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as their curiosity is great, they will slowly swim here and there to ascer-

tain the cause of the disturbance. The whine of a puppy seems to excite them more than aught else; why, I cannot tell, for it is equally efficacions where dogs have never previously been and where it were impossible to suppose the alligators had ever heard them. The resemblance to the noise or bark of their young has

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correspondence on a subject so little lost all interest in the others floating investigated. Nor will I discuss at present many of the too visible dispresent many of the too visible dispresen investigated. Nor will I discuss at present many of the too visible discrepancies between the anatomical descriptions, as given by some of our recognized authorities, who have, in some instances, been guided more by than by personal investigations. in ten feet of the two small alligators in front. At the splash they go under, scared by the noise; but your intended victim sees the struggling dog, and, turning round, his back cuts the waster like the how of a cut to the how how of a cut to the how how of a cut to the how of a cut to the how how he had not to the how how he had not to the how how he had not to the house of a cut to the how he had not to the house of a cut to the house ter like the bow of a ship, while the ripples tall from right to left as he parts the water in front. He is now During the Winter season the alligators remain in a state of torper, buried generally in the mud of the marshes and bayous. The first warm weather of march restores their austops for a moment undecided whether pended vitality, and a few may then

shoot with varying success till as many as twelve or fifteen are some-

times floating on the water dead.

At the back of my sugar plantation a metal reflector, it would have relies Grand Lake, thirty miles in length, with a varying width of from six to eight miles. Save at the outlets of the various haven.

tinct types are given to the "Basinfof the Amazon."

It is an easy matter for the envied few who have made researches in the swamps and wilds of South America to dictatorially make their classifications, for who can contradict their assertions? I am satisfied, however, that the Caiman A. Mississipensis, under the narrow title of which are classed the millions of saurians inhabiting the lagoons and bayous of the South, is too restricted a term for a family presenting, to my own knowledge, two distinct species. I do not desire, however, in so limited a space to enter into a scientific dissertation, but invite from fellow-naturalists a correspondence on a subject so little the rifle imitated as best I could the whining of a dog. On he then came, until I could plainly see his ugly eyes watching me intently as he swam.—
Almost imperceptibly I raised the rifle to my shoulder, awaiting for him to stop a moment. At last it came, and the distance was certainly not ever ten yards. A quick sight, a steady pressure on the trigger and the loud report rang out on the lake, the waters were stained with blood and coners were stained with blood and convulsed for a moment with his strug-gles. Soon a foot and then part of the body appeared at the surface.— This was the sign of death; all was

over, so we dragged him out, and he measured almost fourteen feet.

-The introduction of silvered mica reflectors into locomotive head-lights, marshes and bayous. The first warm weather of march restores their suspended vitality, and a few may then be seen sunning themselves on logs and other floating debris. In May, however, they are in full activity, and this, perhaps, is the best month to study their actions and acquire a knowledge of their habits.

They fish principally during the night, and lie in the sunshine half asleep on the surface of the water during the day. A splash in the water for yards around.

The novel sport continues, and you should be many as twales of flores till as ploaded, and the monte recently explained as their curiosity is great, they will slowly swim has proved a complete success. An ergineer on the West Jersey railroad, who has been using them, says he can by their aid, distinguish the features of a person, at a distance of four hundred dred yards. They are now being tested on the Reading, North Pennsylvania, and other railways, with the most encouraging prospects as to their adoption on account of economy, durability, efficiency, and saving of labor. In case of a locomotive on the North Pennsylvania, and other railways, with the most encouraging prospects as to their adoption on account of economy durability, efficiency, and saving of labor. In case of a locomotive on the North Pennsylvania railroad, which recently explosed the surface of the water for yards around.

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This, however, is tame sport compared to another mode which I have again and again tried, and in which manner I killed the large alligator, previously mentioned, measuring nearly fourteen small pieces of the silvered-mica, it

been said to be a cause; but such reasoning is fallacions, as at seasons when their young no longer bark, they are equally attracted by a whine.

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with a varying width of from six to deight miles. Save at the outlets of the various bayous that pour their warious bayous that pour their outers in the lake, the depth is in no nearest me the slope from the bank of the bank of the such stream of the beach at Newport. It offers during the same five years before his ground, providing one has no foolish fears of alligators, as these latter are always present, and a wins slowly around eyeing with suspiciou intruders on their domain.

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And now it transpires that Senator of the iso there orimes, having the second time five years before his a second time five years before his a second wife procured a divorce. This remainder or the beach at Newport. It offers during the second wife procured a divorce. This remainder or the such stream of the beach at Newport. It offers during the second wife procured a divorce of the second time five years before his a Newport. It offers during the second time five years before his a Newport of allig a second time five years before his second wife procured advorce. This trifling development however, need not add to Mr. Mitchell's embarrasse ment. The Senate has put itself on record as having rather a preference for the comradeship of criminals; and if there should be an awkward proceeding before some court, resulting in a sentence of a few years in State's Prision, he has only to remind the President of the precedent in the case of Congressman Bowen.—Chicago

Times.

We trust we have not annoyed our dentally made. Members of Congress have pensioned their mistresses by scores have pensioned their mistresses by scores on the treasury, and the same thing is true of many of the more important of few brief memories of the past, and passed through agency appointments are made.

If the instances were rare some excuss might be pleaded, but when the proof that this evit has taken large on the verge of his grave for a moment, only to "wrap the drappry of his couch about him," ore he lies "down to pleasant dreams."

A Kentucky man has named his 19th those who are most responsible for its

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containing the control of the part of

mand to Scott. He fought from the sea to the gates of Belen, and when General Scott was relieved to be tried by a court of Inquiry, Butler was the officer selected to take his place, which he filled with marked ability to the end of the war. So great was his reputation at that time, that he was placed on the Democratic ticket with Lewis Cass as the candidate for Vice-President against Taylor and Fill-more. He was defeated, and since then he has been literally lost to sight. vaguely through the press, but of late years even these cased references have grown less frequent, until he had become quite forgotten. But, in looking over our exchanges recently, we happened to meet with his name, and in what connection, indulgent reader, would you suppose? As a soldier—a statesman—a philosopher—a politician? No; in neither capacity, but as a poet! We had never dreamed the graceful and distinguished old soldier bad courted the Muses, but it appears, novertheless, that such was the case The Staunton Spectator is entitled to the credit of making this discovery, as it publishes the following pathetic little poem, sent it by a friend, from the pen of the subject of our remarks:

THE FADED LEAF.

Dearer to me the faded leaf
That pines in yellow Autumn's bower,
Far dearer than the springing flower.
I love to see it mount on high,
And trace it through the yielding sky.
It points me to that moment brief,
When harne on plumeless wings of wind,
The soul shall leave its clay behind
And rice above this world of grief
Like yellow Autumn's brightest leaf.
Yes, little wanders of the air,
Proud man with thee may wall compare!
Like thee, he blooms his little hour,
Ishales the sephys, drinks the shower!
Like thee, he blooms his little hour,
Ishales the sephys, drinks the shower!
Like thee, he boasts his summer prime
And deeks him in the robes of time!
Like thee, when course the autumn blast
His leafy honors, too, are cast!
Like thee he leaves his stem behind
To journey on the viewless wind!
Frail traveler through the trackless air!
Like thoe he goes—he known not whore.
Yet Hope still obeers his untried road,
And Faith, untiring, trust to Gos. The Spectator's correspondent, explanation, says:

explanation, says:

About thirty years ago, as I was walking through the Capitol grounds at Washington, in company with my valued personal friend, General William 0. Butler, our attention was attracted to a gust of wind whoch whirted aloft a zers and yellow leaf through the air. We paused for a moment, tracing its progress towards the sky, and then walked to the hall of the House of Representatives, of which we were members. After the lapse of half an hour, General Butler wrote at his desk and handed to me the verses now enclosed, which I have carefully preserved.

The venerable author is now four-score years old—full of years and full of honors—calmly waiting the hour when he shall be summoned withrough the trackless siz to fairer regions on high.

THE GREATEST SHAME.

in a social market, where every thing ry, protected and palliated. Remonsis judged by a standard of greenbacks, and real merit or distinction has no So that the outrage on morals must not place. The example of the most prom- only be endured, but the terrorism of inent in public life has necessarily inpower superadds silence as a necessity.

If this be not infamy in its worst form,
the whole system has become rotten
that word has lost all meaning. And

few years ago were absolutely poor, gusted witness of these indecencies.—N. and are courted as the leaders of fash-Y. Sun. ion, it is easy to understand how the

may be obtained.

Other evils have expanded into full growth in this hot house of corruption, and some of them are alarming. During the rebellion the experiment was for the first time tried of introwas for the first time tried of introducing women into the departments. It had the double object in view of opening a field of employment adapted to female capacity and of supporting the wives and daughters of men who had freely offered their lives for the country. Both motives were creditable, and as long as they were respected the experiment fulfilled the best expectations. But like everything else, it has grown into a flagrant abuse and a monstrous scandal. As soon as Congress began to logislate upon the subject and to create offices, the result than the previous degree of C. M. constant in the subject and to create offices, the result than the previous degree of C. M. constant in the subject and to create offices, the result than the previous degree of C. M. constant in the subject and to create offices, the result than the previous degree of C. M. constant in the subject and to create offices, the result than the previous degree of C. M. constant in the subject and to create offices, the result than the previous degree of C. M. constant in the subject and to create offices, the result than the previous degree of C. M. constant in the subject and to create offices, the result than the previous degree of C. M. constant in the subject and the subject and to create offices, the result than the previous degree of C. M. constant in the subject and the s

visible to every eye.

Many excellent ladies whom misformany excellent ladies whom mistor-tune has overtaken, accomplished, ca-pable, and worthy to appear in any circle, are earning their bread by what hay be called hard laborin the departnay be called hard laborin the departments. Others equally respectable, the children or wives of gallant soloiers who fell in battle, and others such an admission fee as the owners again no less meritorious, maintain themselves in the same way. For certain duties they are better fitted than men, and are worse paid. These classes have lost no esteem by the adversity which has compelled them to seek this mode of support at some cost of pride and former associations. of pride and former associations.

But an element has been brought in

among these worthy women which is an outrage upon them, a disgrace to the public service, and a glaring scandal een of all men. It is notorious that Senutors, Representatives, and officials have imposed upon the departments loose characters, who are utterly unfit for such employment, and unworthy to mingle with the ladies who are contaminated and insulted by their presence. There is no use of mincing phrases about a palpable fact, or attempting to exten-uate it under the cover of mistakes accidentally made. Members of Congres

in many of the offices, the heads which asptre to moral position and ure as church men. Others less know but equally criminal are scattered through the bureaus by the influence of their "friends" in Congress or the favor of others having the car of power. Even the public printing office is scarred with this virus, and it is not confined strictly to part for the scarred with the confined strictly to part for the scarred with the virus, and it is not confined strictly to part for the scarred with th confined strictly to party, for Grant Democrats, as the purchasable mem-bers of that party are known, bave been propitiated by such appoint-

The process is one of exchange:
The administration wants appropriations, specific or contingent, and appeals for favor to leaders in Congress, taking good care to include such as can be reached on the Democratic side. The money is voted, and may THE GREATEST SHAME.

Licentiousness in the Departments in Washington.

The whole tendency of political and social life at the capital is to discard simplicity, ignore honesty, and scoff at morals. All the old virtues which were once so much prized and respected have gone out of fashion, and the few who still adhere to them are regarded as the fossils of a departed age. Shoddy, with its vulgar train, is in the ascendant in and out of office. Its great ambition is to affect the meretricious display and sensual tastes which properly enough signalized the despotic and degrading reign of Louis Napoleon, whose motto was bread and the circus. Paris, with all its gided rottenness, affects the exterior forms of decorum. Here vice is gross, faunting, and andacious. No refining gloss is visible. It is nude, exulting in shame, and defiant of all decency.

Wealth has the first place overywhere. A man is estimated for his fortune, his official position, or his influence with power. A woman is regarded for her capacity to control men, her "fast" qualities, and her effontery in society. The sterling stributes in the one case and the gentle virtues in the other are of no value, her "fast" qualities, and her effontery in society. The sterling stributes in the other are of no value, her "fast" qualities, and her effontery in society. The sterling stributes in the other are of no value, her "fast" qualities, and her effontery in society. The sterling stributes in the other are of no value, her "fast" qualities, and her effontery in society. The sterling stributes in the other are of no value, her was a social market, where every thing is judged by a standard of greenbacks, and was been followed by removal.

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When members of the Cabinet, Sentators, Representatives, and officials are seen revelling in wealth, who only a nothing of the community which is a dis-

Among the many bayons that wind in torsious courses through the more level portion in the Southers States, particularly those of solely alluvial formation, and that empty their slaggish streams into the Mississippi and the state of the sta The plunder of the contingent fund have been able to increase the measure of the chest from two to four inches recently exposed, is only part of a prevailing system which reaches from within a few months, and with good prevailing system which reaches from congress throughout the public service. The contingencies of the Senate and House of Representatives exhibit tivate a well-formed, capacious chest. the most willful waste of the people's The student, the merchant, the sedenmoney in luxuries and extravagance tary, the young of both sexes—ay, all which were never before even suggest—should have a swing on which to ed, at a cost of hundreds of thousands stretch themselves daily. We are ed, at a cost of hundreds of thousands every year. These loose practices have bred others, until legislation has become venal and jobbery is established as a profession. To compete in the race of vulgar pride, money must be had, and no care is taken how it its beneficial results, the exercise is an

> LLD. AND C. M .- The Hon. Schuysubject and to create offices, the result than the previous degree of C. M. conwas foreseen which is now painfully risible to every eye.
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> Oakes Ames.—N. Y. Sun.

NIAGARA FALLS FENGED IN .- The ground on the American side of the Niagara Falls having been purchased

CERTAIN gentlemen at Washington bave presented Ex-Speaker Colfax with the chair which he formerly sat on, in the House of Representatives. In commenting on this the Philadelphia Age pointedly remarks, "They ought rather to have given him a sofa, on which he could "lie" at his case."

A dispatch from Washington says:
-Changes will soon be made in about twenty consulates, in order that Southern men may be appointed to them, the President having recently expressed his desire to give office to a large number of his Southern political friends.

The total amount of back pay re-turned to the United States Treasury is \$192,017 34, and the number of Senators and representatives who declined to receive it is forty-six-

Topeka, June 16.—The trial of Sen-ator Pomercy for bribing Senator Yorke was to-day postponed until December, on application of Pomer-December, on appli oy's counsel.

A Kentucky man has named his 19th those who are most responsible for its be will accept the Japanese mission. spread, among whom figure a large hoping the fates will let her be the last, number of the Christian statesmen.

ptions made and money promptl OR PRINTING OF EVERY DESCRIP-