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Till autumn's golden ste Don't shoot the birds, the sportive birds, That flit o'er hill and plain,
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Which calms the daily cares of life,

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Beside your cottage door, And linger near from early spring

OH, THE OLD HOUSE AT HOME!

Oh, the old house at home where my forefathers dwelt, Where, a child, at the feet of my mother I knelt,
Where she taught me the prayer, where she read me th

page, When infancy lisps is the solace of age My heart, 'mid all changes, where'er I roam, Ne'er loses its love for the old house at home. The old house at home, The old house at home, My heart ne'er changes for the old house at home!

Twas not for its splendor that dwelling was dear, "Twas not that the gay and the noble were near; O'er the porch the wild rose and woodbine entwin'd, And the sweet scented jessamine waved in the wind-But dearer to me than proud turret or dome, Were the walls of my forefathers, the old house at home.

The old house at home, &c. But now the old house is no dwelling for me, The home of the stranger henceforth it must be: And ne'er shall I view it, nor rove as a guest O'er the evergreen fields which my father possessed; Yet still in my slumbers sweet visions will come Of the days that I passed at that old house at home The old house at home, &c.

UISCELLANEOUS.

A STARTLING ADVENTURE. In the summer of 1815 I was traveling

on business in the western part of Tennessee. That part of the State which lies between the Tennessee and Mississippi line was at that time a wild dreary forest. No roads-nothing but horse pathsguide the traveller upon his journey were the 'blazes' and 'notches' upon the trees. I was dressed in the true backwoods fashion, and rode a fiery mustang, with a main and tail as white as snow, a beautiful arch neck, and an eye like an eagle. He was a perfect beauty, and as fleet as the wind. Across his back I had thrown a pair of saddle bags, containing on one side a dozen pones' of corn bread and a piece of bacon, and to balance them there was a ' pile of rocks' in the other end in the shape of two thousand dollars in gold, which I had collected and was transporting to a bank in Kentucky, to be disposed of for Eastern exchange. Two large wooden stirrups hung dangling from my saddle, and the holsters in front contained two beauties, in the shape of enormous pistols .-Over these, to keep them dry, were the squirrel-skin covers.

I had been riding for several hours, swimming the rivers that crossed my path, snuffing in the rich persume of the forest flowers, watching the squirrels playing about in the tree tops, and listening to the music which issued from the throats of the thousand bright winged songsters with which the woods abounded. I had not seen a solitary human being since morning, and night was rapidly approaching, indeed, it had already begun to grow dark, and I had made up my mind that I would have to 'camp out' for the night. I was looking around to select some good place when I was startled by the neighing of a horse ahead of me, and I presently saw two men approaching me on horseback .-They were rough looking fellows dressed in hunting shirts and with squirrel skin caps on their heads. I did not like their looks, and unseen by them, I drew up my pistols, and cocking them replaced them in the holsters, and casting my eye forward, I saw one of them make a motion I did not like. I resolved that if they proved what I suspected, I would give them a hard fight and die bravely.

'Pshaw! what a fool I was!' thought I, as they rode up and bade me good evening. We conversed for a few minutes, when one of them said:

'My youngster, what have you got in your saddle bags that rattles so?"

'Nails,' I replied. 'Nails,' said he. 'Eh, Bill, let's examine the article and see!' and caught

hold of my horse by the bit. Quick as lightning I drew my pistols,

Gentlemen make a motion to draw a weapon, and that motion seals your fate.'

They were completely taken by surprise, and wheeling their horses around, ing in size to the last. With difficulty the struck off into the forests. After getting men dragged him home, and his skin can a few rods off, one of them raised his fist now be seen by the curious in Harlan the solid, \$116 66; on the two inner jambs and one head, \$37 50; on the sub-sill, \$8; in a threatening attitude. I drew the trigger of my right hand pistol, and the villain's arm fell upon the saddle, and uttering a yell of agony they darted off into the woods. I reloaded my pistol, struck my spurs into my horse's side, and after ten miles of the fastest riding I ever experienced, I reached a log house, where I put up for the night.

Two years after the incident just noted took place, I was traveling down the Mississippi on an old fashioned boat, when my attention was attracted to an individual on board whom I thought I had met before, but where I could not tell. I was determined to follow him up and see if I could not call to mind where we had met, and under what circumstances. At last I had an opportunity to get a look at him, as he was seated on an old barrel head earnestly engaged in a game of ' seven up.' I stepped up, and looking over his shoulder, perceived that two fingers of his right hand were missing. 'The game progressed until in an exciting moment he arose, and shaking his fist in the face of his opponent, in answer to some remark of the latter concerning the game, he exclaimed:

'I swear you lie.'

I placed my hand on his shoulder and turned him around:

'Ah ha!' exclaimed I, 'we have met

'Yes, we have met before, in the woods of Tennessee, and I have sworn that you shall die! take that!'

And the wretch attempted to draw a pistol from his coat but the trigger caught in the ragged lining of his pocket-it went through the woods, and the only marks to off and he rolled over into the muddy glass .- New England Farmer. water of the Mississippi-a corpse!-Life in the West.

A MONSTER SNAKE.

A correspondent of the Abingdon Democrat, writing from Walnut Hill, Lee co., Va., who is, as the Democrat assures its onfidence may be placed," gives the following account of the killing of a monster reptile in that county. He says: " About three weeks ago five men went

o gather whortleberries in the mountainous part of Harlan county, Ky., and in heir travels came to a small branch at the foot of a steep ridge, where they discovered a smooth, beaten path, or rather a slide, that led from the branch up the ridge. Curiosity tempted them to know its meaning, and they followed the trail to the top of the ridge where, to their astonishment, they found about an acre of ground perfeetly smooth and destitute of vegetation, near the centre of which they discovered small sink or cave, large enough to admit barrel. They concluded to drop a few stones, and presently their ears were saluted with a loud rumbling sound accompanied with a rattling noise; -and an enormous serpent made his appearance blowing and spreading his head, and his forked ongue protruding. The men were struck with wonder and affright, and suddenly he atmosphere was filled with a smell so nauseating that three out of five were taken very sick; the other two discovering the condition of their companions, dragged them away from that abode of death .-About ten feet of the snake had, to their udgment, made its appearance, when they hurried home and related what they had een to their neighbors.

The next day were mounted some ten of the hardy mountaineers, armed with rifles, determined to destroy the monster. On approaching within one hundred yards of the dwelling of his snakeship, their horses suddenly became restive, and neither kindness nor force could make them go any nearer. The men dismounted, and hitched their horses, proceeded on foot, with their rifles cocked, to the foot of the cave. They hurled in three or four large stones, and fell back some fifteen steps, when the same noise was heard as before, and out came the dreaded reptile, ready as his looks indicated to crush the intruders. About the same length of the snake had appeared from the hole, when eight or ten bullets went through his head, and, as the

and pointing a muzzle to each of their monster died, he kept crawling out until twenty feet of that huge boa laid motionless on the ground. It was a rattlesnake with twenty-eight rattles;-the first was four inches in diameter, the rest decreas-

Agricultural, &c.

Horses.-The age of a horse is now easier told by his eyes than his teeth, in this way: After the horse is nine years old, a wrinkle comes on the eyelid at the upper corner of the lower lid, and every year thereafter he has one defined wrinkle for each year over nine. If, for instance, a horse has three wrinkles, he is thirteen; add the number of wrinkles to nine and you will always get it. So says a writer: and he is confident it will never fail. As a great many people have horses over nine it is easily found.

To Seal Preserves .- Beat the white of an egg; take good white paper, (tissue is best,) cut it the size you require, and dip it in the egg, wetting both sides. Cover your jars or tumblers, carefully pressing down the edges of the paper. When dry, it will be as tight as a drum head.

Elderberry Syrup,-Take of the juice of Elderberry one quart; boil it to one pint; strain and add two pounds of double refined sugar; again place it over the fire; so soon as it shall have boiled, remove it from the fire, and when cold, bottle it for use, taking care to have it well covered. With a less quantity of sugar there will be danger of its becoming mouldy. As a gentle purgative, this syrup is an excellent medicine, of very pleasant taste, and is peculiarly serviceable to children who are not easily induced to take common medicine. The dose for an adult is a wine-

A Toad in a Boy's Stomach .- A boy nine years of age, named Jonathan Micklethwaite, son of William Micklethwaite, farm laborer, Alverthorpe, near Wakefield, New Jersey, one day last week, parted with a toad. The reptile, which was alive, ince become much swollen. Its body new measures about three and a half inches long, two broad, and in color is dark brown, streaked with black. The boy, for some weeks past, has been worn almost to a skeleton, and perfectly ravenous in regard to food, constantly eating, and never seeming satisfied. The medical attendant on the family says the boy must have swallowed the toad in the spawn .-Hunterdon Gazette.

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The Capitol Extensions—Items of Cost. The cost of the windows in the principal story of the north and south fronts of the Capitol extensions has been \$1,659 86 each, as follows: The marble itself, \$519 04; the workmanship on the two jambs, with brackets, cut in the solid, \$612; on the enriched entablature, or ornamental lintel, cut in the solid, \$361 31; on the pediment head, cut in and on the ashlar, cut from the same block

as the pediment, \$5 35.

The cost of the marble werkmanship on each of the eastern front door ways has been \$4,076 39, as follows: The two moulded plinths, \$77 06; the two jambs, with brackets, \$2,467 34; the enriched lintel, \$187 16; the architrave, \$222 50; and the cornice,

The cost of the two figures of statuary to be placed over each door is estimated at \$6,260, as follows: The amount paid Mr. Crawford for the design and models, \$2,000; the estimated cost of the marble, \$260; the cutting in marble, \$3,600; the freight from Rome to Washington on the models, or on

the statues, if executed at Rome, \$400.

The doors themselves, being bronze, and bearing bas-relief designs illustrative of American history, it is estimated will cost \$13,200 for each wing, as follows: The design and plaster, cast by Mr. Crawford, \$6,000; the door, if east and chased in the Munich foundry, \$7000; the freight from Munich to Washington, \$200. If the doors are executed in this ted in this country, it is supposed the cost will be somewhat greater. It is the intention to have one executed at Munich in the first foundry in the world, and the other, for the promotion of American art, in this country.

The door opening from the old hall of the House of Representatives into the corridor leading to the new hall, will also be of bronze, bearing bas-relief designs illustrative of American history, and will, it is estimated, cost \$14,416—as follows: The design and model, by Randolph Rogers, \$8,000; and the execution in bronze, \$6,416. The model is to be accounted in Line and the execution in bronze, \$6,416. executed in Italy, and the castings in this country. These doors will be executed in the highest style of art, and entirely of bronze.

A magnificent mantel-piece for the Senate reception room is to be designed and modeled by Mr. Berth, of Washington, at a cost of \$500, and is to be executed in marble and

brenze in this city.

The statue of the Indian Girl kneeling with a large shell, and intended as a fountain-piece for one of the principal stairways, was designed and modeled, and the statue itself finished, by an artist on the Capitol, at inter-

vals, and is estimated to have cost the govern-

ment about \$429 83.

The statuary intended for the eastern pediment of the north wing of the Capitol, de-signed and modeled by Mr. Crawford, and now in a ferward state of execution in marble in this city, it is estimated will cost \$46,-260, as follows: Design and models, \$18,000; freight from Rome, \$2,800; marble, \$1,960; cutting, \$23,000; estimated cost of raising the statues to their place, \$500.

readers, "a gentleman in whom implicit was put into a basin of water, and has same time that Mr. Crawford was invited to propose designs and estimates for the decora-tion of the eastern pediment and door of the north wing Mr. Powers was invited to propose for the south wing. In his answer to Captain Meigs he says: "I have not time to prepare designs for the decoration of our Capitol building-even if it were a desirable object with me to propose for a commission from the Government of my country."

For the design and model of the Statue of Liberty, intended to surmount the new dome of the Capitol, Mr. Crawford is to receive \$3,000.

A MAN IN A CHIMNEY-Narrow Escape from Suffication .- On Friday night, one of the members of the Hope Engine Company was on the look-out on the top of the engine house, in Sixth street, below Fitzwater, looking for fires. Near the top of the look-out is a tall chimney, which belongs to a twostory house adjoining. After the young man had done looking, he started to go down, but, instead of striking the trap-door he stepped into the chimney, and fell nearly to the soc-ond story, when he was stopped by the narrowness of the flue. He immediately commenced to cry murder, fire, &c., which aroused a German woman sleeping in the house. She got up and ran into the yard, thinking the noise was outside of the house. Shothen aroused her husband, but he also failed to ascertain from whence the sound proceeded.— The cry of distress was still heard, and, after a number of persons had been attracted to the spot, one of the members of the Hope Engine went up on the roof and discovered the whereabouts of his comrade. The man in the chimney, in a choking voice, called for water, and while an attempt was made to satisfy his thirst, the bucket containing the water was overturned in the chimney, nearly drowning the imprisoned fireman. ing an examination, it was found that the unfortunate man was wedged so tight in the flue, that the mantel-piece had to be knocked away and a hole made in the wall before he could be extricated. When removed, he was nearly exhausted .- Philadelphia Ledger.

A Foolish Boy .- The Union Democrat says that a boy, (his name we are unable to learn,) living with Jas. Fisher, in Monroe county, intentionally shot himself a few days since In the morning of the day that it occurred, Mr. Fisher was about leaving home, but before his departure he had occasion to chastise this youth, which he did with severity. The boy very much enraged and mortifie treatment just received, as soon as Mr. Foster was gone, went to the house, took down a gun, and with calmness and deliberation, placed the muzzle of the gun to his forehead, contrived to pull the trigger, which resulted in nething but a flash. There being no one about the house but ladies, they were afraid to venture near him. Immediately after the flash of his gun, he commenced his priming and preparations for the second trial. the same calmness and deliberation as at first, he placed the gun to his forehead, pulled the trigger, and instantly shot his brains out.