, that was to be found in the higher ranges ; but the shepherd's opinon was only laughed at. Yet the shepbord, after all, was found to be right. In connections with stations on sheepruns in New Zenland, there is a meat allows, where the casenses of sheep killed for food are kept; and it was observed by shepherds that the keas were in the habit of visiting the gallows and breaking off bits of mutton fat with their strong beaks. Soon afterwards, cee or more hands actually saw a parrot on the back of a sheep plucking and tearing the wool and flesh on a precisely similar spot to that where so many had sen found to be fatally wounded.

There was no doubt about the keas being the offenders, and means were at once taken to reduce their numbers, Since then a mortal enmity has existed against them on the part of the shep bords; and justly so, as it is found that from three to five per cent, of every of every flock 'is so wounded or killed. In some individual instances the ratio of destruction has been much bigher. At one station on the Matatpu, out of a flock of twenty Lincoln rams, nineteen were killed within one month by these bree hundred and ten strong young wethers, were, within a period of five months, so seriously injured by the kens that within the end of that time only one hundred and five remained alive. In consequence of this destruction, men were engaged to kill the birds at a shillling a head, and these men, taking advantage of its mecturnal habits, now range the mountain at night, lighting ares to attract their game. In the daytime they rest and prepare the stilus for sale. But the kea, with the eleverness evaning of their tribe, has grown very shy and wary, and knows very well when it sees a man carrying a gun on his shoulder what he is likely to do with it.

When a sleep, temporarily exhausted with its exertious in folling through goop snow, under the burden of a two ve. 's' growth of wool, breaks off from the mob and leaves the track, desperately floundering into deeper snow wreaths. flood of parrots, ever watchful as they hover round, soon perceive their opportunity for mischief; they alight close to the spot where the sheep, unconscious of approaching danger, stands gazing fixedly in a state of helpless stunidity; gradually hopping or moving towards the victim with some show of cantion one of the keas at last settles on the back of the sheep which, terrified at the strange visitor that thus besets it, starts away: the bird now rises only to alight again on the same place, and clutching into the wool with its sharp claws, retains its hold more firmly and tenacious-In vain the tortured animal; in the direst agony seeks to rid itself of its cruel persecutor that boldly keeps its vantage; after running and struggling some distance, its efforts to escape become feebler; it is at length so hard pressed that in a few minutes it yields passively to the tearing and searching

These repulsive, flesh devouring prosensities may have been acquired thro! the bird having been forced, in severe winters, to approach the stations in the hopes of finding food, and there feeding on the flesh in the meat gallows, and thus gradually forming a carnivous appetite of such strongth that its former frugivorous fustes are entire destroyed. and flesh now forms his sale food. The ken in the Zoological Gardens was struck down while in the act of attacking a sheep; but the man did not succeed in capturing it will it had torn his cerated his hands. Its food consists mainly of mutton, raw; it does not care for cooked meat, but will take it very hungry. Occasionally it will take beef, and is fond of pork. But its veg etarian castes seems almost completely eradicated, for it will not touch bread, though it likes the seed of sow-thistles, It is altogether a remarkable and curi-

TRAINING VICTORS HORSES.—A new and very simple method of training vicious horses was exhibited in Philadelphia recently, and the manner in which some of the wildest horses were subdued was astonishing. The first trial was that of a kicking or "bucking" mare, which her owner said had allowed no rider on her back for a period of at least five years. She became tame in about as many minutes, and allowed herself to be riden about without a sign of her former wildness. The means by which the result was accomplished was by a piece of light rope which was pass ed around the front faw of the mare just above the teeth, crossed in her mouth and thus secured back of her nack. It was claimed that no borse will kick or jump when thus secured, and that a horse, after receiving the treatment ; few times, will abandon his victors ways forever. A very simple method was also shown by which a kicking horse could be shod. It consisted connecting the animal's head and tail by means of a rope, fastened to the tai and then to the bit, and then drawn tightly enough to incline the animal's head to one side. This, it is claimed, makes it absolutely impossible for the jorse to kick on the side of the rope. At the same exhibition a horse, which 'or years had to be bound on the ground to be shod, suffered the blacksmith to operate on him without attempting to kick while secured in "the, manner des

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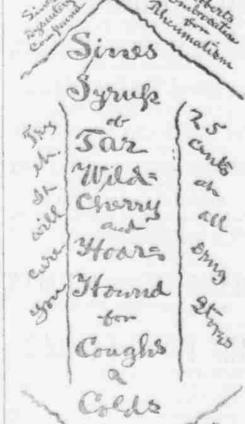
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Julius Casar commanded a fleet before Mitylene and distinguished himself before the age of twepty-two; completed his first war in Spain and was made Consul before the age of forty; conquered Gaul, twice crossed the Rhine, and twice invaded Britian before the age of forty-five; won the battle of Pharsalia and obtained supreme power at fifty-two. He died at fifty-six, the victor of five hundred battles and the conquerer of one thousand cities.

Hannibal was made commander-in-chief of the Carthaginian army in Spain at twenty-six, and had won all his great battles in Italy, concluding with Cappe, at thirty-one. Scipio Africanus, the elder, distinguished himself at the battle of Ticinus at sixteen, and at twenty-nine overthrew the power of

Carthage at Zama. Scipio Africanus, the younger, had conquered the other Carthaginian armies and completed the destruction of Carthage at

thirty-six. Genghis-Khan achieved many of his victories and became Emperor of the Mongula

Charlemagne was crowned king at twentysix, was master of France and a larger part of Gormany at twenty-nine, placed on his head the iron crown of Italy at thirty-two, and conquered Spain at thirty-six.

Gonzalvo de Cordova, the great captain, had gained a great reputation and was made commander-in-chief of the armies Henry IV., of France, was at the head of

the Huguenot army at sixteen, became King of Navarre at nineteen, overthrew his enemies and became King of France, before the age of forty. Montecuculi, at the age of thirty-one, with

2,000 horse, attached 10,000 Swedes and captured all their baggage and artillery; gained the victory of Triebel at thirty-two; defeated the Swedes and saved Denmark at forty-pine; and at fifty-three defeated the Tucks in the battle of St. Gothard. Saxe was a marechal de camp at twenty-

four, marshal of France at forty-four, and at forty-nine gained the famous victory at Vauban, the great engineer, had conducted several sieges at twenty-five, was

marechal de camp at forty-three, and com-

missaire-general of fortifications of France Turenne, passing through the grades of

at thirty-two, and won all his distinction be The great Conde defeated the Spaniards at Rocroi at twenty-two, and won all his military fame before the age of twenty-five.

Prince Eugene, of Savoy, was colonel at Parmaceutical product, of the highest order of merit, and so recognized by twenty-one, lieutenant - field - marshal at twenty-four, and shortly after general-fieldmarshal. He gained the battle of Zenta at When other remedies fall get a Benthirty-four, and co-operated with Marlbor. ough at Blenheim at forty-one.

> claimed Czar at ten years of age, organized a large army at twenty, won the victory of Embach at thirty, founded St. Petersburg at thirty-one, and died at the age of fifty-five. some large pieces of tile and bricks of Charles XII. completed his first campaign

Peter the Great, of Russia, was pro-

against Denmark at eighteen, overthrow 80,-000 Russians at Narva before nineteen, conquered Poland and Saxony at twenty-four, and died at thirty-six.

at twenty-eight, terminated the Silesian war ness. They are in splendid condition, beat thirty, and the second at thirty-three. Ten years later, with a population of but 5,. 000,000, he triumphed over a league of more than 100,000,000 of people.

Cortes effected the conquest of Mexico and completed his military career before the age of thirty-six. Pizarro completed the conquest of Peru

at thirty-five, and died at forty. Lord Clive distinguished himself at twenty-two, attained his greatest fame at thirtyfive, and died at forty.

Wolfe was conqueror of Quebec at thirty-Napoleon was a major at twenty-four,

general of brigade at twenty-five, and commander-in-chief of the army of Italy at twenty-six; achieved all his victories and was finally overthrown before the age of

### ATTACHING A MULE.

Deputy Sheriff Cobb, of Americus, Georgia, undertook to levy on Charles Mansion's mule. The mule was a notoriously hard kicker; but Mansion offered to hold him alongside a fence, from which the officer could get on his back. Just as this manoeuvre was almost accomplished, the beast threw Cobb by a vicious plunge and kicked him frightfully. Mansion is now under arrest on a charge of obstructing the law by tickling the mule in the nose with a straw. just at the critical juncture. But the mule is still unseized.

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As the fan-makers' art extended, the use of feathers alone came to be discarded, as they were found too pliable, and the idea was conceived of placing between each pair of feathers a thin strip of wood. Fans are often mentioned in Latin authors. Plantus refers to the flabelliferra, or female slaves, who carried parasols and fans to shade and drive away flies from their mistresses.

Fans of peacocks' feathers remained in fashion through the middle ages up to the seventeenth century, not only in Italy, but in England and France.

Fans of ostrich feathers came into favor gradually, excluding those of peacocks' feathers, and such fans appear in Titian's pictures. Leaves of palm-trees, reeds and odoriferous woods are among the substances of which fans are now made in foreign countries.

Since the fan has come to be regarded as an almost indispensable adjunct to the feminine toilet, an accredited history of its origin may not prove uninteresting to the sex who handle it so adroitly.

The Chinese affirm that Kan-si, the beautiful daughter of one of the mandarins, found the mask which Celestial etiquette requires to be worn in public by ladies very oppressive, as the evening was warm, but her ingenuity was equal to the occasion.

She untied her mask and moved it so rapidly back and forth before her face that it was impossible to distinguish her features, while her beauty was enhanced in the eyes of all the beholders by the tantalizing glimpses afforded by the coquettish manon

In a moment a thousand fair Celestials, appreciating her courage and coquetry, imitated her example, and a thousand masks were put in motion before a thousand pretty faces by a thousand pretty hands. The ingenious Chinese caught the idea, and by the next feast of lanterns, fans were substituted

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#### RELICS FOUND IN A ROUND TOWER.

A Roman tower discovered in the Sablon quarries in Lorraine has been partly unburied and searched to the depth of about five metres. The walls are in a good state of preservation, being constructed of white stone and held together by a fine red cement harder than the stone itself. A number of interesting relies have been found among these ruins. Outside the tower is some fine sand, to a depth of 1m. 50c., while inside a layer of dark earth contained rather extraordinary dimensions. As the Romans paid taxes according to the number of their tiles, they deemed it wise to have them made as large as was possible, and these specimens measure from 0m. 15 to 0m. Frederick the Great ascended the throne 40 in length, and 0m. 3 to 0m. 10 in thicking of a bright red color, and having a metallic sound which indicates the excellence of their manufacture. The Romans exposed their tiles to the air, allowing them to dry before placing them in the ovens, where they were subjected to the highest heat, which, however, was only reached in slow and regularly progressive stages. France was well wooded during the Roman spoch, and for that reason the manufacture of tiles and bricks presented no difficulties. A number of statuettes and coins and inscriptions to pagan deities have been brought to light, and they tend to show that some of these relies belonged to the legion stationed in Lorraine from the year 50 to 300 of the Christian era. The tower is vaulted, and is supported on masonry in the form of four arches,-The American Register, of Paris.

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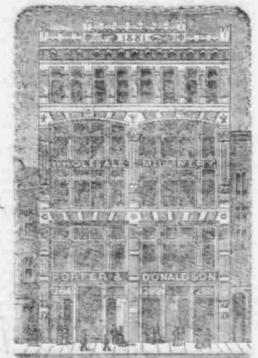
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my, or a river, he said "Tain't neither, Mr. a subterraisem con justim are the drawer of earlier water and grazing all the w

Captain Larkin was a John's is really a great a ture. All the cattle in t all winter. There the ong with their bendy ; ing the grass that gre of the river. This gra up through the water ottom, and the cows clear under water to get cows with their horns, all under water. The irely under water for as then it will come up of ter and the month ful very funny sight to see head apparently several while the tail is swit-Johns all winter. - El 1

We have often seen g on in the Colorada the Gaudaloupe, the The grass there is a growth, but thin, broad t does not lie exactly a he stream, but the often quite rapid, bende or so near the surface in the water, often will and dive their heads grass; and when a m secured, they hold the angle of about forty-il wing, bence they lie ion all over the cow-la or boney locust beans lo "Diving" for grass is a very desirable bovine acalong those rivers in Texas. uestion asked when a cov Does she feed in the ri-

loes she is worth fur m

vould be under other a The grass grows in great at she can keep fat on it wints mer.—Mobile Register. WHAT A PINT OF MARINE Wisconsin farmer sends to the American Acrica year, in hauling yards ma field afterwards planted a it scattered off in dribbers ful to a pint or so in a planting the corn, I found these droppings and win drew them into the hills, hee mixed them a little w es, where a large han plut of manure was thus was driven down to n When boeing we maliced hills the corn plants had sta vigorously, were greener. third hoeing they were six ches higher than other ed up the observations, a

ering the crop, each of I in the three bills, had two ears, while the surround average one good ear to it sets us to thinking and de bit of manure gave the you a vigorous start, just as a off a calf, or pig, or lamb, penetrated further in a od gathered more tood hese stalks being le from below, run far auc orly fed neighbors. As a he rows were three and part, and the bills three to e rows, say 4,000 hills or els or two large wagen be arge, well filled cars of a the cost of the manure as the total value of the plowing, the seeding, the to the some in each cor. say is, that every commy farm this year will have

pint of manure in it."-Aux

ulturist for June.

THE BARREL TRANtrap is the most ingenia tching rats. This true itself, requires no rebut after it is once put in and is sure death for priter tight barrel is the first ed. Into this pour water of a foot. Next dampen thick paper and strete ops. When the pay will be flat and the should be strewn with etc., and the barrel rats can jump on it. surfaces. As soon as t per, and the same " or several days, and rustomed to visit the p play rations. The bese suread as before a few should be attached to the gum. When dry cut ac the of the paper and let

care of itself and the one enuies along spe morsels, and with h dence jumps upan L lenly finds himself in bottom of the barrel, at closed again and is read; deception on the next ne REMEDY FOR THE MAC BAGE FLY, -Mr. H. M. ford, county, Ct., writearticle in the December

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A PRACTICAL IST killing lice on cows. has always found tion successful : The lice will be dead . no further progeny ap

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