SCORPION'S SUICIDE. |BUTTONS NOW MADE OF MILE.

Positive Evidence That the Creature Does Kill Itself.

Instances in Which the Act of Self-Destruction Was Unmistakably Witnessed-Affected by Light.

Lord Byron has referred to a tendenwhen surrounded by fire. Naturally writer has gone so far as to say that the procurable in the markets. "popular idea regarding scorpionia suicide is a delusion based on an imposthis writer refers is this: The sting of the scorpion is in its tail, and the ter- great commercial possibilities is a curimination of the tail is recurved, so that it would really be impossible for the scorpion to sting itself on the under part of its body. But it is not impossible for the sting to penetrate the back or even the head; and there is positive evidence that in certain circumstances states. the scorpion does commit suicide in that way. This creature seems to be unable to endure light; and when it is own sting. W. G. Biddie tells this incident, which he himself observed in Madras, and which he communicated to Nature:

"One morning a servant brought to me a large specimen of scorpion, which, having staid out too long in its nocturnal rambles, had apparently got bewildered at daybreak and been unable to find its way home. To keep it safe, the creature was at once put into a glazed entomological case. Having a few leisure minutes in the course of the forenoon, I thought I would see how my prisoner was getting on, and to have a better view of it the case was placed in a window in the rays of the hot sun. The light and heat seemed to irritate it very much, and this recalled to my mind a story which I had read surrounded with fire, had committed taking a common botanical lens, 1 focused the rays of the sun on its back. The moment this was done it began to run hurriedly about the case, hissing and spitting in a very fierce way. This five times with like results, but on trying it once again the scorpion turned its tail and plunged the stinger quick as lightning into its own back. The infliction of the wound was followed by a sudden escape of fluid, and a friend stung itself; it is dead;' and sure enough, in less than half a minute life was quite extinct. I have written this brief note to show (1) that animals may commit suicide; (2) that the poison of certain animals may be destructive to

themselves." An eminent writer, Dr. Allen Thompson, F. R. S., has contributed the following narrative of facts observed by B. F. Hutchinson, while living in the summer at the baths of Sulla, in Italy.

New Use to Which the Lacteni Finid of the Cow Is Now Being Put.

If anyone were to tell you that the white collar button which you see the street peddler holding out was made of milk you would probably think he was springing on you the latest thing in atch questions, but it is a remarkable thing that science has gone so far that the transmutation of the chief product

cy of the scorpion to commit suicide of the cow into a substance almost as hard and insoluble as bone is being carenough, this has been regarded as a ried on every day. It has only been repoetic fiction; and a distinguished cently, however, that the substance was

The process by which a major portion of the lacteal fluid, which had hitherto sibility." The impossibility to which been thrown away or used as food for swine, can be converted into a solid with ous and interesting one.

At the present time this process is controlled exclusively by two firms. During the last four or five months these concerns have been sending out agents to creameries in the eastern

These sgents make arrangements with the creamery proprietors for the Installation of the apparatus necessary exposed to light it seems to become so for the manufacture of the new subdesperate as to end its torture with its stance and are authorized to draw up contracts binding their principals to receive all that the creamery can produce for the following two years and pay for the same at the rate of five cents the pound.

Unfortunately, however, as can readily be seen, this discovery, while of immense benefit to the creamery management, is, like the bulk of the discoveries beneficial to mankind made by science, of benefit to the middleman only, while the producer remains in the same position as he was before.

The process of manufacture commences in what are known as the separators, which form part of the regulation equipment of a creamery. The milk, as it is brought in by the dairymen, is poured into these separators, which consist of heavy hollow cylinders, with a small orifice at the side and another somewhere that a scorpion, on being at the top. The whole is then made to revolve with lightning rapidity by suicide. 1 hesitated about submitting steam power and the cream is separated my pet to such a terrible ordeal; but, from the milk by centrifugal force, the former escaping through the opening in the top and the latter through the one in the side. This residue is known as "skim milk."

This milk is stored in one or more experiment was repeated some four or large tanks, according to the size of the creamery and the quantity of the lacteal fluid handled. These tanks are used as reservoirs to supply a smaller one. When the latter is about threequarters filled the milk is scalded by running steam through it and under standing by me called out: 'See, it has this treatment soon resolves into a sticky, pasty mess, in which form it has always had a limited sale on some markets, being variously known as cottage cheese or schmere kase, the Dutch appellation being the most appropriate one.

This cheese, after being well-kneaded by hand, is placed in thin bags and put under a powerful press, where all the moisture that it is possible to eliminate in this manner is exuded. When removed from the bags the cheese disin-Mr. Hutchinson and his family were tegrates into small fragments and is very much annoyed by the frequent in- placed upon trays in what is known as the drying-room, a large apartment. the interior of which, on account of being filled from top to bottom with light trays having muslin bottoms and which slide in and out on the cleats, looks 246 like a gigantle incubator or fruit evaporator. Around the sides are banks of water pipes which are capable of raising the temperature to an indefinite height. After being subjected to the intense heat of this chamber for two or three days it is removed, golden yellow in color and as hard as flint, and is ready to be packed in bags and shipped. The exact process, technically considered, which it undergoes after it reaches its destination is, of course, a secret. But it is known that it receives chemical treatment that makes it suseptible to dyeing, bleaching, rolling, pressing and molding, and that from it are made collars, cuffs, shirt bosoms, "pearl" buttons-an excellent imitation, it is said-doorknobs, toys and, in fact, an innumerable number of simi-

Premier Salisbury Bereft.

London, Nov. 21.-Lady Salisbury, wife of Great Britain's premier, died yesterday afternoon at Hatfield House Her health recently appeared to be improving, and her demise was unexpected.

A New Basis of Representation.

Milwaukee, Nov. 28.-Henry C. Payne, the Wisconsin member, will present at the special meeting of the ational Republican committee in Washington, Dec. 12, a resolution recommending a change in the basis of representation in future Republican national conventions. The resolution provides that each state shall be en-titled to four delegates-at-large, and one national delegate for each 10,000 votes, or majority thereof, cast at the last presidential election for Republican electors, and four delegates from each organized territory and the District of Columbia.

Hill Will Support the Platform. Buffalo, Nov. 28.-Norman Mack, Democratic leader in Erie county, announces that David B. Hill will support the nominees and platform of the next Democratic national convention, even if that nominee is William J. Bryan and the platform a reiteration of the Chicago platform. Mr. Mack said he had talked with ex-Senator Hill recently and had been assured of this.

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Miller to the police that the

Death of Actor Charles Coghlan. Galveston, Nov. 28 .- Charles Coghlan, the actor and author, died here yesterday of gastritis, aged 56 years. He had been ill in Galveston since his theatrical engagement here four weeks The remains will be shipped imago. mediately to Prince Edward Island. Mr. Coghlan's former summer home.

Administration's Period of Mournin . Washington, Nov. 28 .- Out of respect to the memory of the late Vice President Hobart the president has cancelled all his social engagements for the present. The members of the cabinet have done likewise, and the administration will observe a period of mourning.

Allens Deported.

Washington, Nov. 28 .- Reports to the inemigration bureau show that during the last month aliens have been de ported from the United States as follows: Public charges, 301; diseased, 24; insane, 5; contract laborers, 30; rcturned within one year after landing, Total, 363.

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trusion of small black scorpions in th house, which secreted themselves among the bedclothes, in shoes, and in other articles of dress. He says:

"It thus became necessary to be con stantly on the watch for these troublesome creatures, and to take means for their removal and destruction. Having been informed by the natives of the place that the scorpion would destroy itself if exposed to a sudden light, my informant and her friends soon became adents in catching the scorpions and disposing of them in the manner suggested. This consisted in confining the animal under an inverted drinking glass or tumbler, below which a card was inserted when the capture was made, and then, waiting till dark, suddenly bringing the light of a candle near to the glass in which the animal was confined.

"No sooner was this done than the scorpion invariably showed signs of great excitement, running round and lar articles .- Philadelphia Inquirer. round the interior of the tumbler with reckless velocity for a number of times. This state having lasted for a minute or more, the animal became quiet, and, turning its tail on the hinder part of its body over its back, brought its recurved sting down upon the middle of the head, and, piercing it forcibly, in a few seconds became quite motionless, and, in fact, quite dead. This observation was repeated very frequently; in truth, it was adopted as the best plan of getting rid of the animals. The young people were in the habit of handling the scorpions with impunity immediately after they were so killed, and of preserving many of them as curiosities."

It would be difficult to prove that suicide is an evidence of intelligence; and it is certainly different from any other act that is prompted by instinct, for instinct always tends to the preservation of life in the individual and also in the species, never to its destruction. Unless, therefore, there were some reason to believe that light affects the physical organization of the scorpion in such a way as to be fatally injurious alike to the individual and to the species, the extraordinary fact alleged in these anecdotes is quite inexplicable. There is reason, then, to receive these stories with some hesitation, but they cannot be summarily rejected: -St. Louis Republic.

Animal Lore.

"Uneurl yourself and fight!" yelled from head to foot. the catamount. "You have no backbone at all."

"Mebbe I haven't," came the muffled pply from the rolled-up porcupine, thing I'd advise you to do first is to but I have spines to throw away."- wash your face."-Pittsburgh Dis-Indianepolis Journal.

Mystery of Gray Hair.

That a man's hair sometimes turns gray very suddenly is a fact well known to physiologists. Statistics, however, on this subject are very rare, and for this reason Prof. Virchow, the famous German scientist, recently requested a number of physicians to send him full details of all such cases as might come under their observation. As a result Dr. Moritz, the well-known authority on diseases of the throat, has just published in the Archive a full account of such a case. The subject, or victim, is day laborer about 36 years of age. Some time ago he was very nearly run over by a railroad train, and naturally he received a severe shock. On the following morning a friend asked him what he had done to his hair, and, looking in the glass, he saw that there were two distinct patches of white on his head, one exactly in the middle and the other just above his right ear. Each patch of white hair covers a space of from three to four square inches. The evident conclusion is that this sudden change of color was caused solely by the fright which the man experienced when the train flashed by him within a

few inches of his body .- N. Y. Herald.

Roosevelt's Advice.

At the surrender of Santiago an officer sent forward on dangerous scouting was at once recalled. He indignantly sought an interview with Col. Roosevelt. He was splashed with mud

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he cried. "What am I to do?" "Well," said Roosevelt, smiling, "the patch.

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First and final account of Dr. J. W. Sampsell administrator of the estate of H. C. Sampsell lateof Centre Township, Snyder Co., Pa., dec'd

First and final account of P. M. Teats, guar-dian of Annie Rinka, a minor child of Mrs. Sarah Rinka, deceased. Firstard final account of D. A. Kern and G. M. Mcarz, administrators of the estate of George Kern, late of the borough of Middleburg, Sny-der Co., Pa., deceased.

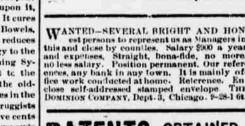
J. H. WILLIS, Register of Willis.

Register's Office, Middleburg, Pa., Nov. 13, 1899

Court Proclamation.

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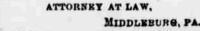
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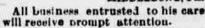


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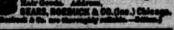


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