Water Sernents in Maine and Their Great Fondmess for Fish Dinners.

The question as to whether a good, healthy water snake can cope successfully in mortal combat with a pickerel has been decided by a battle in Lake Pennesseewasse, Me., of which William Gary and Kenneth Gurney were witnesses. The lake waters abound in large-sized pickerel, and there is no other body of water in Maine where the water snakes are so huge. They are harmless, but if forced to fight with man or fish can put up a good scrap. It an element of uncertainty. It must Their bite, while not poisonous, is extremely painful, and everyone gives them a wide berth. In hot days they crawl to the branches of the low bushes on the shore of the bogs and sun themselves in contentment. Many of the reptiles will measure over ten feet, and few of them have ever been captured. If a person approaches them while they apparently are sleeping on the bushes and attempts to hit them with sticks or stone they fall quickly into the water and escape harm.

One day this summer while the weather was extremely warm Gary and Gurney were on the lake trawling for salmon from a canoe. The boat had just passed the edge of the bog where the snakes have their headquarters when there was a splash in the water and a churning that attracted the attention of the men in the boat. They backed water with the oars and floated up to see what was the trouble. They were surprised to see a huge black coil of shining skin writhing in the water, and went closer to investigate.

They found that a water snake in his grasp. The fish must have at all. weighed in the vicinity of three pounds, and a fight was on. The snake slowly uncoiled his body, when the pickerel darted out and quickly turned, making a swift lunge for the snake. The latter, however, grabbed the fish by the head and held him fast. In the course of three or four minutes the snake again uncoiled his body, and the pickerel, with a few faint motions, came to the top of the water for air. The snake lay still, but as the fish showed signs of returning life he again grabbed him by the head. Then the body of the fish began to disappear slowly, and at last there was no more pickerel in sight.

The next day Gurney and Gary were on the shore of the bog for frogs to be used for bait, when they found the dead body of a big snake. They cut the reptile open and found, about half way down the throat, the body of the pickerel. The snake in swallowing the fish had rested for a breath of air, when the tish again came to life, and, spreading his belly fins, had choked the snake to However, the men declare that

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BRITONS SUGAR EATERS.

Englishmen Consume More of the Article Than Any Other People.

In 1869 the English consumed, on the average, 42 pounds of sugar per capita annually. That this is enough tor either health or reasonable enjoyment is proved by the fact that few peoples use so much to-day. For example, in 1896 Italy consumed 7.19 pounds per capita; Spain, 12.67 Austria-Hungary, pounds; Belgium, 22.8 pounds; Germany, 27.14 pounds, and France, 28.24 pounds. In the United States, where the use of sweets is said to be injuriously excessive, only 35 pounds per capita were consumed in 1869 and 61 pounds per capita in 1898. In England during 1895-7 every human being, fucluding babies, invalids and paupers, disposed, on the average, of nearly four ounces of sugar a day, or 54.77 pounds a year.

Furthermore, neither from the economic nor the sanitary standpoint do the uses to which the extra sugar ration is put seem satisfactory. One of the chief of these appears to be to encourage drinking. Though the exports of beer from England show a tendency to decline brewing grows apace. Twenty-seven gallons a year per capita, counting women and children, are surely enough. In America, though the amount of spirits drunk is the same, 151/2 gallons of beer suffice; and American beer is light. Twentyseven and one-quarter gallons were the measure for England in 1883; yet in 1897 it had swelled to 131/4 gallons, an expansion at the rate of about one per cent. a year. But, fast as brewing grows, the weight of sugar used in the beer grows faster. In 1883 the public put up with something less than 4% pounds of sugar to the barrel; in 1897 it demanded between eight and nine pounds .- Forum.

Beginning Early. She was a pretty child of four or five summers and she knew it. Her mother took care that the fact should not escape the observation of others, and in this she was ably seconded by the little

The other day the child was on dress parade in Central park and was naturally piqued at her failure to attract the attention of a man who sat reading on one of the benches in the mall. Two or three times she passed him and still he regarded her not. She looked at him in amazement and then, with nor of mingled incredulity and de-

oot on the pavement burgh Bulletin.

MOTORS AND HORSES.

Why the Auto-Mobile Truck Will Aever Interfere with the Druft Horse Business.

The question of whether motorcycles are to injure our trade in heavy horses seems to be disturbing some, but not the men most interested. They know that whatever effect the automobile may have on the trade in light carriage horses, the effect will be nothing on the work of the great draft animals. An automobile may do something on an asphaltum pavement, but even a badly paved road becomes to ever work on the principle of a revolving wheel rather than on the principle of a powerful lever scientifically applied. In a muddy road or a snow bank what becomes of any vehicle that has no purchase outside of its smooth wheels? The foot of the horse plunges down into the mud and finds bottom, and gets a purchase for a pull. It will be a long while before we find a substitute for this particular ability in the horse. It is the thing that permits the horse to draw heavy loads up muddy hills, over stony roads, across plowed fields. The horse goes where the motorcycle cannot follow him.

It was because of this that the steam plows failed to do the work that had been planned for them. It was found that the engines could not make their way over uneven and soft ground even when the wheels were specially constructed. It was once believed that the steam plow would drive out the horse, but one would have to go a long ways to-day to get a sight of a steam plow. In some cases the steam plow carried with it the planks that must be laid nearly eight feet long had a pickerel down before it to enable it to move

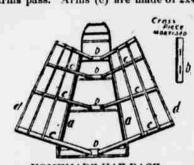
The question of good roads is a great one, but we will not see good roads everywhere in this generation. Much less will we see level roads, and it will require level roads for the motorcycle to do effective work in drawing large loads. Such roads will not increase proportionately with the population, and if all such roads were used for motoreycles the demand for horses would not be diminished in comparison with that existing at this time.

The horse will continue to retain his supremacy over all mechanical substitutes. If he be of good quality he will bring a good price in the future as at the present time. There is no reason why the farmer should not do his best to produce a high grade animal, knowing that there are always buyers ready to pay a good price for him .-Farmers' Review.

A WAGON HAY RACK

How One Can Be Made at Home That Will Pr " "tisfactory for teasons.

-Criticage - dinary aigh wheel farm wagon take for aldes or bedpieces (as) 2x8x14 feet long; red elm timber makes the best material, as it is light and durable. To these bolt four crosspieces (b) to the under side 11/2x6 inches wide. In the center place a good strong staple through which the lower ends of wing arms pass. Arms (c) are made of 2x4-



HOMEMADE HAY RACK.

inch stuff. Three strips (d) 1x4 are bolted to those arms in such manner that they will pass at center without interfering. This will form wings extending over wagon wheels. If desired, bottom crosspiece (b, large or small illustration) can be made 8 inches wide and mortised to receive arms, doing away with staple mentioned above. For the front guard two pieces 1x5 at base tapering to 3 inches at top, slightly curving in toward center, and three crosspieces mortised into this will make it complete. This can be bolted inside to bed pieces by short bolts or full length rod in such a manner as to permit folding down when not in use. Folding stakes can be placed at back end or left off, according to choice, This is termed a three-piece rack and can be removed or replaced conveniently by one person.-R. Logan, in Farm and Home.

Oats for Young Lambs.

A healthy, thrifty lamb will very soon require more food than the limited amount which its dam furnishes, and when not more than a week old will begin to pick at hay or clover as it sees its dam doing. This is an indication that it needs additional food. Clover hay is excellent, but it should be supplemented by a feed of half a gill of oats given morning and night. There is no better nutrition for growing animals than oats. It will enable them to eat and digest other food and put them in the way of being thrifty all the rest of their lives, until their teeth are too much worn by use to masticate well.

Feeding Cotton Seed Meal. Cotton seed meal is extremely difficult of digestion, and should never be given to young animals or those which from advanced age have a weak digestion. The hull, which is shown by dark spots in the meal, is almost entirely indigestible. Calves and pigs have been killed by eating small amounts of dark cotton seed meal. Ruminant animals can digest it better, but it is so concentrated a food that it ought always to be fed with some bulky but less nutritions ration. A small amount of cotton seed meal in a pallful of bran mash can be eaten vafely by a cow.—American Cul-

They Know What's What,

"And weren't you terribly frightened'?" asked the sympathetic friend. as the fair girl concluded the thrilling narrative of her escape from an unmuzzled mongrel.

"Frightened, dear? I should think so, findeed!" was the reply. "I assure you, if there had been a decent-looking nan anywhere handy I should have fainted dead away."-Ally Sloper.

Exceptional Thoughtfulness.

The mother of one of our soldiers in the late war was busy packing a box containing food to send to him, and the servant was watching the operation. Having placed the last article in, the mother said: "I guess that is all, Nora;

we will now nail it up."
"Excuse me, mum," said Nora, "but how is he ever going to get it open unless we put in an ax?"-Harper's Bazar.

The Wreckers.

Two men shall dwell the whole wide world For years they thrive afar; then up they And wheeling toward each other, soon of

Collide around a corner such is fate.

-Chicago Record. EXPLAINING HIS REMARK,



She-You flatterer! Why are you always telling me that I dance like an angel? I don't believe angels can dance,

He-No, nor 1!-Unsere Gesellschaft.

As It Should Be.

Ben and Ann the parson sought, And soon were much elated; For Bene-fitted was the groom, And the bride was Anna-mated. -Chicago Daily News,

What Angered Her.

"Ella seems to be very much provoked about something. I think Mr. Brown must have tried to kiss her while they were in the conservatory.'

"On the contrary," replied Ella's dearest friend, with that air of wisdom that comes from a thorough knowledge of the matter under discussion. "I think the trouble is that he didn't!"—Chicago

Her Hubby's Teachings.

F. end-Why do ye get married so soon after the death or your husband? Widow-My dear, if there was any one thing that my poor dead and gone husband insisted upon, in season and out, it was that I should never put off till to-morrow what I could do to-day. -N. Y. Weekly.

Bit of Everyday Philosophy. Old Lady-What time does the next

Ticket Seller-Twelve o'clock. Old Lady-Dear me! Isn't there one

rain go to Yonkers?

before that?

Ticket Seller (calmly)-Madam, there s never one before the next.-Harlem

A Drama with a Lesson. "But they marry in the last act, do

they not?" he asked. "No," she replied. "It seems to be understood that they will some day, but there is no definite arrangement

She sighed and he took the hint .-

Another Burden Added. Mrs. Gotham-I hear your husband

has brought you twin bedsteads. Mrs. Church-That's right.

"Good gracious! Isn't one bedstead enough to have to look under every night, without having two?"-Yonkers Statesman.

Domestic Catastrophe.

"Then there is no hope?" said the man desperately.

"None," she calmly replied. "The ceman must have stolen it." She had saved a piece of pie from luncheon for his dinner, and now it was

gone.-Cleveland Plain Dealer.

Just in Vogue. "Clementine, what did you do with that curtain goods you bought last

"Well, it was entirely too gay and bud for curtains, so I made a shirt waist of it."-Chicago Record.

An Instance.

She-Do you honestly believe that we women have such a failing for anything that is reduced? He-Well, there is Miss Antique,

whose age is 23-reduced from 38 .-

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TOOK LONG ODDS.

Several Wagers Laid in England That Displayed Sublime Faith in Luck.

Quite an astonishing number of an-nual occurrences are made the subject of wagering. Years ago, before the vagaries of the weather had brought the four seasons into discredit, wagering that snow would be found on the popular. Even now, when the weather ground on Christmas morning was very haves with a sublime indifference to the time of year, wagers are still made as to its raining 40 days if St. Swithin's be wet.

One enthusiastic supporter of this hoary legend a few years since wagered all he possessed on one wet anniversary that there would be rain every day during the prescribed period. It did rain 22 days, but the tyenty-third ruined him.

A well-known bookmaker who lays himself out for what he calls "fancy wagering" has stated that the amount of money which was wagered on the late William E. Gladstone reaching the age of 90 was simply enermous. He also says that being a believer in the unexpected happening in politics, he accepted at the time of the home rule split in the liberal party three wagers of £3,000 to £1,000 each that Mr. Chamberlain would one day be prime minister of England. The stakes are deposited in a bank under a deed which provides for the drawing of the interest until 1904, the date when the wager expires.

During the building of the Tower bridge one of the workingmen wagered to cook a big pudding ten feet under the surface of the Thames. Needless to say, so impossible a feat led to a deal of money being laid that he couldn't. On the appointed day the pudding was tied in a bag and sunk to the required depth, the assembled crowd being greatly amused with the careful manner in which the performer handled the sack. At the end of three hours the pudding was drawn to the surface, and was found to be thoroughly cooked, - the only fault being that it was a little too well done. The sack was half full of lime.-London Mail.

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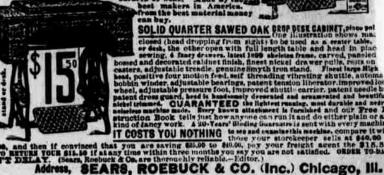
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