THE RUNAWAYS A Story of Antebelluin Days. By ANNA LAURA GRAVES.

"Please, sah, ole Uncle Eph'um done run away ag'in, sah." "What?" thundered Colonel Ran-

dolph, starting to his feet. "This is the fifth year that negro has run away. I'll see about this." And, catching up his cane and panama hat, he strode down the avenue toward the negro quarters. He stopped before the cabin of Aunt Dinah, the wife of the recreant, and she met him by answering his unspoken question.

"Yes, sah, he done run away ag'in, sah. When I git up dis mawnin' he done gone. It's pow'ful cu'ous, sah. He'll come back. You know, he allus does. Gawd knows I sho' is toah up in my mind about it. He knows what a kind massa he got, and 'peaks lak when he come back he pow'ful shame o' hisself; but he done gone ag'in." As was always the case with him, the colonel's wrath had subsided by the time he had reached Uncle Ephraim's cabin, and after hearing Aunt Dinah's explanation he said thoughtfully

"Well, tell Eph to come and see me when he comes back, and we'll not search for him this time." Then he walked slowly back to the house.

At dinner that day the family discussed the runaway. He had been born on the plantation and was a great favorite with them all. He was only a few days older than the colonel They had been boys together, and the slave had been devoted to "his white folks." But every October for five years Eph had mysteriously disappear-

ed, to appear again in about two weeks, a little shamefaced, and his only explanation to the darkies had been that he "jes' had to go." The colonel had maintained a dis-

creet silence. He remembered the long years of unbroken loyalty and devotion of Ephraim, and waited for him to explain his disappearance, but the explanation had never come. This time the colonel had determined to ask for it.

About two weeks after this last October day a disheveled old darky walked into Aunt Dinah's cabin. His clothes were torn by brambles and covered with the mud of the swamps. He looked tired, but happy. Uncle Ephraim had returned.

He said little by way of reply to the upbraidings of Aunt Dinah, who gave him a good "tongue lashing" for his "ongratitude to ole massa to run off lak a common field niggah." He winced at the last appellation, for Uncle Eph was quite an aristocrat in his way, having been coachman in the Randolph family ever since he had arrived at man's estate. He said nothing, however, for he was rather a silent darky.

When Aunt Dinah had "had her say," she gave him the master's message. He stopped smoking, his cob pipe went out. At last he arose, put on his baftered hat and, without changing his mud stained garments, walked slowly up to the "big house." Colonel Randolph solemnly surveyed

the weather beaten runaway. "Well, Eph," he said sternly, "I've never asked you before, but now I

ing at his muddy shoes, said: to fix up none. I jus' got to tell you

brown. One night the colonel sat late (at his study table. He was writing to his lawyer. He was tired, and somehow it seemed a task to him tonight. Suddenly he heard soft footsteps in the THEY ARE NOT ALL CONFINED TO

Who could it be? His wife had recountry ball and would not be home for The door was gently pushed pen, and there appeared the woolly

al whisper. ily for a moment. He pushed aside

me meal an' coffee an' bacon, an' I ay we ken be a right smaht ways off by mawnin' if we step lively, Marse

"Yes," said the colonel, and he stepped out on the veranda. How beautiful everything looked in the moonlight! The balmy October air of the south was like a caress. The woods seemed beckon them. Philip Randolph, the could not withstand the temptaion. Grasping his hat, he looked at ph. as he had done years before, when ne waited for him to tell him when to shoot.

Eph looked back at him, picked up a sack that was lying on the steps, then took up the guns "De Parker woods is mighty 'ticin',.

"Yes," repeated the colonel and folwed him down the avenue. A few oments later and their figures were lost to view in the dense shade of the

Both the colonel and Eph had run away .- New York Times.

A Cat as a Retriever.

Patience, gentleness, entire absence of water up to their waists.

force, were his maxims.

was established. Then a dead bird was way to their knees in mud at every bstituted for the ball, and it was at step. first thrown from the hand and after. To make matters worse a cold. ward dropped from the branch of a

line o useful hunting cats. As it is, he

cat may be educated.

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Skunks of the Genus Chinca. want you to tell me why you ran fore that time, however, for there are it by.

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DANGEROUS FISHES.

tired and Rob, the only son at home, The Alligator Gar Is One Fresh Wa had gone with his young wife to a ter Species That is Feared in the South-A Mysterious Monster That Inhabits a Michigan Lake.

So far as any danger from the game end and ebony face of Unele Eph. "I'ze ready, sah," he said in a sepul-is concerned, fresh water fishing has always been looked upon as about as

mazement. For a moment he had for- fresh water fish has gone on record as harmless and nonresistant. But there are instances now and then when the inland water about three miles long. are almost superstitiously afraid of a certain fish that inhabits that lake. No one knows what sort of fish it is, and opinion locally is divided as to whether

> geon. Spearing parties had now and then

reported seeing a very large fish without being able to strike it, but no one gave credence to the tales until one dent named Armstrong.

Armstrong was the only one that returned to tell the story. He said the ery. party was spearing in shallow water when they saw an enormous fish that resembled an overgrown pickerel. Two of the Chicago men were standing in bow, and at first supposed the fish be a log. Then one saw his mistake and struck with all his might. The fish

ve a dart that made the boat jump as though a steam engine were pulling it. If the man had let go of the spear, all would have been well, but he hung on, and the fish gave a mighty flop to

very high idea of human patience right angles with the boat. The man is given by the account of a correspond-still held to the spear, with the result ent of Forest and Stream, who has, he that the boat capsized, and the men says, tamed a common cat to retrieve. found themselves standing in mud and

The light went out when the boat up-Whenever game had been killed the set, and, the night being dark and cat was led to it, and the game was cloudy, not one of the party had any given to him. Next the cat sought the idea of the direction to be pursued in game on his own account. Next he reaching shore. The shallow water ocwas taught to stay close to his master, cupies a large part of the lake, and at first perched on his shoulder. He they could wander in any direction was then taught not to fear the sound without being able to tell whether or of the gun, beginning with a little car- not they were nearing shore. Armine, then proceeding to the fowling strong said afterward that nothing his case. Now, I'll bet you a sovereign piece. When the gun was fired, a com- could equal the awfulness of the expemon ball was pitched forward by the rience that followed. They made their master, and the connection between way in one direction after another and the report of the piece and retrieving wandered round and round, going half

steady, drizzling rain began to fail. distant tree. The education of this They were soon numb to the marrow. particular cat is now complete. He re- Then one of the sportsmen dropped trieves perfectly, points sometimes and without a word, and no one went to his In general conducts Limself like a hunt- help. Little by little the three that remained were separated. Armstrong The biologists deny the inheritance of says he himself became unconscious equired characteristics. If it were not after a time and remembers noththeir doctrine, this learned animal ing that happened until he was roused ig. • become the progenitor of a long by feeling solid ground beneath his feet and finding that the water was stands's a living monument to human more shallow than it had been. He patience and as a proof that even the kept on and fell upon the shore. Then on hands and knees he crawled to

camp and gave the alarm. Search was at once made for his companions, and The skunk first appears in history in their bodies were recovered. Since that the year 1636, when he was described time the big fish with a sear on his in Theodat's "History of Canada." He back has twice or thrice been seen by had been a long time on the earth be- spearing parties, but they have passed

now. You know. Marse Phil' (and animals or made by themselves. Their the bill of the common gar of northern under thread. The bill of the common gar of northern on the and in no way requires removal.—San unce "alone are enough to go by. In the birth of the birth of the common gar of northern on the fifteenth century the bar had only Francisco Bulletin. Labits are chiefly nocturnal, and they waters. One who goes out upon the the fifteenth century the bar had only Francisco Bulletin. one 'nuther a long time. You know my interests only in the severest part of lakes of Louisiana and Arkansas will a knot or a dot as ornament, in the mammy wah yo' black mammy, too, the winter. Their root can be see them jumping and splashing like sixteenth a double or single loop and an' you know we done play togedder, small animals, of insects and birds' enormal time root only make a loop bala double or single loop and we did, an' we hunted togeder, we did, an' we hunted togeder, we did, an' you know. Marse Phil, you could outride anybody in dis count try""That we could." broke in the color nel, forgetting bimself for the moment, unconscious of his role as judge of a runaway negro and remembering only
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"That we could." broke in the color of noxious ani"The vong are born in litters of four t boat on a lake near Helena, Ark., let- Connoisseur.

The Race "Rendy?" inquired the colonel in safe as any sport in the world, and the Does not depend on the start but on the It's staying power which carries many a runner to victory. It's like that in business. Many a man starts off in the race for business success with a the tedious letter and looked up at Eph expectantly. "Yes, we's ready, sah," said Eph again. "It's a mighty fine the neighborhood of Lake George, an Generally "stomach trouble." No man is stronger than his stomach. Business

haste leads to careless and irregular eating. The stomach and other organs of digestion and nutrition become diseased. The body is inadequately nourished and it is a giant muskellunge or a stur-geon. cures diseases of the stomach and other organs of digestion and nutrition. strengthens the stomach and so strength-

ens the whole body which depends on the stomach for the nourishment from and the second of the nourisment from the stomach for the nourisment from the stomach for the nourisment from which strength is made. of sportsmen from Chicago went on the lake spearing in charge of an old resident named Armstrong. dent named Armstrong.

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constipation.

The Wrong Leg.

There was an eminent sergeant at law some years ago who had a cork leg that was a triumph of artistic deception. None but his intimates knew for certain which was the real and which was the sham limb. A wild young wag of the "outer bar," who knew the sergeant pretty well, once thought to utilize this knowledge of the sergeant's secret to take in a green, newly fledged young barrister. The sergeant was addressing a special jury at Westminster in his usual earnest and vehement style, and the wag whispered to his

neighbor: "You see how hot old Buzfuz is over I'll run this pin into his leg up to the

traordinary man in that way."

end and the judge's wig almost fall off. bank in London are members of the rang through the court. "By Jove, it's the wrong leg! I've lost my money," exclaimed the dismayed was established by the associated and conscience stricken wag, quite re- banks of New York in 1853.

gardless of the pain he had inflicted upon the learned sergeant .-- London Answers

To Judge the Age of Lace

In fixing the approximate date of any given piece of lace it is well to re years of hard, patient work, on the part member that machine made thread was of the Santa Rosa wizard were requirnot used till after the beginning of the eighteenth century. Before that time hybrid is understood to be a cross bethe threads ran in lengths of about tween a plum and a prune.

twenty inches, for the worker could This discovery will create a sense species of fossil skunks, The skunks of There is one species of fish in the stretch no farther than her distaff and tion among fruit driers and fruit pro Ephraim, fingering his hat and look- the genus Chinca range over the great- south that is feared only little less had to break off and join again, so that ducers the world over. The pit of the g at his muddy shoes, said: "That's jus' what I'm gwine to do, "That's jus' what I'm gwine to do, Marse Phil. Seem lak I couldn't wait found in Central and South America, grows to enormous size and has a bill lace is surely after the introduction of the delicious fruit. Burbank's creation hard and bony and much broader than machine made thread. The "bride's has no pit, but a tiny seed that is edible





Shoes, Shoes

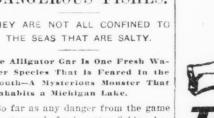
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runaway negro and remembering only set by their destruction of noxious animals and insects, especially the white his happy boyhood.

fox grapes an' 'simmons am ripe an' de and all, in a trough of water. chestnuts am droppin', sah, I jes' can't me used to go possum an' coon huntin', watches and clocks. Many people Phil, I jes' has to.

speak at once.

plaintive echo of a lullaby sung by a arranged by some ignorant twist. black mammy to a curly headed pickaninny. The gold of evening was melting into the purple glow of twilight, and the air was balmy and sweet. To the colonel there came the memory of days, long ago, when he had seen and of welcome, inviting him to come forth

and revel in its beauties. one request to make of you. When you feel like running away again, I want you to tell me, and I'll go with and 'll right, sah, I'll tell you, sah."

The colonel turned and took up his paper. "Don't forget," he commanded. "I shall expect you to tell me." And the interview was ended.

There were wild rumors afloat among the negroes as to the punishment Uncle Eph was to receive for running away, but Uncle Eph himself maintained a dignified silence. He sedately drove the colonel and his wife to church and through the country lanes to the houses where they attended the big dinners Chronicle. and teas. The subject was never again mentioned by the two old playmates.

mer again threw her shimmering blue mantle over the distant mountains, and the leaves leaves allowed by and indian sum-enter again threw her shimmering blue shawls or kerchiefs on their heads, the leaves became golden and red and

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"Well, Marse Phil, you know in de grub, the pest of lawns and meadows. ting his feet hang over the stern, when fall, sah, when de sun shines sort o' They are easily trapped in box traps a gar grabbed him by one leg. The and can be killed by putting them, trap man hung to the boat until rescued, but his leg was horribly gashed. The fish have been known to attack in like

stand it nohow. I jes' 'bleeged to run away. 'Peahs lak I jus' recollect de There is a good deal of popular ig- in the Mississippi below New Orleans. time, Marse Phil, I do, when you an' norance on the subject of managing One spring the writer was visiting a rice plantation on the "lower coast" of an' den atterwhile, when I take de chillens-an'. Lord, sich times as we had! An' now dey's all married an' repairs of their timepieces that could gone, sah, but ole Eph, he jes' have to be saved by rudimentary instruction, been playing at the edge of a bayou take to de woods once a year an' kind Pendulum clocks are especially liable and was lying on the bank extending o' circumnavigate 'roun', sah, jes' fch to give much trouble to the careless or his arms into the water when a gar de ole times, sah. I'ze pow'ful sorry to the ignorant, or to those who will not came with a rush and, grabbing the discommode you, Marse Phil, but I tol' take the trouble to learn how to use youngster by the arm, pulled him into dat triflin' Joe how to tek keer o' de them properly. There are many costly the water. A young negro with a shotbosses, sah, an' I jes' has to go, Marse pendulum clocks that never tell the gun was standing near watching for time, because the owners have given ricebirds. He ran to the bank. The The colonel had turned and was look- them up in despair, although there fish found it had undertaken a bigger ing out of the window. He did not may be nothing the matter with the task than it could well manage, and a clocks except that they are not level or wild struggle was in progress between From the distant cabins came the that the delicate pendulum has got dis- the gar and the dying child. The negro

shot the fish, but the child died before it could be taken from the water .- New York Times.

The Right of Defense.

Furniture Polish.

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Minerals

Professional Shoppers.

Professional shoppers are employed ed by the fire of youth and when all na-ture seemed but to be speaking words through the system of taxation, which have heard it observed by a very learn-drapers to test the abilities of shop assistants. This firm owns over thirty large shops and employs nearly 1,000 assistants. To find out whether every himself did not pass sention Adam before he was called customer is politely served a number of good taste. In many instances the says God, 'where art thou? Hast thou of lady customers are employed to call at the various shops. They are told to give as much trouble as possible and sometimes to leave without making a And the same question was put to Eve purchase after looking at nearly everything in the shop. Should the unfortu-

nate assistant's temper not be equal A recipe for a very superior furni-ture polish given by a dealer in musical to the strain, or should a single word be said that might offend, a report will infallibly reach headquarters and lead cause for the shining surfaces of the to the dismissal of the sorely tried planos in his rooms consists of four handler of silks and ribbons.

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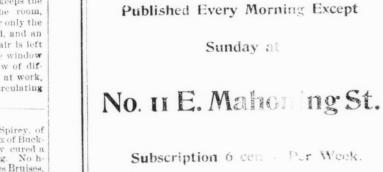
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