BALLAD OF THE ALARM CLOCK. his face glowing in pleased anticipa-

I bought a clock not long ago, To give me timely warning That I must rise in time to go To business in the morning.

Yet now I loathe its pallid face, Set round with inky numbers, And hate the gong upon its case, That shatters my sweet slumbers.

A rounded horror, nickeled bright! I'd sooner take a licking Than waken in the dead of night, And hear the thing a-ticking.

Now hushed to a low, scarce heard beat.

Now loud as drums in battle; Now deathly slow and then so fleet It makes the whole case rattle

I wrap it in a coverlet And in my closet stow it; Then try my best to sleep-and yet It's ticking, and I know it.

Worn out at length, my eyelids close; Then, with a sudden clanging, And jingle-jangle, off it goes, A-gurgling and a-whanging. -Chicago-Record.



"Haven't you forgotten something, dear?" With a half-injured, quizzical look Nora Merrill stood in mock despair awaiting the return of the man, who, half way down the stairs, turned at the sound of her voice and sheepishly clambered back.

"Forgive me, sweetheart," he said. after having somewhat more than made up for his omission. "That affair drove everything from my mind for a moment. But you know what it means to me, and consequently, i hope, to you."

"But I don't know what it means to yeu. All I know is that you were road before taking it to New York to take me to the theatre tonight and here it is five o'clock and you burst in on me all excited, and rush of in two weeks; good old Max worked again leaving me to be satisfied with the remark that something is in the wind, and goodness knows what can be, that compels you to postpon our theatre trip. Something that may mean much to us both; something you don't wish to tell me unit you make sure the news is good."

tion of his reception, young Dacre how."-New York Sun. rang the bell at the home of Miss Merrill and a moment later, with a cheery "Good morning, dear," inclined his head for the expected kiss. Johnson Heads the List With a Ca-

"One moment, please," she coldly emarked, avoiding him. "How did you find May?" In bewildered astonishment came

the reply. "May who?" "Possibly you did not see a young lady on your trip?"

"Yes, I saw about five.' "Oh, the Turk," she mentally ejaculated. Then aloud, "And May was

strongest brew of it never interfered with his sleep." there, no doubt?" The dish of tea was one of the "What in the world are you talkmost important factors in Johnson's ing about, dearie?" For reply she moved swiftly to her escritoire and life. Proficiency in the gentle art of nervously fumbling among some pa- tea brewing was regarded by him as pers in it presently drew forth the an essential attribute of the perfect gram, holding it behind her back. woman, and there can be no doubt Did you receive a telegram yester, that his female friends (and their name was legion) did their best to ay?" she asked, eyeing him intently. gratify his amfable weakness.

Yes, but how did you know?" Was it the cause of your breakg your engagement with me for

st evening?" 'Yes, it was. And now," his face shting up in amused expectation of with. On Sir Joshua Reynolds re-

er discomfiture, "would you like to minding him that he had already ee it?" And he took out his wallet consumed eleven cups he replied: "Sir, I did not count your glasses of find the bit of paper. She let wine: why should you number my m search for a while and in recups of tea?" adding laughingly and ly to his "Why, I must have lost in perfect good humor: "Sir, I should coolly remarked. "Yes, you lost have released our hostess from any rop it. After you left I found this further trouble, but you have remindand chose a very good place to ed me that I want one more cup essage under the chair you had to make up the dozen, and I must en sitting upon."

request Mrs. Cumberland to round up With a queer look of anxiety at my score." er he took the telegram and glanced at it. "Yes," he said, "this is with which the lady of the house the mes-" and suddenly shrickobeyed his behests he said cheerily: ng with laughter he dropped into a "Madam, I must tell you for your bair, convulsed with merriment, uncomfort, you have escaped much bet. ing. ble to speak for a moment. Then ter than a certain lady did a while assuming an injured air he started. ago, upon whose patience I intruded Nora, deargreatly more than I have yours. She

"Don't you ever call me 'dear' again." she cried violently.

"Nora, dear," he repeated, with mphasis, "did you ever hear me knew nothing of; so, madam, I had speak of my friend Maxwell Deane, one of Frolasco's managers?" five and twenty cups of her tea."

"Yes," she replied, "he is travelling with the new play 'Forget-menot." I believe."

son "as long as the New River could "Precisely. Having doubts of the have supplied her with water," for it success of the play. I submitted my was then, and then only, he was new play to him. They have been seen at his happlest moments. trying out 'Forget-me-not' on the On his Scottish tour his inexorable demands for tea sorely tried the pafor a run, but the play is a frost tience of Lady Macleod of Dunvegan, and will be taken off. Mine goes on who after giving him his sixteenth cup suggested that further supplies up a hearing for it and wired me in a small basin might be agreeable yesterday to come on and see him." to him.

"But the telegram?" she asked, still incredulous. "I fail to see who roughly, why all the ladies ask me May is, and why she also should such questions. It is to save yourhave sent for you." self trouble, madam, and not me." Before replying he walked over to

her side, placed an unresisted arm resumed her task. "Trust me, dear," replied the about her waist, and leaning over

ระสมสีลมวิสมวัสนารา สาราวัสหวัสหวัสมวัสมวัสนารา วัส ผู้สมวัสมวัสนารา สาราวัสนาราวัสนาราวัสนารา "I'm glad my teeth are good, any.

Household Notes Nabyabyabyabya bya byabyabyabyabya byabya bya Nabyabyabya bya byabyabyabya bya Nabyabyabya bya byabyabyabyabya byabya Napoleon, like Johnson, was a hardened tea drinker, and so, a cen-

TO KEEP MILK If milk is brought just to the boiling point and poured immediately into cans and sealed air tight it will keep indefinitely. As the air is expelled by boiling, the milk keeps just as well as canned goods do. If glass jars are used they must be set into a pan of hot water and heated, so that the boiling milk will not break

them .- Everyday Housekeeping. TO LACQUER BRASS. Gum shellac dissolved in alcohol makes a thin varnish which is applied with a small brush; 10 cents' worth of shellac is enough. and Richard Cumberland tells us, says the Gentlewoman, that his inordinate

enough alcohol to make it thin. This will lacquer a brass bed-can be done in less than one hour, and will come out as nice as if sent to factory to be done and is cheap .-Everyday Housekeeper.

TO PRESERVE LEMONS. Put a layer of dry, fine sand an inch in depth at the bottom of an earthenware jar. Place a row of lemons on this, stalk downward, and be careful that they do not touch one another. Cover them with another layer of sand fully three inches in depth. Lay on it more lemons and repeat until the jar is full.

Store in a cool, dry place. Lemons thus preserved will keep months .- Everyday Housekeep for

Capes are cold things, but being fashionable. they are popular in spite of colds and coughs. Here is a hint for making them more comfortable: Make a pair of loose sleeves of slik the color of lining or outside of cape. is a ranch in Texas-is a tract of land as preferred. The latter is more serviceable. Wad well, finish on top and bottom and attach to the cape with a ribbon or elastic.

Indianapolis News.

HOME COOK BOOK.

The cook book compiled by a housekeeper for her own use from the experiences of her friends is apt be without such a work, even though printed cook books of high standing is soon to be married has, ever since Anthony always has a market for her engagement was announced two them.

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A RATTLESNAKE RANCH.

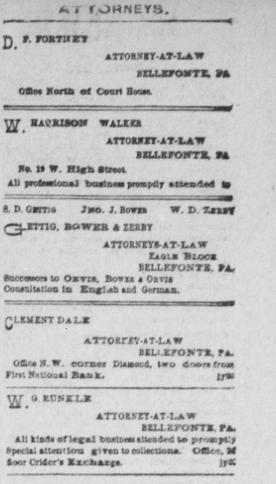
A rattlesnake ranch does not seem a particularly inviting sort of estate, but F. B. Anthony, of Brownsville, Texas, has made a small fortune out of his.

The rattlesnake ranch-everything surrounded by a high fence of boards. There are no doorways of any kind, entrance being effected by means of ladders over the top.

Inside, says the Wide World Magthrow cape over them and tack near azine, the space is divided into three shoulder line. Take care that they enclosures for the safety and comfort do not pull the cape out of shape .- of the snakes, some species of which are deadly enemies to others. Brush and dried grass afford hiding places and shade.

In these pens and in boxes in which the snakes are shipped hundreds of miles, many of them monsters in to be the most useful volume in her H. size, are kept in stock. The snakes brary. No housekeeper can afford to are captured by Mexicans all over Texas, Mexico, Arizona and other States and Territories, and are sent abount for her buying. One girl who in with the certainty of sale, for Mr.

The Mexican snake hunter punches



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FOR GREATER WARMTH.

To adjust sleeves put them on,

young man, watch in hand, palpably it. Just one more." and suiting the action to the word, he dashed down it yesterday." the stairs, again leaving behind him

a tearful and perplexed girl. Slowly she turned back, every tears of mingled joy and indignation protruding from beneath the chair Boston Post. her fance had occupied for the few short moments he had been in the room. "A telegram," she murmured "Phil must have dropped it accident. Something Said to Him by the Denally." She held it, still folded, for a short while, waging a feeble struggle against her natural desire to read "I feel like an eavesdropper." she continued aloud, "but oh, I am so worried. I must know what it says." In devorish haste she unfolded the message and read the words that turned her to icy coldness: "Mr. Philip Dacre, Hotel Bennison, Boston, Mass.:

"Play Fall River tonight; will expect you before the show.

"MA

Sick at heart she crushed the bit acress the room to a divan, fell limpby upon it, sobbing to the verse of exhaustion. At length she arose, her tion. Straightening out and folding the telegram, she placed it in her correage; then, in a revulsion of feeling, hastily tore it from such too intimate association with her person. placed it in a desk, and with a men tal "Until 10 to-morrow" bravely dabbed the few remaining tears from her eyes and left the room.

Philip Dacre was a clever young man, if somewhat impecunious as most young dramatists are apt to be. His undergraduate play, written not nothing came of it," he . mased. contemplating it; I'd rather stay.

Precisely at 10 the next moming, | and take a cheerful view.

whispered with stage accents into anxious to be off. "I'll be over to her astonished ear, "Read M-A-X for morrow at 10 and tell you all about M-A-Y. The stupid telegraph opera- Translation of Foreign Novels Have tor made a mistake. I did not notice

The tension relaxed, her limp form swayed against his and through

nerve a-quiver with resentment over she managed to say, "Oh. Phil, dear. French" that the remuneration of ite recipe from each one present such cavalier treatment. Glancing don't you think we ought to sue to the floor the first object that mot them?" But his amused, happy reply her eye was a slip of yellow paper did not take the form of words .-

## THE MIDDLE AGED MAN.

tist Sets Him Thinking.

"My dentist tells me," said the middle aged man, "that my teeth will last as long as I do: and when he said that to me I was at first pleased, because then it seemed to mean simply that I still had pretty good teeth, good for a long time yet, and thought that some day I would say to him, sort of half jokingly:

"Doctor, you tell me my teeth will last as long as I will-about how long do you think my teeth will last?" "In that way, you see, by indirec-

tion I am going to get a line on how much longer he thought I was likely of paper in her hand and staggering to live; and as I thought that over I smiled to myself, thinking that was a line. One of his novels, "An Ana pretty bright idea, but do you know that when I came to think it pale face set with grim determinadover again I didn't ask him finally? I didn't.

> have been going to him now for sums. Hachette whenever a large "Because I think he knows. years and he knows my teeth through and through He knows by them how old I am and he knows their rate of wear exactly and how much pounds and refers to a novel called longer they will last, and he could tell me how much longer I will last. But I haven't asked him because I don't

want to know. I don't want to know at all. "As a matter of fact I think that

so long ago but that its pun ent when we come to my time of life we phrases and scintillating dialogue don't much fancy dwelling on that: were still the talk of the faculty, de- though there are times when it eided his career. Except for the pro- seems to intrude itself when we realduction of a few short sketches in ize that the years ahead of us are vandeville, nothing of moment from not so many as-well, as they were his pen had succeeded in breaking some years ago, when life seemed now with all those horrid surgical inthrough the wall of managerial in- to us interminable. Any actuary struments? difference, the wall that of late had could tell us what our expectation of seemed to become more and more life may be at the present moment. the bullet. impenetrable. Time and again had "We expect, of course, that we are just left, plans and hopes that had we can count the years still coming collar-stud I lent him last week and all come to naught. Tardily had to us without using many figures. We that he carelessly swallowed?-Titcome to him the wisdom of accom- are getting to where we can see the Bits. plishing first and talking afterward, end if we look that way, and I can't "I might have told her at least that say that I have any fear of it, but Deane wanted to see me, even if I certainly don't find any pleasure in now touring the United States had "However, tonight will tell the tale "So I haven't asked the dentist be- lunch with the Emperor of Japan the and if everything goes through Nora cause I don't want to know. The day before they started. won't mind having been left in the thought of it does drift in on me once dark for a while." And he burried in a while, but when it does I shunt it off and get busy and keep plugging ing sisal hemp since 1892 from plants

FRENCH WRITERS EARN LESS.

The lady was discreetly silent, and

"I wonder, madam," he answered

FAMOUS TEA DRINKERS.

pacity of 25 Cups at a Sitting.

tury later, was Mr. Gladstone, who

confessed that "he drank more tes

between midnight and 4 in the morn-

ing than any other member of the

House of Commons, and that the

demands for his favorite beverage

were occasionally difficult to comply

When he saw the complacency

asked me for no other purpose than

to make a zany of me and set me

my revenge on her, for I swallowed

Cumberland declared that his wife

would gladly have made ten for John-

gabbling to a parcel of people

Spoiled the Market.

While the serial story is if any. credit to a professional indexer To thing more popular than ever as a add to the volume, the friends of the newspaper feature in France, Robert girl recently gave her a linen "show-Sherard writes in "My Friends the er." with which was included a favorthe writers of this kind of fiction is you rear? said Uncle Tom.

not as good as it used to be.

That is because the editors find they can get very good fiction from foreign publishers. The payment for the translation rights of a good English, Russian, Italian or German novel would not amount to the twentleth part of the fee which would be demanded by one of the popular masters of the feuilleton.

Formerly these fees were very large. According to the Bookman, Jules Mary used to receive 30,000 francs for first serial use of one of his thrillers. That would represent about half of what the manuscript would produce, for after the tale had appeared in the paper the publishers who issue tales in ten centime parts would pay him another 25,000 francs for this use.

D'Ennery, the author of "The Two Orphans," received a franc and a half gel's Remorse," brought him 70,000 francs. But free trade in fiction, says Mr. Sherard, has injured the home manufacturers. The French publishers can get good translations for low price is asked for an English novel produces a receipt signed by Charles Dickens. It is for a sum of twenty 'David Copperfield."

## Making One Job of It.

Doctor-You have no reason to believe, madam, that your husband shot himself intentionally?

Madam-Oh, dear, no! It was purely accidental. But is he seriously hurt?

Doctor-Quite seriously; but I think we can save him.

Madam-What are you going to do

Doctor-We are going to probe for

Madam-Yes? Well, doctor, while he confided his plans and hopes to going to live longer, to be the excep- you are about it, will you be good the dear little woman whom he had tion, but even if we should so prove enough to see if you can't find a gold

> The Japanese commercial party the unique honor of being invited to

German East Africa has been raisimported from Florida,

years ago, been collecting hints o all kinds suited to a housekeeper's use and has written them in a loose leaf notebook. The index would do captive.

RECIPES

cover the basin with a cloth and set immense pair of wooden tongs. in warm place to rise. When the It takes a strong man to negotiate hot or cold as desired.

pleces of stale bread toasted and helpless to strike. pour the chicken and gravy over, cov ering each slice well; stand in oven on table and serve very hot.

green peppers, first removing the sugar, two tablespoons each of sait an inquiring frame of mind for exand dry mustard, and one quart of periment. best vinegar. Put in a porcelain ket tle and cook slowly for over an hour, then put in small glass jars.

Green Pepper Catsup .- Fill a siz of cloves, allspice and mace and strew among the peppers, adding four or five stalks of celery, finely chopped. Fill the kettle with vine gar and boil until the peppers can be readily mashed. Keep covered until cool, then rub through a sieve, bottle and cork tightly.

Red Pepper Catsup-Cut four dozen red peppers in small pieces, add two roots of horseradish (grated), six large, stalks of celery (chopped fine), two tablespoons of mustard seed and one of salt. Put into a granite kettle with vinegar and water and boil for ten minutes. Stir in one pound of brown sugar and let boil for one hour. Place an asbestos mat under the kettle so it will not burn. and stir with a wooden or granite vinegar before removing from the fire and let cool before bottling.

Some people get married merely for the purpose of having a good time for three or four weeks before the wedding.

the snake with a stick until the infuriated reptile coils to strike, meantime keeping up a rattle which sounds like a clock running down. A loop of leather attached to the top of a stick is then deftly dropped over the snake's head, and from that time, rattle he ever so fiercely, he is a helpless

All tales of the distance to which a rattler can leap to the contrary notwithstanding, he cannot leap at all Rye Cakes .-- Beat well 2 eggs and or strike beyond half his length, and stir in gradually with a pint of luke if a third of him is off the -round he warm milk, then stir enough rye can neither coll nor strike. His captor meal to make a thick batter. Add & next drags him ignominiously to teaspoonful of yeast, stir a little camp, where he is handled with an

surface is covered with bubbles tur: an enraged rattler when fully aroused it onto a board and form into flai and writhing with his immense power cakes. Bake on a griddle and serve of muscle, for the creatures weigh

many pounds and are from six to Chicken on Toast -- Boll chicker nine feet long. The snake is next put until very tender, then shred into into a box with a sliding lid. This lid small pieces, add 1 cup of rich mill is carefully drawn back until the to the liquor, and when it boils a lit snake protrudes his head and is then the thickening; cock until you have a shot forward so as to clinch the neck smooth rich gravy, season; have behind the head. The snake is then

The snake's head is now forced back over the side of the box until for two or three minutes, then place the jaws open, a glass is held conveniently and the head released, Sweet Chutney .-- Chop fine two whereupon the jaws close on the rim of the glass just as if the snake had seed,s eight green tomatoes, one struck. This is done to collect the dozen peeled apples, and one cup o' deadly virus, which runs down the seeded raisins. Chop separately, side into the glass and is bottled for then mix, add two cups of brown sale to physicians and chemists of

Poultry in Germany.

Germany pays comparatively little quart porcelain kettle with green attention to poultry raising. For the peppers, crush one tablespoon each greater part of its supply of eggs and poultry the empire is dependent upon Italy, France, Belgium and the Balhan States. The imports into Germany of eggs and poultry have increased marvelously since 1872, in which year the combined imports of these two items amounted to only \$500,000. In 1880 they had increased

to \$5,000,000, and in 1907, \$37,845,-750 worth of imported eggs and \$12 .-730,500 worth of imported poultry were consumed, with exports that inme year amounting to only \$313,500 for egs and \$211,250 for poultry.

This material is intended as a substitute for tinfoil. It consists of paper specially prepared to give it a parchment like consistency, and covered with powdered aluminum sprinspoon only. Thin with a pint of kied on a thin layer of resin. Pressure is applied when the coating is soft, to insure the adhesion of the powder. The metallic surface thus obtained is not affected by moisture or by greasy substances. Aluminum

paper is cheaper than tinfoil, and in Germany efforts are being made to introduce it extensively.



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