

A STRANGE VISITOR.

The Immense Self-Preservation He Displayed in an Encounter with a Big Snake in the Central Park, New York.

"It is the third one that has been found in the park this spring," said a man at the arsenal, holding out a curious spiny-looking object for a San reporter to look at.

The animal was about four inches long, and unpleasant to look at. Its body was flat, the upper surface covered with short dark spines, and the under surface with small plates.

"I've had this one a week," continued the fly-catcher's captor, "and carry him in my vest pocket; in fact, he's quite a pet; will eat flies from my hand as you have seen, and is warranted not to bite, though he could pinch a piece out of a nail if he felt inclined."

"You wouldn't think such a creature would know anything," continued the owner of the lizard, "but a snake has to wake up early in the season to get the best of it. I call him Samson, because the first day I had him he pushed under the leg of a heavy chair that was tipped against the wall and fairly knocked it over."

"I caught a big striped snake about two weeks ago. I was standing in my yard when along came a big toad, putting in its best hops, and right behind it the snake, so intent on the chase that it came right up to me. I caught it and kept it for some time in a box with a glass top, and one day it struck me that the spines on the lizard must have been intended as a preventer against snakes."

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"Speaking of lizards, probably the finest collection in the country is in the arsenal here. Most of them are in alcohol, but the larger ones are stuffed. They were all collected and named by Prince Maximilian, the great naturalist, of Neid, Germany. He died some years ago, and the trustees of the museum bought most all his collection

of birds, mammals and reptiles. The anolis is represented in this collection by a small specimen in alcohol, which is first from showing the true characteristics of the lizard. When alive it is a very beautiful animal, having a large throat pouch with peculiar markings. It seems to be without fear. I once owned one that would crawl into my lap and over my shoulder, examining every crevice in my clothes with the greatest care.

A Taste of Maine Birch. The traveler and camper-out in Maine, unless he penetrates its more northern portion, has less reason to remember it as a pine-tree State than a birch-tree State.

Uncle Nathan, our guide, said it was made especially for the camper out, and for the woodmen and frontiersmen generally. It is a magazine, a furnishing store set up in the wilderness, whose goods are free to every comer.

It appears, says Dr. C. O. Coel, that some wholesale dealers in the north of Russia have each season to dispose of more than half a million of bad eggs laid by hens.

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A Japanese Doctor.

Traveling in the interior of Japan has sundry drawbacks. The water is bad, and there is a lack of such food as a civilized stomach can digest. The traveler is also assailed by myriads of fleas, hornets, and a fly which bites like a mosquito.

Lighting his pipe he smoked and continued his patient. After again making an examination he clapped his hands three times. A servant entered carrying a handsome black lacquer chest. Inside there was a medicine chest of gold lacquer, fitted up with shelves, drawers, bottles, etc.

On being asked to name his fee the doctor, after many bows and much sucking in of his breath, suggested that half a yen (fifty cents) might not be too much. The lady by giving him a whole yen (a dollar) called forth fervent expressions of gratitude.

Subsequently she invited him to dinner, and had her gravity nearly upset by his noisy gulping, gurgling and drawing in of the breath. By these performances, most distressing to a European, but which Japanese etiquette prescribes, he showed his appreciation of the repast.

The latest man who has been made happy through the use of this valuable liniment is Mr. James A. Conlan, Librarian of the Union Catholic Library of this city. The following is Mr. Conlan's indorsement: UNION CATHOLIC LIBRARY ASSOCIATION, 204 DEARBORN STREET, CHICAGO, Sept. 16, 1880.

Member of this department relieved of rheumatism by the use of St. Jacobs Oil, says Geo. W. Walling, Esq., Superintendent Police New York, in one of our exchanges.

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