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Selections.

Boa Constrictors.

The gloomy forest in which I witnessed what I am about to relate is situated at a short distance from the town of Dielky, in the East India Island of Timore.

On a small plot of ground where stands group of about fifty buildings of most fantastic shapes, each surrounded by its own inclosures, live and die a few sickly Europeans and a number of Malays who blacken their teeth with betel, areka, and lime. Here they live, and near them -- so near indeed that he can reach them at a single bound-lives the terrible bon constrictor, who only devours myriads of insects when he happens not to have pounced upon a buf-

The buffalo is the boa's natural food. The moment he has seized upon an animal of this description, he drags him toward one of the sturdy giants of the forest, enfolds him. squeezes him, and stifles him, in spite of his sharp horns, his frightful bellowing and his sturdy shoulders: then covers him with slime his rough tongue seeming at once to caress and inject his victim; he kneeds his body, he stretches it out and pounds his bones. and when these hideous preparations are completed, and his reptile instinct tells him that his victim is in a state to be devoured. he lets it full, and placing himself at full length opposite the lifeless buffalo's head. opens his jaws, the elacticity of which is almost beyond credence-till his rings creak DRACTICES the Operative. Surgical and Mechan ical Departments of Dentistry?

OFFICE Localistreet, between he Franklin-House draws a long breath, when the quadruped is sucked in by a series of jerks, and no soonsucked in by a series of jerks, and no sooner is its body half engulfed than the voracious boa grows calm, feels drowsy, and at length fulls asleep as if wearied by a struggle that has exhausted his strength.

If the boa was alone before he attacked the buffalo, and if his female is asleep at some distance from him, you may then aproach in full confidence, for you have nothing to fear from his strength, his slime, nor his open jaws that are yawning like some vast furnace. I have said that he is asleep, but it would be more correct to say dead, for he is as insensible as the trunk of a tree.

There is no glory as you may perceive in killing the bon in the state of torper in which he is thrown at the beginning of his loathsome repast, but as no one thinks of glory in the daily war waged against this hideous eptile, the best plan is to take him in the nidst of his feast, and for several men to and then to place a poisoned arrow on a string made of the catrails of fish, and at a given signal, to let fly simultaneously at this crawling Lucullus, who is struck by death in the midst of his feast.

Hunting a bon is far more peril ous, and, for my part, I should a thousand times prefer attacking a tiger or a hungry lion in the him-for how were it possible to direct them you hear him rustling under your feet, when vide the reptiles body with your sword; but for my part, I should give myself up for lost the moment his slimy body had encirlieve in the success of your attempt, if you assure me you are born a Malay, and inhabit Timore.

The depredations on the herds of buffaoes belonging to the Europeans and to the Rajahs tributary to the Resident of Dielky, committed by the boas of the forest adjoining this unfortunate colony, had become so frequent and so fatal that the Governor, Jose Pinto Alcoferado de Azevedo Souzza, determined at length to organize hunting parties for the purpose of destroying, or at any rate driving away, these dangerous reptiles .-For this purpose he enlisted a number of stout-hearted, energetic men, who were not afraid of entering the gloomy forest by day or by night, and making war on its dread-OLD CREAM OF GLYCERING .- For the cure ful rulers. Their weapons consisted of the formidable crisk, whose undlating blade is generally steeped in yellowish gum, of the upas-tree, and of short jagged arrows that are placed in the shape of a fan, on their chests, and which they dart at the mouster

were chiefly employed. termined to set fire to the wood even at the

troop of men ready to repel them.

felled to the ground, together with the lux-

the horrors of so agonizing a death.

Malays, several of whom forfeited their stifled his adversary within his deadly omlives before the reptiles could be subdued. brace. But it is when the bos comes forth from the gloomy and silent forests, and scours the plain to enjoy the light and the sunshine, that human life is in the greatest jeopardy, even in the most securely closed habitations, The boa constrictor possesses all the cun- ular opinion may be, there is no class of mond Whig, and Thomas Ritchie, jr., son of ning and hypocrisy of the jackal and the tiger; he crawls along stealthily through the than such as detail scenes of violence and years the contestant editor of the Richmond lences, following all the sinusaties of the blood shed. The "duello" has prevailed Enquirer, in the political newspaper field. soil, so as not to make a noise by striking among all races, civilized and barbarian, from with Picasants. It was the futal close of a against any object that might impede his passage. He stoops his head beneath the be radicated while men are urged by hot some years, although there can be little leaves and branches of the shrubs, and then raises it up again with due caution, having | vail in professions and communities. I read | than the principals, in stimulating the mutpreviously listened to ascertain whether there might be some easy prey near at hand, sketch of the numerous duels which have after which he crawls onward in the direction of the spot he aims at, when suddenly by a series of rapid bounds and evolutions, that can be compared to nothing more aptly than the streamer on the mainmast of a vessel dallying with the wind, ho twists himself now to the right, now to the left, then turns backward, and anon leaps forward as though he were seized with a vertigo. But in this fevered state the boa has marked his victim in the account of the duel between Mason and his greedy eye has at once discorned and McCarty (1829, I think,) and there are duel was to have taken place at five or six

which animal will afford him the largest digestion. Such of the natives of Timore as are employed on plantations open to the incursions of the box, have therefore devised the fol- disposition. For some offense Mason challowing stratagem: They tie up a buffelo lenged McCarty, who objected to a dendly neel down from his heal to the middle of with strong ropes to a tree or rock, with his body, as if before some venerated idol. crenated openings, where they can ensconse themselves in safety, while they are enabled refused, and McCarty notified that he would to watch their enemies manceuvres. The be now rushes upon its victim, and the the challenge. McCarty then named his suppressed roar of the buffalo soon proclaims the reptile's triumph and the feast that fol-

lows. the monster is impelled by hunger he acts desert, than the dreaded bon constrictor in in the cautious manner I have just described ton, and leap from it hand in hand-but the forest. Bullete are ineffectual against -just the contrary; at such times his bear-this was also pronounced inadmissable. - stood in his place and fired deliberately. ing is hold and decisive; he towers proudly He then named muskets, loaded with two rith a sure aim in the midst of his rapid above the tall heath, uttering a hissing balls each, and eight paces, saying that he sound like the mouning of the wind in a would kill Mason-he did, being unharmed Besides, where is your enomy? You fancy tempest, and following as straight a line as himself. The newspaper account says that an arrow shot out of a bow by some prac- McCarty's bair became white soon after, lol he is hanging by the last rings of his tail tied hand. Then, oh! then, we to the un- which I suppose is a mistake. I knew him to some high branch, swinging to and fro happy man upon whom this hideous reptile ten years after the duel, and his hair was ready to dart upon you, and crush you to is about to rush! Nothing can sa e him then brown, with no signs of being gray, atoms as he would a buffile. It may be, as there is no sting to be feared, that you several fallen a prey to his voracity, when ders. may have sufficient presence of mind to di-

the most nimble tiger. cled me in its folds, and I should only bemity. Thus when the whole body of the tomb, you may see the boa's scaly skin distim's horns rise up like two sharp peaks, as

once more curious and more frightful than thed at the peril of the intruding bidder, and an encounter between two boas, which are | they were not men that trifled, or often failed contending for a female or for a buffalo. Dan Jose Pinto and I witnessed an en

counter of this kind one evening, taking to commence the sale, Col. McCarty stepped care, however, to keep at a respectful dis- forward and requested a moments delay .-tance.

of action, we could hear the sonorous hissing tain lands now about to be offered for sale; whenever they surprise him aslesp. But We saw the scattered branches on the control his rights by threats; and then anso many of the hunters fell victims to the ground rising like whirlwinds in mid-air, nouncing himself and friends by name and reptile, that they at length gave up this impelled by the rapid evolutions of the two as from Virginia, he added that they inmode of attack, for which condemned felons infuriated combatants, and flying like rock-tended to bid for whatever lands they saw ets in all directions. The two boas reached fit, among those about to be offered, and any After these unsuccessful attempts, which at a bound, the solid branches of a couple man attempting violence would do so at his olution. The affair, as is usual in that rewould have finished by depopulating the Is- of trees standing near each other; and then peril. He then drew a brace of pistols; his land far more rapidly than dysentory or the there was a kind of full, only interrupted by friends did the same and the bidding commost pernicious fevers, Don Jose Pinto de-

expense of a general conflagration through- On a sudden the trees quivered all over, out the island. He, however, adopted every and two stardy cables rushed at each other. stances, the duel between Mason and Meprecaution required under the circumstances These cables were the two inveterate fees Carty, occurred near one of the Virginia and as soon as the buffalces that were sent hanging by the last ring of their tails, each court houses, and while the court was in forward to be sacrificed to the reptiles, had to a branch, entwined in each other's folds, session, some years ago, between Dr. Branch ground, with a ball through his heart, and given token of the presence of one or more like cemented stones of a bridge; and poised T. Archer, a distinguished actor in the early of these munsters, he caused a quantity of above the abyss below. Sometimes they atruggles of Texas, and of an eminent Virtrees to be felled in a circle round the spot formed a convex, and at other times a conglinia family, and a young relative. The thus indicated. And as the serpent remains cave arch, then they remained motionless young man, for some rather elight cause, thus indicated. And as the serpent remains pave arou, then they remained motionless young man, for some rather elight cause, he ever saw go into a deel without any sign Deley. Esq., I have the honor to reply, respectives and New in a state of torpor for some months after awaiter with cutter and mobility, they would crush and pound each avoid a duel for the same reason that made of discomposure, and with cutter of discomposure, and disco

only to be on their guard against these rep- other's rings, and under this seeming calm McCarty fight Mason. The young man in tiles which had not yet gorged themselves, there was rage, despair, and gnashing of this case, peremptorily, and with threats debut were not sufficiently bold to attack a teeth. The body of one of the boas must manded a meeting, which was finally condrop lifeless to the ground, and the other ceded. They fought in a grove at five No sooner were the time honored trunks fall asleep beside his vanquished foe.

uriant branches, so varied and so fantastic of an hour, when the two champions, as if man was shot dead at the first fire. Archer in their shapes, then whole armfuls of dry by mutual agreement, loosened their hold afterwards fought a knife duel in Texas, leaves were east into a heap in the middle, of each other, and retreated each to his with a Spaniard-their left bends tied tothese were set on fire, and the fire was con- former station, till the hostilities should be gether-and killed his antagonist. He was tinually fed by fresh fuel cast in from the resumed. The war-cry was a kind of stifled one of Gen. Houston's most bitter and unouter circle, and then through the fitful un- hiss, but more prolonged than the two first sparing fees, but never could bring Old San dulations of the lambent flames the dreaded we had heard, after which both monsters Jucinto' to fight. boas might be seen writhing round and round slid down the smooth trunk of the tree they It is stated of the celebrated Bowie, that in the fiery circle, in their struggles to es- had chosen for the field of battle, and then he settled an amicable controversy with a cape from death; then leaping at a bound followed a violent attack as rapid as light. Spaniard about the relative merits of his to the topmost branches of the trees, and ning's fierce onslaught, and the last agonies terribly famous knife, and the Spanish long attempting to clear the belt of flames that of one of the combatants seemed almost sim- knife, by a knife duel with their left arms hedged them in-but in vain were their en- ultaneous. One of the reptiles had drawn tied together. At the word, Bowie, by a deavors. They fell exhausted in the midst his adversary within his vortex, and the powerful jerk, turned the Spaniard around. of the furnace, and breathed their last amid rings of his tail were relaxing their hold by passed his knife into his body, and turned it the most hideous contortions, expressive of slow degrees. The bodies of the two monsters were now side by side, and stretched Bowie coully severed the cord and let the Some of them, however, as Don Jose Pin- at full length. One was motionless, the dead body full, with as much indifference as to assured me, contrived to leap beyond the other more agitated, and after carefully though it had been a log. This, of course, seene of danger, rushed upon the intrepid coiling himself round the tree, he at length was the most satisfactory and convincing

> Duels and Deadly Fights. BY A SOUTHERNER.

Whatever the moralists may say, or pop-"sensition" reading more eagerly pursued the celebrated Thomas Ritchie, for twenty the remotest antiquity, and is not likely to bad feeling, which had been smothering for passion, or ideas of punctillious honor pre- doubt that outside friends were more active recently in a newspaper, a chronological ter into a death struggle, ... been fought upon the renowned fighting years before the encounter at Manchester, ground at Bladensburg; and I propose to brow together a brief account of several duels and affrays that have taken place in our country at various times -giving facts as I heard them, without pretending to minate accuracy.

I have not the newspaper item alluded to before me-but I believe there is some error some facts omitted, which I will add.

-McCarty of a resolute but better controlled | before the affair was to come off. combat with one so closely related to him, and offered to apologize. An apology was be forced to fight, unless he proceeded with terms-that both parties should sit upon a keg of powder and then fire it. This was rejected by the seconds as barbarous. Mo-

Carty exhibits the determined character of It is difficult to comprehend the wonder- the man. Somewhere about twenty-five or ful clasticity of the boa's jaws. His head is thirty years ago, and before the pre-emption yet his jaws expand without any great ef- ed ways which prevailed in the disposal of fort, and engulf masses of astounding enor- public lands, Col. McCarty, with three or four friends, went from Virginia to attend a baffalo has been consigned to his living public land sale. On the day before the sale, the squatters in that region, according tended by a number of domes, while the vic- to the energetic system of that energetic and very useful class of our fellow citizens, noif about to pierce through the hard walls of tified all strangers present of what lands they should bid upon, and that any attempt to But of all sights in the world, none is at bid for any others would be summarily setin this kind of patriotic duty.

At the moment the auctioneer was about He then stated to the crowd-and there was We took up our positions on a lofty Belvi- no lack of fierce, or those pleasing argudere, from whence, though at a distance of ments, rifles, pistols, and knives aroundabout a thousand footsteps from the scene that he had been warned not to bid for cer -more like gusts of wind than anything that he recognized no authority but the law else-of combatants about to enter the lists. of the land; that he should allow no man to for the forbidded lands but no fight resulted.

An instance resembling, in its circum-

paces, the sound of the pistols interrupting The struggle had lasted about a quarter the proceedings of the court. The young

> -the Spaniard sinking down a dead man. proof that he had the best of the controversy

> One of the most melancholy fights that ever took place in Virginia, occarred about thirteen years ago, in Manchester, across the James river from Richmond: It was between John Hampdon Pleasants; long a very able and popular editor of the Rich-

Pleasants had been challenged, a few by William F. Ritchie, husband of Mrs. Mowatt, and ellest son of Thomas Ritchie. senior. The challenge was accopied-the terms being at Clark's Springs, about two miles from Richmond-shot guns, loaded with twelve buckshot-twelve paces-the guns to be place!, uncacked, upon the ground, at the feet of the Principals, to be raised at the word and fired at will. The o'clock in the morning, but by the exerti 'n-Mason and McCarty were brothers-in-law of two distinguished citizens was fortunately -Mason a man of hot and irascible temper put in shape for adjustment about two hours

The settlement was just and honorable to both parties, but there was a lingering bit terness that finally led the younger Ritchie (!homas) to charge Pleasants with cowardice, editorially. This led to the fight, for it was not a formal duel, although the terms were settled, and seconds were upon the ground. The parties were to stand sixty yards apart, armed as they saw fit. Pleasants had a revolver in his pocket, two pis Carty then proposed that both should go tols in his belt, and a Roman sword. At upon the cupola of the Capital at Washing- the word, Pleasants commenced the advance. and was directly fired upon by Ritchic, who a rest. While advancing under fire: Pleaabout three days.

Twenty years ago, and still later the pleat vices of more three munths volunteers. sant town of Vicksburg used to have regular "sensations" from fights between the communication of the 28th are required for editors of the Whig and Sentinel. The edi- immediate service, and one troop will be on tor of the Sentinel was an Trishman by birth duty ti-incrrow. and from Philadelphia. His writing- were A call may be made for an additional virulent in the extreme, and his relish for a force of volunteers to serve for two years or fight was seasoned even above that degree of the war, but the authority therefor will be zeal which has so celebrated the vivacity of provided in time to cause no delay or incon-"Donnybrook Fair." He was finally re- venience. moved to a more sevene existence, in a street The government informs me that no more

Prentiss had no laurels of that kind, but he possible manner. was known as a man of great nerve and resgion, was attended by a large number of enlightened and highly interested critics, and this was a case of superior excellence and attraction. Among the betting fraternity, made that both men would fall; and this showed the confler july nert, for it to first fire Goolson lesped three feet from the, me to the War Department on that sulfeet; from a smart flesh wound. A gen feman croor of Pennsylvania-Dear Sir: In onewho had seen many duels, and witnessed wer to the queries propounded by you to this, told me that P entire was the only man this Department and presented by O. J.

Special Message of Gov. Curtin.

Correspondence between the State and National Authoristics in regard to the Military from Pennsylvania.

EXECUTIVE CHAMBER,)

Harrisburg, May 2, 1861.

To the Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvanias
GENTLENEN—In my communication to you of the 30th of April I had the honor to say that a requisition had been made for twenty-five additional regiments of infactry and one of cavalry, for the service of the na-

tional government. As that order was countermanded by a elegraphic dispatch on the evening of the 30th ult, and by a written order received this morning from Major General Patterson, I feel it to be my duty to lay the subject before you for your consideration.

The first order made upon me by the Federal government was for sixteen regiments of infantry, which, by a subsequent order. was reduced to fourteen. The order was filled immediately and I continued to receive companies for the reasons assigned in my message of April 30th, until twenty-three egiments were mustered into the service of the United States. ...

The order from Major General Patterson, of the 25th of April, was in the following

HEADQUARTERS MILITARY DEPARTMENT OF WASHINGTON,

Philadelphia, April 25, 1861.
His Excellency, Andrew G. Curtin, Cor. ernor of Penn-ylvania-Siz: I feel it my duty to express to you that the force at the disposal of this Department abguld be in-

creased without delay.

I, therefore, have to request your excellency to direct that twenty-five additional regiments of infantry and one regiment of cavalry be called for forthwith, to be mustered into the service of the United States. Officers will be detailed to inspect and muster the men into service as soon as I am informed of the points of rendezvous which may be designated by your excellency.

I have the honor to be, with great respect R. PATTERSON, Major General.

I commenced immediately to raise the additional force; and a large number of compinies were accepted from different parts of he State and from which we had not taken componies to fill the first requisition. Many of the companies are here and on their way to this renlezvous and camp Wilkins, at Pittsburg. The officer of the United States army details I to muster companies into service at Pittsburg has been withdrawn, and no more companies will be mustered into the service at the different points of rendezrous, established by the government frithe

The letter from Major General Patterson reseinding the order for additional regi-

ments is as follows: MILITARY DEPARTMENT OF PENNA. Philadelphia, April 30, 1861. To his Excellency A. G. Cartin, Harris burg. Pa. Sir:-On the: 25th inst., I ad-

using a stick or cane, held horizontally, as aressed you a communication expressing my musian that the Greek at mendia sants discharged one pistol, but otherwise adequate, and suggested that twenty-six adhe made no use of his arms until he came ditional regiments be added to the Pennsylin front of Ritchie, when he exclaimed vania contingent. Since that date other "Now you know I am no coward!" then fired States have furnished a number of discihis other pistol, made a pass or two with his plined troops, well armed and equipped, cane sword, and fell. Eive shots had struck rufficient for the present requirements of the him, wounding him mortally. He died in service at the national capital, and it will. therefore has inexpedient to accent the car-

The three companies referred to in my

fight with a gentleman named Jackson, who three months men will be required, plans went all the way from New Orleans for the having been adopted to increase the army purpose of shooting him, which he did .- in a more efficient manner. There there-The tone of the Sentinel was not abated by fore to request that my suggestion in rela this little incident-but always had its tion to additional regiments be not taken in-"fighting editor," who chivalrously encoun- to consideration. I see that you have retered all comers, occasionally wiping out commended to the Legislature to keep a one of them or maining an adversary; but force under a State organization in readi three or four of them "went under" in sure incomfor State defence, and to respond to a cefelon, while engage I in this pleasing past, only from the general government. I do not doubt that at the present time so prulent a A duel which came off about twenty years proposition will meet with a ready affirmsage, between Gholson and Prentiss, in Mistive response from a co-ordinate branch of sissippi, croated considerable excitement in the State government; and in that case ary the region where it occurred. The origin of occube that called for by the governwas a political difficulty, Gholson being an ment, and now collected, can be organized ardent Democrat, and Prentise a stout Whig. and disciplined under State laws. This force Gholson was a noted ducliest, hall killed his will then be in a condition to fill the lature man more than once, and was a "dead shot." want of the government, and in the best

I am, sir, very respectfully, Your obedient servant, R. Parennion, Mujor-General.

For the purpose of a clear underständing of the terms and conditions upon which the Pennsylvania quota of the call of the gen-Gholson "had the call;" but some bets were emil government is admitted into the envice. I communicate with this message the fill time answers to interpretting out to WAR DEPARTMENT.

Washington, April 29, 1861. His Excellency Andrew G. Curtin, On-