The Tame Alligator. " You see that item in one of the spers about faming young alligators, reokon," said the Gravesend man, apturing the city editor by the buttonbole and drawing him into the door way. "You know the paper said it was a fashionable thing to do."

"I don't remember. Perhaps I did. What of it?" saked the city editor. "I tried it," mid the Gravesend man. "A friend of mine brought me one from New Orleans, and I'm taming that alligator for the children to play with." " How does the experiment come along," asked the city editor.

"I don't know about the experiment; the alligator is thrivin'. He was six weeks' old when I got him two months ago, and he is seven years old now. People in our parts say he's all the alligator I'll ever need."

"What does he do?" "Well, it's here. When he came be was a sportive little cass and just wabbled around friendly. He was chiefly mouth, and we used to feed him for the fun of seein' him eat. Now we skin around when we see him comin' for the fun of seein' him go hungry."

"Is he dangerous?" asked the city

"I haven't been close enough to see. He eat up my dog, and when I left this mornin' he was in the sty arguin' the question of pork as a diet with the pig. My wife thinks if the pig has any luck he will find the cow we lost." "Better get rid of him, hadn't you ?"

suggested the city editor. "I don't know," said the Gravesend man. "We've stored so much away in him now that it seems like givin' up most of our property, and my eldest girl says she can't hear of havin' her leg go out among strangers."

"Did he bite her leg off?" demanded the horrified city editor.

"Sure," responded the Gravesend man. "Took it off short! Then here's the baby. We hate to part with the baby's grave, so we try and keep the alligator along. My wife insists on keepin' him, 'cause she thinks she saw a couple o' peddlers go in one day, packs and all, and she's got an idea the packs may come to the front again if we hold on. Besides, she seen that item about tame alligators being fashnable, and she's got a good deal on

"But do you call that alligator tame ?"

"Cert'nly. He comes right into the house, same's any of us, and keeps himself. He's got that heel," and the Gravesend man pointed to a mutilated foot. "There's my son's wife, too. She's part alligator now. He eat her up a week ago and the boy hasn't got over his arm yet. The alligator got the arm, too.

"Great scott !" ejaculated the city

"Oh, yes, it's lively down there. When he puts himself up he's business. He's the lightninest alligator for a tame one you ever saw. When we first got him we used him for a tack hammer, drew nails with him; but now he's the head of the family, except payin' the rent. When there is any mysterious disappearance around Gravesend the coroner comes and views the alligator. That ends it. When the baby was snatched they held the inquest in a tree. The jury was all on one limb, and the alligator underneath looking up. Bimeby the limb broke, and the jury disappeared in a row, just as they sat. We didn't wait for any verdict. The coroner gave me a permit, and after the funeral we shied an empty coffin at the alligator. Then the minister said dust to dust, and we all dusted. Do you remember whether that item said what a real tame alligator ought to be fed on?'

Don't recollect seeing it at all. Aren't you afraid he'll eat up some of your family?"

"Think he's liable to?" asked the Gravesend man, with a curious expression of visage. "He might. Suppose he should get

your wife?" "Ah!" said the Gravesend man.
"He might get her mighten he? You think I'd better keep him, then?" and the Gravesend man leaned against the door and gave himself up to reflection. "Bo he might, so he might," the city young tame alligator may get her yet," and the gloom of nightfall enveloped the frame dilating with a new hope .-

Brooklyn Eagle.

Creamy Gold.

According to the statistics of the Northwestern Dairymen's association there are 12,442,137 cows in the United States, which yield their owners an annual profit of \$35. Strange as it may seem, says one writer, the poultry in-terests of the country, and the poultry and dairy, which go together generally, though separated in this figuring, is greater than the beef trade. By reference to the figures of the New York produce exchange it will be found, and may astonish some, that six thousand barrels of eggs are sold there every week, which, at \$12 per barrel, makes a total of \$72,000, or for the year in one city, \$3,744,000 paid for eggs alone. Then think of the chickens, the turkeys, the geese and other fowls sold there, and the eggs and fowl sold in Chicago and throughout the country. This, however, is nothing compared to the dairy interest since the creamery and co-operative system has been introduced, and which is now in vogue everywhere in Illinois, Iowa and Wis-

Raising the Wind.
Once Tom Sheridan asked his father for a supply of cash. "Money I have

none," was the reply.
"But money I must have," said the

"If that be the case," said the affectionste parent, "you will find a case of loaded pistols upstairs and a horse ready saddled in the stable-the night is dark, and you are within half a mile of Hounslow heath?"

"I understand what you mean," said Tom, "but I tried that last night. I unluckily stopped Peake, your treasurer, who told me that you had been beforehand with him and had robbed him of every sixpence in the world."-

The Baking Business.

The baker comes down to us from an tiquity and has always figured more or less prominently in sacred and profane history. Witness the conspicuous part played by Pharoah's baker, and the ancarance of the functionary in nursery lore in connection with the butcher and the candle-stick maker. The baker and his cavernous oven belong to many lands and many ages, but it was reserved for modern days to transform the industrfrom an enlargement of the domestic process into one of the branches of trade employing labor-saving chinery.

Let us first inspect the cracker department. The cracker is a "peculiar institution." The dough is first prepared in long troughs. It is then put into a "worm," where a device which resembles a huge corkscrew turns and twists it, gives it its final kneading and forces it into a trough, from which it is passed through rollers and appears in a long sheet, ready to be cut into crackers. This work is performed by a cutting machine, which by sliding the sheet of dough on a table under a die outs out 720 crackers a minute. These are taken from the table on a flat wooden shovel and deposited in the oven, and the clippings are thrown back into the dough trough. Gazing in at the mouth of the oven we see a spacious compartment which we are told measures twenty feet square and thirty feet deey. It is heated by a furnace in the basement of the building.

The oven contains eight shelves, nine feet long and three feet wide, arranged on a revolving frame and holding two and a half barrels of crackers. Eight minutes are required for the baking, and as soon as one shelf is emptied it is filled again from the cutting table. The baked crackers are conveyed to bins in the upper story by an arrangement somewhat similar to that by which grain is elevated. The buckets empty the crackers into a bin where they are allowed to cool and fall into a receptacle beneath, from which they are taken and packed. The packing machine is a curiously contrived device, and arranges the crackers in rows so as to greatly facilitate the work of the packer. About thirty-two barrels per day is the product of the establishment of which we speak.

Let us pass to that part of the bakery where ginger snaps are made. Long, thin sheets of "snap" dough pass be-neath a cutting machine, similar to that used for crackers, which punches out twelve snaps at a stroke or 864 per minute! The cakes are then passed through steam and water to give them a glossy appearance, and are then placed in the oven, which has tables revolving horizontally. One turn of the tables bakes the thin snaps, and two turns does the business for the thicker ones. The time taken to convert the dough into a baked snap is only about five minutes, and 50,000 snaps per hour, or 500,000 per day is the product.

After all, bread is the most important product of the baker. Here we see out every day is 3,100. About 500 now and then. loaves of brown bread are baked daily, some cooked by heat and steam, the latter process requiring six hours.

Grant as a Lover.

Hearing that there was a lady living in this city who had once been courted by General U. S. Grant, and who had refused her hand in early womanhood to this noted American civil and military character, a Constitution reporter sought an interview with the lady, with very satisfactory results. The newspaper representative found the early sweetheart of Grant's to be a lady considerably advanced in years, yet still large, active and buoyant, and not nearly so reticent as the general. She had not seen General Grant since the '50s, she said, and then his father carried on a tannery in Portsmouth, O. She once had occasion to reside for a time in the family of a farmer whose editor heard him say as he drew away and left him there. "That beautiful a line of fence between—and it was during her stay at this farmhouse that she was courted by General Grant. It must have been in the spring-time, for she says she and Grant would meet at the division fence, on each side of which were beautiful flowers. "Ulick," said she, "would say to me,

"Let's gather flowers and see who will have the most kinds when we get through."

"You mean Grant when you say 'Ulick ?' " interrupted the reporter;

'his name is Ulysses." "Yes," she replied, "we always called him 'Ulick, and while he was courting me and wanted to marry me my father used to laugh at him, and lague me, saying: 'He is the greenestlooking boy I ever saw," and chuck ling to herself she added: "and he was a green-looking fellow. I re-member the last time I saw 'Ulick.' We had been buggy riding. We had alighted from the buggy and he stood leaning with one arm on the wheel of the vehicle and looking into my face he said, Well, Ellen (my name is Eleanor, but they called me Ellen), if I ever find anybody that I love well enough to marry and am so fortunate as to have a daughter, you know what that daughter's name will be." The daughter's name is Nellie, a pretty contraction of Eleanor.

"We shall not publish your name," said the representative, "since you have been so kind and courteous to us, without permission. Can we use your name?" Finally she remarked: "I am not ashamed of my father's name; it was Charles Brandon, and my maiden name was Eleanor Brandon. My first husband's name was John Spaulding. Further than this I will not go."— Keokuk (Iowa) Constitution.

The publishers of the Bichmond (Va.) En quirer heartily recommend Dr. Bull's Cough Syrup and say: "It has been well tried in our office and composing from, and has cured our city editor of a very bad case of Bronchitis."

Wonders of the Brain.

Dr. H. W. Mitchell, of New York, in

lecture on the " Brain and Its Wonders," said that the cerebellum of the brain presided over the organ of motion, and that it could be removed from ani mals without taking away their intelli gence. The effect, however, would be that they could not move. The same symptoms, he said, could be observed in man under the influence of alcohol. If the latter takes too much of the stimulant his cerebellum and the little cells of which it is composed refuse to do their work and the man staggers. He claimed that a person learning to play on the pisno and a lady threading a needle were regulated by their cerebellum, and without its assistance could do neither. He said that the medulla oblongata was the most vital part of the whole system, and if run through with a knife life would be destroyed in an instant. Advantage has been taken of this in the process of hanging people, and the garrote had been introduced on the same principal. He claimed that the brain could not get along without nerves and that it had twelve pairs of them. The first three nerves were of special sense—olfactory, optic and auditory. The olfactory nerve was not have, after years of experience and observado neither. He said that the medulla ditory. The olfactory nerve was not very well defined in man, as it was not necessary, but it reached its highest development in dogs, cats and rats. It was more perceptible in the rat than in any other animal, and the bloodhound came next in order. After describing the optic nerve the lecturer said that the sense of hearing was less developed in man than in the animal. He con-tended that if either of the three nerves mentioned were cut there would be no sense of pain and that the only result would be the destruction of the sense of smell, sight or hearing The fifth nerve, he said, confers sensibility on the face, and when irritated gives rise to intense pain. He insisted that the pneumo-gastric nerve was the great vital nerve of the whole body, and said that if it were divided our respiration would cease at once. He then explained the workings of the spinal cord and its connection with the brain, and concluded by reciting the effects of alcohol, chloroform, opinm and strychnine on that organ of the body.

Effect of Heat on the Nerves.

Dr. William A. Hammond, the distinguished neurologist, in an article in Our Continent with the taking title, " How to Escape Nervousness," warns against over eated apartments. He says: An overheated apartment always enervates its occupants. It is no uncommon thing to find rooms heated n winter by an underground furnace up to ninety degrees. Fights and murders are more numerous in bot than in cold weather, and the artificially heated air that rushes into our rooms, deprived as it is of its natural gone, is even more productive of vicious passions. It is no surprising circumstance. Derefore circumstance, wherefore, to find the woman who swelters all day in such a a revolving crank in an iron trough temperature, and adds to it at night by mixing ten barrels of flour in eight superfluous bedelothing, cross and minutes. The bread is given four disagreeable from little every-day troubles that would scarcely ruffle hex is ascertained before it passes to the temper if she kept her room at sixtyoven. The number of loaves turned degrees and opened the windows every

A Picture Worth Beholding.

catching the light from a larger one opposite, in one of the offices of Adams Express Company, at 59 Broadway, New York—the office occupied by Mr. W. H. Hall, head of the delivery department—is a plainly finished but neatly framed chromo about 2½ by 3 feet in size, which is looked upon by hundreds of people daily, on many of whom it has a wonderful and salutary effect. It represents a flight of half a dozen rough stone st ps leading from the swarded bank of a placid lake to a little rustic temple set in the rugged side of the mountain which rises in stupendous proportions in the back-ground all covered with a rank luxuriant growth of foliage in brush and tree. In the open door of this little temple stands a half concealed figure, with an arm and hand extended, holding forth a small, dimly defined package, while seated on the sward at the foot of the steps an aged pilgrim, barefooted, lame and decrepid, bears a staff in one hand, and in the other holds before his dim eyes a small bottle, whose label he eagerly scans. This label bears the words "St. Jacobs Oil the Great German Remedy. Simple as this little chromo appears in its uncatentatious position, it has an influence which it would be difficult to estimate. " It is to that picture and the persuasions of Mr. Hall," said Mr. Edward J. Douglass, a gentleman connected with Mr. Hall's department, " that I owe my peresent ability to perform my work. Some weeks ago I was violently attacked with sciatic rheumatism, and hour by hour I grew worse, and nothing my family or the doctor could do gave me any relief. I began to think in a few days that my case was hopeless and that I was doomed to be an invalid and helpless cripple for life. But at last I thought of that picture which I had so often looked at with but little interest, and then Mr. Hall came to my bedside, and telling me how St Jacobs Oil had cured him of a worse and longer standing case than mine, urged me to use the same remedy. I did so that very night, directing my wife not to spare it but to apply it thoroughly ac-cording to the directions; this she did with a large piece of flannel cloth saturated with the Oil, and then bound the cloth to the affected parts. The next morning I was free from pain, and although a little sore in the hip, was able to dress myself, and the next day resumed my duties in the office as sound as a dollar. Here I am now in full health and strength, having had no touch of rheumatism or other pain since. Whenever I see one of our drivers or any other person who shows any symptoms of lameness or stiffness, I point him to the picture in Mr. Hall's office, and then direct him to go for St. Jacobs Oil at once."— New York Evening Telegram.

Mr. Tsu, one of the retiring Chinese legation at Washington, wished to remain, but his mother commanded him to return, and in China the mother's nommand is law.

Moses How, Esq., of Haverhill, Mass, strongly indorses St. Jacobs Oil for rheumatism, etc., from the observation of its effects in his factory as also in his own family -so we see from one of our Massachusetta exchanges.-Bridgeport (Conn.) Standard.

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THAT BIOR EXPERIENCE. & Free Press Interview Sestained and Its Bource Revenled.

Source Revented.
(Detroit Free Press.)

A few months ago an interview with a prominent and well known physician, formerly a resident of Detroit, but now living in New York, appeared in the columns of this paper. The statements made by the doctor and the facts he divulged were of so unusual a nature as to cause no little commotion among those who read them, and many inquiries were raised as to the genuineness of the interview and the validity of the statements it contained. The name of the physician was at that time suppressed at his own request. The seal of secrecy, however, can now be removed, as the important and interesting letter which appears below will abundantly show. In order, how-Important and interesting letter which appears
below will abundantly show. In order, however, that the resder may better understand
this letter, a few extracts are herewith given
from the interview in question:
After an exchange of courtesies and a few
reminiscences about the war, in which the doc-

have, after years of experience and observa-tion, come to the conclusion that truth is the highest of all things, and that if prejudice or bigotry stand in the way of truth so much the worse for them—they are certain to be crushed sooner or later. Why, when I knew you in Detroit, I would no sooner have thought of violating the code of ethics laid down by the of violating the code of ethics laid down by the profession, or of prescribing anything out of the regular order, than I would of amputating my hand. Now, however, I prescribe and advise those things which I believe to be adapted to care, and which my experience has proven to be such."

"How did you come to get such heretical ideas as those, doctor?"

"Oh, they are the result of my experience and observation. I obtained my first ideas upon the subject, though, from having been cured after all my care and the skill of my professional brethren had failed to relieve me, why, I was as badly off as many of my patients, Why, I was as badly off as many of my patients, with a complication of troubles, including dyspepsia and consequently imperfect to beyond liver, and I teared I should have to give up my practice. For months I suffered untold agonics. Dull, indefinite pains in various parts of the body; a lack of interest in everything around me; a loss of appetite; headaches; all those disagreeable symptoms were added to pains which were both acute and constant. Sick as I was, however, I became restored to health in a most sur; rising magner, and in an incredibly short space of time, and it was this neith in a most sur; rising magner, and it was this incredibly short space of time, and it was this that proved a revelation to me. That was the starting point, and my prejudices faded rapidly after that, I can assure you. I went to reading extensively, and analyzing more extensively, and since that time I have discovered many things of real value to humanity. Why, only a few days ago I ad-

vised a lady who was suffering from a serious female difficulty and displacement to use the same remody which cured me. I saw her this morning and she is nearly well; the pain and inflammation are all gone and she is around as usual. We have no right in the medical fraternity to sit back and say there is no such thing as improvement or advancement, or that we have a monopoly of the remedies which na-ture has given to mankind. There are great changes going on in every department of life, and there are great developments in medicine from supposed typhoid fever, rheumatism or other complaints, when in reality it is from trichina, caused by cating poorly-cooked and diseased pork. Thousands of children are dying every year from dropsy as the apparent sequel to scarlatina, when in reality it is from diseased kidneys which have become weak-ened by the fever they have just had."

"Well, doctor, you have got some new truths here, certainly, but they sound very rea-sonable to me."

sonable to me." "Well, whether they are reasonable or not, I have demonstrated to my own satisfaction that they are true, and I propose to stand by them, no matter how much opposition I may raise by A Picture Worth Beholding.

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The above are some of the principal points in the interview referred to. Now for the sequel, The following outspoken letter from the doctor imself, which has just been received, is published in full:

Editor Detroit Free Press: Some times ago a reporter of your paper had an interview with me which he said he would like to publish. I consented on condition that you would not mention my name until I gave you would not mention my name until I gave you permission. I have now accomplished the purpose I had in mind, and wish to say to you (which you can publish or not as you see fit) that I had debated for a long time whether I would shake off some of the professional fetters which bound me with others for years, and tell the trnth, or not. When I looked back, and thought of the tortures, like those described by Dante in his trip to the infernal regions, which I endured from dy-pepsia, and recalled how much I would have given at that time for the relief which I have since obtained, I determined that I would take the step so long meditated that I would take the step so long meditated and thereby discharge a duty to my fellow men. If I could thereby save one poor mortal one night of the terrible suffering I endured I would be fully satisfied, be the other conse-quences what they might.

My dyspeptic condition was produced by a torpid liver, which did not, as a consequence, remove the bue from the blood. This profluced derangement of the stomach, inflammatimed derangement of the stomach, inflamma-tion of its coats, dyspeps a, constipation, head-sche, depression of spirits, yellow complexion, fat-covered eyes, chilis and fever; in short, I was miserable to the last degree. I appealed in vain to my books, to my skill and to my follow physicians. The mystery of my ill-health grew deeper. I traveled everywhere— exhaused all authorized expedients—but to no

purpose! When in this frame of mind, desperately in need of help, but expecting none, one of my unprofessional friends called my attention unprofessional friends called my attention to some unusual cures wrought by a prominent remedy and urged me to try it. I emphatically declined. But secretly, and with the firm determination that I would never let anybody know what I had done, I began its use. It was only an experiment, you know, but, for that matter, all medical treatment is experimental. Well, to make a long and surprising story short, I experienced a sort of physical revolution. My skin got a better color. My liver resumed its functions. I no lenger had to arouse the bowels with eath rince. My headaches desappeared. "Nature did it," I reasoned. But, determined to push the investigation to the extreme, while I push the investigation to the extreme, while I was in active work, I tried the effect of the remedy on my patients affiliated with kidney, giver and urinsry diseases, watching every development carefully and studiously. Then I was completely disarmed, for the remedy

stood every test imposed!

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A VETERAN SEAMAN'S TROUBLE.

Editor Inter-Ocean, Chicago, 12.1 send you this,

A VETERAN SEAMAN'S TROUBLE.

Editor Inter-Ocean, Chicago, Id.: I send you this, feeling that the information conveyed will be of material benefit to many of your readers. One of our oldest citizens, Captain C. W. Boynten, the Government Light-house keeper at this point, is probably one of the oldest seamen in America, having sailed twenty-six years on salt water. After this forty-six years' retrice his eyesight falled him and he kept the Light at Chicago until the Government built the Gross Point Light here, when he was transferred. While seated in my store this marning the Captain volunteered the following written statement: "This is to certify that I have been afflicted with rheumatism for twenty (20) years, both in my side and limbs. I am happy to say that, after using less than two bottless of the Sr. Jacobs On. I am entirely free from pain, though still limping somewhat when walking, from long force of habit. C. W. BOYNTON."

Reignring to the foregoing facts, I might allude to munerous similar cases that have come to my notice, but "a word to the wise is sufficient."

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