

WHERE FAKIRS MEET.

THEY HAVE AN EXCHANGE QUEER ENOUGH IN ITS ODD WAY.

It is in narrow and crowded Ann Street, convenient to the busy part of the Metropolis—something about a class of men who push novelties.

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Now, many persons have at some time walked from the city hall through Park row and down Broadway as far as Wall street, and have noticed that the streets were strangely empty of pedestrians.

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In the windows of one of these saloons is a small crystal lake, in the center of that a smaller island, and on that a bullfrog almost as large as the island.

Then one day he climbed on the island before mentioned and began to wonder why it was that catfish were allowed in a civilized country to carry stiletos behind their ears.

The exchange is unique. There will be days and days when it will be all insects and pupae closed, when you will see scarcely a member about the place.

They have capital within certain limits, and credit too. They will not deal in things that to their mind will not strike the public as either bargains or novelties.

They watch every toy and novelty manufacturing house in the business. They have scheduled novelties that at course change from year to year.

They watch every theatrical hit, every success of a public man, every great event, and in fact study the public taste much more closely than much greater men do.

They are in touch with all the wholesale houses in this city that deal in theatrical toys and novelties, and the managers of these houses have no hesitation in saying that so far as New York is concerned, and that means a good deal, these street fakirs are rare good judges of what will go and what will not.

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gated in June, 1889, makes Spain a complete democracy—a free and parliamentary democracy.—Emilio Castelar in Forum.

Traveled by Himself. When D. P. Loveland, of northern Vermont, purchased a farm in Shelton a serious problem presented itself to him.

Then he began at the other end, and packed in his household goods, taking his wagon and horse and cart for the sake of compactness.

NOT A BIRD IN SIGHT.

The Latest Hats and Bonnets Are Devoid of the Songster's Plumage.

Hats both large and small and small bonnets are worn this season. They are, as a rule, profusely trimmed, especially hats.

Straws are shown in greater variety than for some years past and are often very beautiful. Not only is there the usual display of plain and lace straws, with leghorn and neapolitan brads, but a number of coarse fancy straws and chipstraws seen, picturesque

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Points for House Cleaning. To avoid carpet moths: If you find no appearance of moths in your carpets use an "ounce of prevention."

In cleaning your pantry shelves use another "ounce of prevention." Sprinkle a mixture of powdered borax and pulverized alum underneath the shelves, and you won't be likely to be troubled with ants.

A remedy highly recommended for the extermination of rats and mice is cornmeal mixed with powdered sulphur. Spread the mixture in their favorite haunts, and it is claimed they will die from the premises in an incredibly short time.

Bad spots of oil or grease upon the carpet, which fail to yield to ordinary treatment, may often be removed with buck-wheat flour and water.

Grease spots upon wall paper may be removed with Fuller's earth. Make a thick paste, spread carefully upon the spots, and allow it to remain twenty minutes.

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The Flour Awards. "CHICAGO, Oct. 31.—The first official announcement of World's Fair diplomas on flour has been made. A medal has been awarded by the World's Fair judges to the flour manufactured by the Washburn, Crosby Co., in the great Washburn Flour Mills, Minneapolis. The committee reports the flour strong and pure, and entitles it to rank as first-class patent flour for family and bakers' use."

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Jet and spangles are seen everywhere. Jetted ostrich tips and quills are used in preference to plain ones.

A sketch is given of a close bonnet composed of a fine wire frame covered plain with silk net embroidered with a close pattern in black spangles and gold beads.

Three thousand children lose themselves yearly in New York and are found by the police in all parts of the city and frequently in a locality so far from their homes that they can give no idea of how they got there.

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Remonstrance was unavailing, for custom at that time allowed the magistrate to convict and punish at once, and in this case he acted as accuser, witness, jury, judge and sheriff, all in one.

At the expiration of the hour he was re-conducted to the house and hospitably entertained till the next morning, when the traveler departed with, let us hope, a determination to consider his words more carefully before giving them utterance in the hearing of a conscientious magistrate.

It is said that all true sportsmen abhor a pot hunter, and that no gentleman will pot a duck. But they all do it. I have done it myself.

There was a judding and no mistake. With the stealthy tread of a cat I approached my unsuspecting victims. I even got down and crawled. I was nearly to the willows, and peered cautiously through them to make sure.

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