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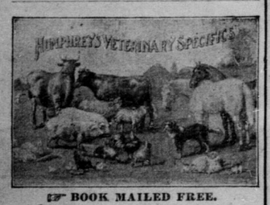


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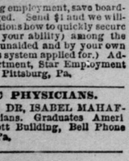

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Boat and boatmen were capsized. As my rifle had fortunately been left upon the bank, I was able to kill the alligator again. We secured him by floating the boat under him and then bailing it out. The alligator completely filled the boat, so that my companion and I sat upon his back as we paddled down the river with gunwales unpleasantly near the water.

It was growing dark, and the water around us was becoming alive with alligators. While we were reflecting upon our overloaded condition our alligator came to life again and shifted ballast until water poured over the gunwale. We quickly balanced the boat, only to see it again disturbed and to ship more water. A scramble for the shore followed, which we reached without capsizing and where we left our victim for the night after again killing him. In the morning our buzzard friend from the Homosassa river, surrounded by his family, was sitting above him in the tree waiting for us to attend to our carving duties.—Country Life In America.

## UNPLANTED CORN.

**It Has a Habit of Getting Uneasy In the Spring.**

"It beats all," said a Bergen county farmer, "what curious things we find in nature that we can't explain. You kin go over a lot of 'em, and there's yet one that you can't tell me why it is. That's corn heatin' up in the spring.

"You take a lot of corn. I don't care if it's whole corn or cracked corn or cornmeal. You keep it in any kind of storehouse—the common granary, like we have on the farms, or the stone or brick buildin', like many of the grocers and feed dealers have it in. When it comes corn plantin' time, that corn of yourn 'll git oneasy. Soon's the blades start out of the ground, then you'll have to hustle to save your grain.

"Seems as when the time comes along fur corn to be planted the corn in the bags, no matter what shape it's in, begins to heat up, and when the planted corn begins to grow what you've got stored will git so hot it'll fairly smoke. You've got to take it out of the bags and spread it out so it'll cool off or you'll lose it all. In a few days it'll cool down again, and you won't have no more trouble with it durin' the summer, no matter how hot the weather gits. It's jest when the planted corn starts; that's all.

"Curious? Of course it's curious or I wouldn't speak of it. I might understand how whole corn would act that way, but when it comes to cracked corn and cornmeal then it's too much fur me. And I'll bet you can't tell why it is, 'cept it's jest nature tryin' to assert herself."—New York Mail and Express.

**Writing on Wood.**

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## THE MISSING FOWL.

**An Experience With an Absent-minded English Artist.**

Wills invited me to dinner one afternoon when I met him in the Strand. I accepted, reminding him that as he was absentminded he had better make a note of the evening. As he had no paper in his pocket he wrote the date on his shirt cuff. When the appointed evening arrived I went to his studio. The door was opened by Wills, and I could see that he had forgotten all about the appointment. "Ah, old fellow," he exclaimed, "do not be too hard on me. The cuff went to the wash, and the date with it. But there is a fowl in the pot boiling here," continued Mr. Wills. "Just come in and wait a few minutes."

I had my misgivings, but walked inside and sat down upon the only chair not crowded with paint, brushes and palettes. After waiting for about twenty minutes, feeling deucedly hungry, I groaned. This had the effect of reminding Wills that I was present. He exclaimed in a dreamy voice, "The fowl must be boiled by this time," and coming forward he lifted the lid of the pot and peered inside. "It is very odd," he remarked, "but I cannot see the fowl. Extraordinary! No one has been here, so the bird cannot have been stolen."

Well, the long and short of it is that a week or two later I called again at the studio, noticed a peculiar odor and discovered the old fowl wrapped up in a piece of brown paper. "Ah!" said Wills, "now I know how it all happened. When the fowl was brought in there came a smart visitor—Lady G.—about sittings for her portrait. I must have thrown the fowl behind a canvas and forgotten all about it. But now, old fellow, do shut up!"—London Mail.

**A Comfort Anyway.**

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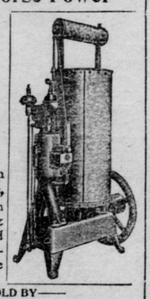

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