nain alone, and look after the ark. Of course Arthur was not afraid. He seerned the idea. What should be be

ARTHUR.

were ripe berries on the opposite side

of the glade. When he had gathered and eaten these he saw more berries

happen to most anybody at any time. It could not be counted as crying. As he sat there in the darkness, try-

coming out all right after all; for a light

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bank at a safe distance below.

Uncle Phin was helpless with terror, and completely bewildered by the sud-denness of the peril that threatened

of the river, and how, as the fierce

blasts swept down and struck the broad-side of the ark, she tugged and strained at her moorings. Now he remembered

this, and was quick to turn his observa-

Seizing the axe he severed at a single blow the rope holding the boat at one

blow the rope holding the boat at one end, and then, running to the other, cut that with equal promptness. Next, thrusting a long pole into Uncle Phin's trembling hands, he bade the old man shove off from shore with all his strength, at one end, while, with a lighter pole, he did the same thing at the other. Their feeble strength would have availed little, but for the powerful aid lent by the favoring gale. While this hurled the advancing flames fiercely toward them, it also drove them, at

ly toward them, it also drove them, at first slowly, then more rapidly, beyond reach of the danger.

There was hardly ten feet of open water between the ark and the shore she had just left, when the flames sprang down the bank, and began to spread over the surface of the river,

the oil burning here as readily as on

land. For a minute it seemed as though the fire must catch and devour them after all. Its flames leaped eagerly for-ward, like a million writhing serpents, with red forked tongues darting after

life!" shouted Arthur from his end of the boat, where he was breathlessly ex-erting every ounce of strength that his sturdy little frame could yield.

"I's a pushin', honey!" answered the old man, with the veins of his forehead standing out like whip cords. "I is a

pushin'; but unless de good Lawd push wir us, we hain't got no show."

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But the good Lord did push with these, His helpless ones, and His strong wind bore their drifting boat forward faster than it did the hungry flames. The current of course set them down stream at the same time, and thus, moving in a diagonal direction, they IRA MCJUNKIN.

their prey.

and a quarter of that distance out toward its center. Here the old man and the boy laid down their now useless poles, and watched the wonder-fully beautiful, but fearful sight, while they recovered their spent breath.

The great tank was still vomiting forth sheets of flame and clouds of smoke. None of the others had caught fire; and an eccasional gleam of light, reflected from the sheet of reflected from the white walls of the Chapman's cottage, showed them that it

was still safe.

At length, as they were rapidly nearing the opposite side of the river, the current bore them around a sharp turn, that almost instantly hid the whole glowing seens from them, and plunged them into a darkness, the more intense on account of the recent glare.

With this turn of the river the gale.

With this turn of the river the gale, now acting on the other side of the boat, drove it back toward the bank they had left; and thus, for several hours, as they followed the windings of the crooked stream, they were carried, now almost to one side, and then nearly to the oth-er. As they could see absolutely noth-ing of where they were, or whither they were going, they were quite ignorant of their surroundings. Nor did they know whathad happened, when, about mid-night, their boat was driven violently upon some obstruction, and its movement was suddenly arrested.

The storm had passed, so that there was no longer any lightning to give them instantaneous photographs of the scene about them. The wind still blew a gale, and, as they could hear it lashing the branches of the forest trees, ap-parently directly above their heads, they concluded that they must have

been driven ashore.
Although both Arthur and Une Phin were too excited and too anxious to go to bed, there was nothing they could do to improve their situation until the morning light should disclose its teatures. So they closed the doors and windows of their house and lighted the new lamp. How snug and cheerful the rude little cabin now looked. How homelike it seemed, and what a fine chelter it was from the cability in the form the cability in the cability in the form the cability in the cability i

shelter it was from the gale that was Arthur said he was hungry, and, as Uncle Phin said he was hungry also they drew upon their slender store of provisions for a light lunch, after which Arthur read aloud from his book the tale of the Steadfast Lead Soldier. The old negro thought it a very nice story, though not so good as it would be had the lead soldier been alive. Then he told Arthur, for about the thousandth time, the story of how Brer Rabbit and Brer Fox went a fishing; and before it was finished the tired child was fast asleep. Then Uncle Phin lifted him gently into

subsided almost to a calm, concluded to go to bed himself.

So the ark was again left to take care of itself; and when its inmates next awoke, it was not only broad day-light, but nearly noon. They now dis-covered that their craft had indeed been covered that their craft had indeed been driven ashore, on the same side of the river that they had left the preceding evening, though of course many miles below the pumping station. There were now no houses in sight, nor any traces of human beings; nothing, so far as they could see, but a thick forest. After a few ineffectual efforts, they found that it was useless to try and push the ark off with poles into deep water. She was hard and fast aground, and they was hard and fast aground, and they could not budge her a single inch. So they decided to have breakfast first, and make up their minds what to do afterwards, and while Uncle Phin prepared the simple meal, Arthur made the beds, and swept out the cabin with his fine new broom of

world, would be kind to him. They would probably invite him to stay to supper, and show him the way to the ark afterward. Then he would ask them to help him and Uncle Phin get the boat afloat, and his becoming lost

While these thoughts passed through his mind, the boy was making his way, as rapidly as possible, through the woods in the direction of the light, that grew brighter and more distinct with each step. He still carried his precious book in one hand and the great bunch CHAPTER VI.

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was moored, nothing could have saved her from destruction by the torrent of blazing oil that rushed down the slope toward her. Even her occupants would have stood but a slight chance of escaping. The stream of leaping flame was so wide, and carried the stream of leaping flame was so wide, and carried the stream of leaping flame with a large toward them with a large toward to examine her situation.

With amazement.

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Some of easy positions, were grouped a number of men and one boy. They were ragged, dirty and unshaven. Their them were sampled to examine the structure of the arm of the structure of the arm of so wide, and came toward them with such extraordinary swiftness, that, before they could have reached the shore and run beyond its limits in either direction, it would have been upon them Their only chance would have been to throw themselves into the swift current of the river from the opposite side of the same that the rest of the river from the opposite side of the river from the oppos

particularly as they had any provisions canough to last a to mays, and knew not where they were to obtain more. Then too, as it was now the month of October, too, as it was now the month of October, about that part of the country, flocked about that part of the country, flocked about that part of the country, flocked denness of the peril that threatened them. Thus it was entirely owing to Arthur's presence of mind and quick wit that their boat was saved and they escaped the necessity of taking the desperate plunge, that would probably have drowned one or both of them. The boy had noticed that the storm came from over the hills on their side of the river, and how, as the flerce would be apt to fall lower and truncing parameters. Now, he proposed to when happened to be prowling about that part of the country, flocked when night overtook them. Sometiver would be apt to fall lower and truncing about that part of the country, flocked when night overtook them. Sometiver would be apt to fall lower and truncing about that part of the country, flocked when night overtook them. Sometiver would be apt to fall lower and truncing about that part of the country, flocked when night overtook them. Sometiver would be apt to fall lower and truncing about that part of the country, flocked when night overtook them. Sometiver would be apt to fall lower and truncing about that part of the country, flocked when night overtook them. Sometiver would be apt to fall lower and truncing about that part of the country, flocked when night overtook them. Sometiver would be apt to fall lower and truncing that the part of the country, flocked when night overtook them. Sometiver would be apt to fall lower and truncing the provided when night overtook them. Sometiver would be apt to fall lower and truncing the provided when night overtook them. Sometiver would be apt to fall lower and truncing the provided when night overtook them. Sometiver would be apt to fall lower and truncing the part of the country, flocked when night overtook them. Sometive would be apt to fall lower and truncing the provided when night overtook them. Sometive when night overtook them. Sometive when night overtook them. Sometive would be apt to fall lower and the part of the country, flocked when night overtook them. Sometive when night overtook them. Sometive when night overtook them. the camp was never without a greater or less number of occupants. Now, although Arthur had never had walk down this road until he came to a house, in the hope of obtaining help, provided Arthur was not afraid to re-

any practical experience with tramps, except to gaze curiously, from a respect-ful distance, at the few specimens he had seen, he instinctively shrank from making his presence known to the rough-looking fellows gathered beneath him. It was pleasant to see the cheerful firelight, to hear the sound of voices, and to know that there were other human beings besides himself in that dark forest. It would also be very pleasant to the hungry boy if he could have some supper. Still, to venture down among those men might prove wery unpleasant. So Arthur wisely decided to bear his hunger as best he might and study them from a safe distance, at least for awhile longer.

All at once, from some part of the camp beyond the circle of firelight, came the same melancholy. long-drawn came the same melancholy, long-drawn cry that had first directed the boy's attention to this place, and he now rec-ognized it as the howl of a dog in dis-

At the sound the largest and most powerful of all the tramps, who had

been lying motionless stretched at full length on the ground, sprang up and in a fierce voice exclaimed: "You kin fetch that pup here! We'll body would hurt a little boy like him. So Uncle Phin left him, and, wading ashore, disappeared down the forest see if we can't give him something to ki-yi for, or else we'll stop his infernal

yelp entirely."

The one boy of the camp, who answered to the name of "Kid," and was a tough-looking young rascal, larger, self about the boat; but his resources were few, and after an hour or so he and apparently a year or two older than Arthur, hastened to obey this command. He disappeared, and in a minute returned dragging after him by means of a bit of rope about its neck, that was evidently choking the poor creature, a dog. As the bright firelight fell upon it Arthur was amaged to recognize it as grew lonely, and began to watch anxiously for Uncle Phin's return. Exposed to the full grave of the afternoon sun, the boat became as hot as an oven; and finally the boy decided to take his book and wade ashore. There he would find a comfortable place in the cool it Arthur was amazed to recognize it as shade of the trees, from which he might the very one that had been presented to him by the Chapmans the day before. There could be no doubt of it, for there the sooner perceive anybody approaching along the road. He found just such a place as he had moving in a diagonal direction, they soon found themselves in safety. They were beyond the limits of the sea of fire, that extended for a mile down the river, that extended for a mile down the river. and commanding a limited view of the road. After sitting here for some time, he discovered that there

swered.

The big tramp took the rope from the distance. There he found some lovely flowers, and thought it would be a fine idea to gather enough of them to decorate the cabin of the ark against Uncle Phin's return. So he strolled carelessly on, from berries to flowers, and from

on, from berries to flowers, and from one flower to another, until, all at once, the deepening shadows roused him to a ordered the big trait ordered the big trait. knowledge of the fact that the sun was setting and that he could no longer see at once, and then have some peace for the rest of the night. Lay it on solid, and if you kill him, so much the better."

Arthur's blood boiled at these words. How could anybody be so crue!2

the open glades through which he had been strolling. This was clearly the wrong track, and, facing directly about, he now attempted to retrace his latest course.

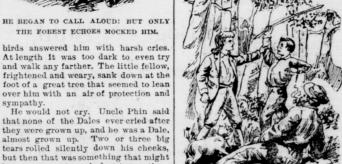
The heavy switch was uplifted and brought down with vicious force on the animal's back. He uttered a sharp cry of pain and terror.

Again was the switch lifted by the same of the It was rapidly growing dark, strange night sounds were beginning to be heard in the forest, and a great dread began to clutch at the boy's heart. Was he really lost, as the Babes in the Wood had been, and would he die there, and with leaves so that cover his a voice that choked and trembled with leaves so that even his a covered with leaves so that even his a covered with leaves so that even his leaves to the covered with leaves so that even his leaves to the covered with leaves so that even his leaves to the covered with leaves so that even his leaves to the covered with leaves so that even his leaves to the covered with leaves so that even his leaves to the covered with leaves the covered with leaves to the covered with leaves to the covered with leaves the covered with leaves to the covered with leaves the covered with leaves to the covered with leaves the leaves the covered with leaves the covered wit be covered with leaves, so that even his body would not be found, and nobody would ever know what had become of the other boy stared at this one is

The other boy stared at this open-mouthed amazement, while the other tramps, who had been startled by the sight of the strange little figure, as it dashed into their camp from the dark forest, now gathered about the two to see the fun.

"Well, my bantam," said the big tramp to Arthur, "I don't know who you are, nor where you come from; but you talk pretty big about your dog. Kid here says it's his dog, and I reckon you'll have to settle it between you. Can you fight?" "I don't want to fight," replied Ar-

"Oh! well, then, it's the Kid's dog, and he'll do as he pleases with him. Kid, give the cur a kick." The boy lifted his foot; but again Arthur sprang in front of him. "You



"HOW DARE YOU STRIKE MY DOG!

ing to be brave because he was a Dale, the sound of a peculiar, long drawn, far away cry, caused him involuntarily to look around; though, of course, he did you to make you stop it!" he cried. Then he clinched his fists, and his face grew not expect to see any thing through the darkness. He did see something, though, and it was a light. It was not a bright, clear light; but a dim glow, just visible between the tree-trunks, and evidently at quite a distance from where he sat. tramp, approvingly. "I'll back you, and hold your picture book and nosegay. Take off your jacket like a little man. Now, fellows, form a ring, and give the The boy's spirits rose with a bound. He dashed away the stealthy tear drops, and sprang to his feet. Things were bantams a fair show."

Continued next week.

THE RATTLESNAKE'S TAIL.

The structure from which the rattlesnake takes his name—the rattle—con-sists mainly of three or more solid, horny rings, placed around the end of the tail. These rings themselves, says the Quarterly Review, are merely dense portions of the general outer skin of the body, but the rattle has also a solid foundation of bone, for the three last gether in one solid whole or core, grooved where the bones join, while they increase in size toward the hinder end of the complex bone thus formed. This bony core is invested by skin also marked by grooves, which correspond marked by grooves, which correspond to the correspond of hickened, and so forms an incipient, imperfect rattle of such young as have not yet cast their skin. it is cast the skin investing the tail

The piece of skin thus retained be-The same process is repeated at each molt, a fresh loose ring or additional joint to the perfect rattle being thus formed every time the skin is shed. Thus the perfect rattle comes ultimately to consist of a number of dry, hard, re or less loose, horny rings, and in rings. It is the shaking of these rings by a violent and rapid wagging of the end of the snake's tail which produces the celebrated rattling sound—a sound which may be compared to the rattling of a number of peas in a rapidly-shaken

PHARAOH WITH A PISTOL.

We found the walls of the churches in Abyssinia covered with pictures of Scriptural history and the walls of the cathedral with the exploits of Johannes, says a writer in the Century. His vic-tories over the Egyptians at Gorra and in the valley of Gundet are fully repre-sented in tones as florid as those of advertising posters at home. The native artist does not make up for crudeness of color by the accuracy of his drawing, and if these pictures have any merit it is in their originality of treatment. For instance, in the cathedral of Gun-Israelites crossing the Red sea, Pharoal carries in his right hand the latest specimen in six-shooters, and in his left hand he holds a pair of opera glasses, while the Egyptian host sport Reming-ton rifles. All the movement of figures is from right to left, and in all pictures heads are full-faced, with the exception of Satan and the hated Egyptians, who are painted in acute profile, to show their lock of honesty and good faith and their inability to look you square in the face. It is a deplorable fact, and one which, ladies will say at once, only by the softer sex, generally showing their naughtiness by exhibiting their tongues. The church painter goes se far as to question the gallantry of St George, the Abyssian patron saint, by depicting that warrior, instead of doing battle with the dragon, as spearing the graceful, undulating form of a long

was indeed poor Rusty; and Arthur's heart ached to see him in so wretched a plight. How could he have come there? What were they about to do with him? This last question was quickly anthat dreamy theories have taken pos ession of the brain. The conne generally maintained; hence Mahomet admits bees to Paradise. The moon was called a "bee" by the priestesses of Ceres, and the word lunatic, or moonstruck, still means one with "bees in

"The wolf at the door" is a common expression in all countries, and we say of a ravenous eater, "he has a wolf in his stomach." It implies hunger, starvation. It is said that there are people who use the term literally to frighten their young children into habits of industry and economy, so that the frightful wolf of hunger may never appear at

"A frog in the throat" is a common expression referring to a husky speaker.
"I smell a rat" has long been a popular saying when some mystery has ular saying when some mystery has been discovered or a hidden clew found. It was an Irish barrister who got off the mixed metaphor: "I smell a rat, I see him waving in the air, but if we are careful we shall nip him in the bud."

Emigration of Jews from Russia. A definite agreement is reported to have at last been concluded between Baron Hirsch and the Russian government concerning the emigration of Jews from Russia. The baron under-takes and the Russian government consents to have three and a half millions of Jews taken to other countries with-in twenty-five years, or 140,000 a year. The government has reserved the right of an absolute control over the opera-tions of the emigration scheme. The number of emigrants shall increase number of emigrants shall increase from year to year. In the present year 25,000 shall emigrate, the number to in-crease as the preparations by the baron grow more efficacious. He will estab-lish emigration bureaus all over the Russian empire, to be controlled by a central bureau at St. Petersburg. The emigrant Jews cease to be Russian sub-jects and are not bound to become soldiers in Russia or to pay for exemption from that duty. A guarantee of of 100,000 rubles must be placed in the hands of the Russian government to be used to pay for expenses that might be caused by any of the emigrants going back to Russia.

Meeting Jim Webster Uncle Mose could not help being astonished at the magnificent pants of Jim.
"Dat's a mighty fine pa'r ob pants for sich a poor niggah as you am to be wearin'." Fashion Item "Yes, dey's mighty gorg'ous and no "How much mout dey cost yer, and where did yer git 'em?"
"Dey mout cost me two years in de penitenshiery ef I tole."—Texas Sift-

At the Actors' Club. "A new process of preservation," said icks, "enables Australians to ship eggs to London now."
"Deah me," said Murdoch McCready the tragedian, who has just returned from Australia. "Deah me! Then shall not play Hamlet in London."-N

Matthew-We've got a stuffed eagle Frank-That's nothing; there's a real live hawk that comes and stuffs himself with our chickens every week.—Har-per's Young People.

Kitchen Mirrors

Domestic-Plaze, mum, I'd'like to hov, clookin' glass in th' kitchen.
Mistress (a practical housewife) cep the tinware well scoured, Mary, and you won't need one.—Judge.

LABELS FOR TREES. The Cheapest and Simplest Have Proved the Most Serviceable.

half an inch or less in width and sev-eral inches long, on which the name was written with a common black lead posed and visible. The name thus written will continue distinctly legible for half a century; we have specimens nearly that age; and the coil around the branch is now on some of our trees where it remains after a lapse of twenty years without any injury to the bark of the tree.

We have been surprised at the misward because it required so much time and labor to uncoil the zinc in order to render visible the concealed name, not being aware that the name was al-ways exposed, and that the weather would not obliterate it as he mistakenly ers' Monthly for the statement that the label will cut into the bark or wood er all it rests on it by its ow

labels uninjuring and uninjured that have remained without attention for various periods from fifteen to twenty rears proves its efficiency when right-y applied. The coil should never go wice about the limb, and should always be put on loosely; and the zine should be slightly rusted when written on. Good and permanent labels, cast-ly applied, are important in preserving the names of selected fruits, and the best forms should be well understood --

HANDY NEST BOXES.

it easily by means of the top cross-bar. Use any kind of a box, and saw and





An old piece of a suspender or leather strap will answer the purpose. Hay or straw is formed into a nest on allow a few hours for it to soak the floor, making it as inviting as you can. I would keep such nests thoroughly whitewashed with strong carbolic acid and white lime, to keep away wermin as much as possible.—John W. Caughey, in Ohio Farmer.

Quick Profits from Poultry. To secure the greatest profit, the aim should be to shorten the time of growth as much as possible, as the quicker a fowl reaches the marketable age the less the labor and smaller the cost. It is well known that a duck will consume twice as much food as a chicken and is, apparently, more expensive to keep, but when it is considered that a duck also grows twice as fast as a chicken, the cost to produce a pound of meat on a duck is no greater than for other poultry. Profits are not made by feeding fowls after they should no longer be retained. When fattening fowls they should be weighed every tiev value of the different feeding stuffs. is well known that a duck will conlonger be retained. When fattening fowls they should be weighed every show no increase in weight they should be marketed. There are business methods in poultry raising as in all other pursuits, and the largest profits are made when business methods are practiced. It should be the rule to keep nothing that does not pay, and when a chick is hatched it should be cents a quart. oushed right on, so as to get it into narket in the shortest possible time.—

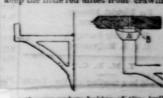
Farm and Fireside. The Evening Inspect A few years ago visiting a friend who had some valuable stock, just before we retired for the night I suggested Sugar that we go around and take a look at the animals, which was my custom at home. He laughed and said I was always a queer fellow. But we went, and found a cow down with the halter about her neck. She was a valuable, sold to be delivered with the call for \$1,500. Said my friend: "You have given me a lesson I shall never forget. And you have saved me \$1,500, and, what is more than money, all the blame for gross carelessness. I will never fail to make a round of my stables and barn hereafter the last thing before I go to bed. It is better to be safe than sorry."

ACCOMMODATING.

"Doctor, what is the meaning of the peculiar formation just back of baby's

"Oh, well, it's all one and the thing."—Life.

THE POULTRY YARD.



THE dairyman must st tive value of the different

value as food.-Michigan Far No Doubt There Was.

Five-year-old Besa (telling of the medicine she had taken)—And I took some compulsion of cod liver oil, and— Mrs. Fangle-You mean "emuls

"That novel of Hawley's is perfect nush," said Criticus. "That's so," returned Wagg, "But it's rereal story."—N. Y. Sun.



