How Snakes Climb.

How do snakes climb? is a question which has been frequently asked. Many have thought that they accomplish the feat by wrapping themselves about the tree and following a spiral course upward. Several years ago a story went the rounds of the papers to the effect that two woodchoppers, having felled a large oak tree several feet in diameter and very tall, found in its top two common blacksnakes.

After pondering for some time the men arrived at the conclusion that one snake had taken hold of each other's tail, and thus by co-operation they had been enabled to clasp the trunk, and by circling about it had ascended to the top.

Whatever probability may have attached to this conclusion has been dispelled by the observation of two young naturalists while hauling firewood from the forest.

A black snake, measuring perhaps a trifle over six fee , was found clinging to the side of a small tree, around which it could have wrapped itself nearly twice had it wished to do so. Instead of this the snake passed right and left at short distances, catching the folds along its under parts over and behind the slightly projecting roughness of bark.

As the snake rested only five or six feet off the ground one of the young men grasped its tail to test its climbing qualities, but so great was the force with which it pulled upward that it proved a difficult task to hold it. Finally, becoming annoyed at this ill-treatment, the snake reached down threateningly at the offending hands, and loosening its hold, fell to the ground. It was borne home in triumph, but was afterward returned uninjured to the forest.—*Youth's Companion.*

Chased By Mad Dogs.

No one had spoken at the club for about an hour when a raconteur rose to the occasion. Laying aside his pipe with a look of regret he began.

"It's a popular saying that barking dogs don't bite. Like other popular sayings this is a fallacy and misleading. Barking dogs do not bite while they are barking, but there is only one species of cannie that sneaks up to you and takes hold without saying a word. That is the Scotch collie, which inherits its habit of silent biting from a sheep nipping ancestry."

"Story! story!" called out the president.

"Story? 'God bless you! I have none to tell, sir,'" quoted the raconteur, remembering his classics; "this is only a memory of two dogs, accursed brutes that lived with an unfriendly men on a hill, over which the postroad was laid. This man, who was a Cain among his fellows, kept two savage mastiffs, who not only barked but bit whenever it was possible. I was courting my first wife up there in the Cumberland mountains in British North America where this happened, and had to pass the house regularly. I drove a blooded mare that went like a bird, and the dogs were no match for her but it was very annoying to have them follow me down the hill for a mile or more barking and yelping like demons. They would bark at the stage coaches and run long distances after them, but the passengers were safe inside and the driver and those on the outside were too high for them to reach. But I heard frequent stories of their attacking men, and being beaten off with sticks and stones. I asked why they were not killed and my answer was always the same, a shrug of the shoulder and the remark: 'You don't know the kind of man their owner is.' It seemed that he lived alone with his dogs, and people feared him so much they dare not go to him to complain or call in the provincial laws to help him.

A TERRIBLE CHASE.

"A crisis came, when one day I took my sweetheart out for a sleigh ride in a low pung belonging to her father, to which was harnessed my own sure and swift footed mare. It was a lovely day and we expected to make a safe and rapid descent of the mountain, a distance of ten or twelve miles. The air was crisp and cold, the sleighing fine, and we skimmed up the ascent and reached the landing before we knew we had started. There we were met by the dogs. I think it would have been less difficulty to have gotten rid of a pair of wolves. I dare not give my mare her head going down that long, steep declivity on frozen snow, and the dogs, emboldened by the cold or maddened by repeated lashings from my whip, jumped at my companion and tore her cloak and her dress in mouthsfuls. I clubbed with my whip and beat them on the head, but they did not even seem to feel my blows. Their great black and yellow frames quivered with ferocity. The hair on their backs stood up like manes; their eyeballs gleamed red and angry, and the noise they made was deafing and distracting.

"'Oh!' I exclaimed, 'why haven't I a pistol?'

"'Look in the box under the seat,' cried my companion, whose face was blanched.

"I looked quickly, and found a rusty double barreled horse pistol of a make of forty years ago."

"'Is it loaded?' I asked."

"'Yes, but don't shoot. If you do that man will kill you!"

TWO SHOTS FIXED THEM.

"I remember thinking how like a woman it was to tell me where to find the pistol and then asked me not to shoot.

"I laid the reins loose on the mare's back and away she went like the wind, beyond my control now, and I knew she would never stop till she was a mile beyond the level ground at the foot of the hill.

"If the pung held together; if nothing made the mare swerve from the direct line; if, in fact—if Providence kept an eye on us, and the breeching didn't break we might escape breaking our necks. I looked back and saw the dogs gaining on us, even at that mad gait—then I took aim and fired. Bang! Bang! There were two dark objects lying prone on the snowy road, and as quick as she could gather her feet under her my mare stopped in her tracks. She was trained to the use of a gun.

"But my companion urged me to hurry on, and we were soon down the incline and beyond the reach of recognition or pursuit, and strange to say no one but our two selves ever knew who killed those dogs. We heard the most marvelous accounts of the slaughter, the weapon varying from a Queen Anne musket to a cannon, but dead they were as door nails and their rein of terror over. I imagine their owner did not care to venture out to avenge their death. I drove boldly past the house every day, but was never molested or even suspected. But I often heard their unknown slayer praised and applauded for the deed which rid the neighborhood of their hateful presence.—*Detroit Free Press.*

John A. Longan, Jr., is of medium height, and has a natty, well knit figure. His hair is as dark as was that of his father.

Dr. Macune, who has become a prominent figure in the Farmers' Alliance, was formerly hotel clerk at Georgetown, Tex.

Local Institutes.

Following is the program for a joint institute, composed of Lower Turkeyfoot township, and the boroughs of Confluence and Ursina, to be held at Ursina on Saturday, December 5th, commencing at 10 a. m.:

Composition in the School-room, H. S. Weller.
Song, by the school.
Number Work, William H. Martin.
Minister and Teacher, Elder Camp.
Queries.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Essay, H. B. Anderson.
Essay, Work for Primary Pupils, Mattie Colborn.
Song, by the School.
Address, Superintendent Berkey.
Geography, Prof. J. D. Meese.
A New England School, Rev. Flinn.
Solo, Elder Camp.
A Criticism, Prof. J. Arnold.
Co-operation of Parents and Teachers, Wm. Reid.
Music.

EVENING SESSION.

Music.
Recitation, Rebecca Fulmer.
Discussion—"Should we have a Compulsory School Law?
Solo, Lizzie Thompson.
Recitation, Charles Critchfield.
Music and queries to be had at the option of the president.

A cordial invitation is extended to all friends of education.

COMMITTEE.

Following is the program for a local institute to be held at Stoyestown, District No. 3, beginning Friday evening, December 4, 1891, and to continue four sessions:

How to Retain Pupils in our Public Schools until they Graduate? R. M. Rininger.
Should the Teacher or Parent Decide what Branches a Child should Study? George Kimmell.
Physical Development, C. E. Berkey.
Vocal Music in our Common Schools, Miss Lottie Krissinger.
Free Text-books, Fred. G. Fryburg.
Should Pennsylvania have a Compulsory School Law? Miss Jo ie Shafer.
Objects of Punishment, Dr. G. A. Noon.
Professional Training, George S. Lohr.
Papers, Miss Anna Koehler, Miss Lizzie Hamer, Miss Edith Zorn, and S. S. Schlag.
Recitations, Misses Mary Metzgar, Lillie Custer, Marion Speicher, Edith Downs, Lillie Metzgar, Mary Brubaker, Ida Miller, Lottie Taylor, Messrs. J. M. Wilt, J. Livengood, John Penrod.
Select Reading, Della Shaffer.
Vocal Solos, Mattie Brubaker and Flo B. Custer.
Organist, Melissa Bowman.

The program will be interspersed with music and queries. Patrons and friends of education are cordially invited to attend and participate in the exercises. Come, and bring your friends with you.

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A Wonder Worker.

Mr. Frank Hoffman, a young man of Burlington, Ohio, states that he had been under the care of two prominent physicians, and used their treatment until he was not able to get around. They pronounced his case to be Consumption and incurable. He was persuaded to try Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, Coughs and Colds and at that time was not able to walk across the streets without resting. He found, before he had used half of a dollar bottle, that he was much better; he continued to use it and is to-day enjoying good health. If you have any Throat, Lung or Chest Trouble try it. We guarantee satisfaction. Trial bottle free at

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Greeley Before the Camera.

Horace Greeley dreaded the camera more than any man I ever saw. He was brought to my studio by Whitelaw Reid and Sam Sinclair, famous in his day as one of the great workers on The Tribune. That great editor had just been nominated for the presidency of the United States. He come into my studio with an armful of papers, threw himself carelessly in the chair, adjusted his glasses, turned to the editorial page of The Tribune, began reading one of his own articles, and, without raising his eyes to me, said, "Fire away!" He had a great armful of papers, which he threw on the floor at his feet. When I was ready to take the picture I posed him properly and made a very good impression. I took him in several positions, and I noticed that every time there was a moment's delay with the camera he picked up his papers and began reading with avidity.

At the same time I took a group portrait of Greeley, with Whitelaw Reid on one side and Sinclair on the other. I doubt if any of those pictures are in existence. But the photograph then made at the first sitting of Greeley alone is the one generally accepted as the best likeness. I have in my possession a letter from him acknowledging the receipt of the pictures—at least I suppose that is what it does, for it has taxed the ability of experts in chirography to decipher it. I regard it, however, as a pleasant memento of the great journalist and statesman.—A. Bogardus in Ladies' Home Journal.

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Farmers Did Not Agree.

HARRISBURG, Nov. 12.—The meeting today of the State Farmers' Alliance is said to have been attended with much friction caused by a resolution to indorse the Ocala platform, including the sub-treasury scheme. Some of the delegates said they did not understand the financial plan well enough to justify them in voting, committing themselves to it. Finally a resolution was offered by Judge Eldred, of Lycoming, endorsed the Ocala platform with a reservation as to the sub-treasury scheme.

Among resolutions adopted were the following: Demanding the passage of laws prohibiting alien ownership of land, and that Congress promptly devise some plan to obtain all lands now owned by aliens and foreign syndicates; demanding Government supervision of telegraph and railroad lines; demanding the election of President, Vice President, United States Senators and all Judges by a direct vote of the people; asking that the oleomargarine laws be repealed and others enacted compelling the sale of oleomargarine for what it actually is, and requiring that sold in Pennsylvania to be colored pink, and demanding of the Legislature the passage of a law making the granting of passes by transportation, express and telegraph companies a criminal offence.

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To Our Subscribers.

The special announcement which appeared in our columns some time since, announcing a special arrangement with Dr. B. J. Kendall Co., of Enosburgh Falls, Vt., publishers of "A Treatise on the Horse and his Diseases," whereby our subscribers were enabled to obtain a copy of that valuable work free by sending their address to B. J. Kendall Co., (and enclosing a two-cent stamp for mailing same) is renewed for a limited period. We trust all will avail themselves of the opportunity of obtaining this valuable work. To every lover of the Horse it is indispensable, as it treats in a simple manner all the diseases which afflict this noble animal. Its phenomenal sale throughout the United States and Canada, make it standard authority. *Mention this paper when sending for "Treatise."*

Though everybody knows that ex-Senator Blanche K. Bruce, the colored Mississippian, holds the position of recorder of deeds in the District of Columbia, it is not generally understood that this is the best paying federal office after the presidency.

Spots on the Sun.

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Address of Welcome—Levi Koontz.
Response—M. D. Reel.
Recitation—C. P. Cable.
Primary Reading—Mary McGregor.
Physiology and how to teach it—B. F. Lambert.
Moral training in the school—W. R. Berkebile.
Literature—M. L. Rankin.
School-room regulations—M. E. Berkebile.
Use of a Dictionary—J. J. Shafler.
Select Reading—Cora Berkebile.
The word Method—B. L. Horner.
What should determine a teachers salary—L. D. Sibe, David Cable.
Declamation—Albert Horner.
Class-drill in Geography—M. D. Reel.
Three sessions.

Program will be interspersed with music and queries. All are invited to attend.

"Red Nose Mike's" Plunder Found.

WILKESBARRE, Nov. 12.—At Pine Ridge, four miles from here, a party of boys while playing in the woods found a satchel containing $600. The detectives of this city are of the opinion that the money is a part of the "Red Nose Mike" plunder after the McClure-Flanigan murder. It was found partially uncovered a short distance from the roadway and near the scene of the murder of the paymaster and his assistant.

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Out of Door Papers.

In the early spring will be begun a number of seasonable articles, among them being: *Small Country Places*, how to lay out and beautify them, by SAMUEL PARSONS, JR. *Fishing Lore from an Angler's Note-Book*, by LEROY M. YALE. *Mountain Station Life in New Zealand*, by SIDNEY DICKINSON. *Racing in Australia*, by SIDNEY DICKINSON, with illustrations by BIRGE HARRISON. The illustrations are made from original material.

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