

TO SLEEP.

Gentle lover of a world day-worn, Taking the weary light to thy dusk arms...

The Greatest Scare I Ever Got.

By G. R. O'Reilly.

Although I have hunted for and caught the most venomous of snakes, and always kept a collection of them...

Of all the snakes of Florida, that which most claimed my attention when I arrived there was the great diamond rattlesnake (Crotalus adamanteus)...

Fortunately these great vipers are not plentiful. One may live two or three years in the wildest part of the country...

Throughout most of my sojourn in Florida I have lived or camped in the woods...

One morning, as I was getting ready to set out from my woodland retreat for a ramble along the water-side, I saw three boys come running toward the house...

"Where is he?" "Oh, half a mile off, up there in the woods."

"Did he rattle?" "No, he didn't rattle. He's asleep." "Oh!" thought I "It's some harmless pine-snake or large king-snake..."

Believing, therefore, that it would prove to be some large, harmless snake that I might possibly want to add to my collection...

In a few minutes we were close to a thicket of palmetto and sweet myrtle. "In there he is," said the boys...

Leaving the foot-path and going over toward the thicket, I saw the same mark on two other mole-heaps. From this I judged that most probably the boys were right...

Before entering among the bushes, the boys called up the dog, and held him in leash lest he should run up on the snake and be killed...

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"He is in that stump," said the leading boy. "If you go over and look down through the hole in the top you can see him."

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"Well, he must be there," said one of the boys, "because we never bothered him; and he was asleep and didn't rattle..."

"Come and look for yourselves," I said, "and you'll see he's not here now."

As the sun was shining into the hole at the top, I dropped down on my

knees to look in through the lower orifice, so as to be sure whether a rattlesnake had really lain there or not...

"All right," I said; jumping up. "He was there, sure enough; and he is not far off now."

I handed back the gun to the boy who owned it, and then I said, "Will you help me to look for him?"

"Of course we will." "Very good. The first thing to do is to stand still where you are, and search with your eyes every inch of the ground you can see."

Now this open space was almost clear, the only thing growing in it being a sparse and meagre crop of huckleberry bushes...

For some minutes we looked and looked, but could see no sign of him. Thinking that he might be lying under the shady myrtles surrounding the open patch...

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ears, internal or external, and could not hear if they wanted to. But they are quick to see moving things...

Slowly, so slowly that you could hardly detect my motion, I brought my stick, gripped firmly in both hands, into a vertical position...

The end of the stick, as I have said, was now within his coil, at the only point where it would be surely effective.

Some twenty yards off he landed near the dog; and that unfortunate brute, seeing the long flying thing alighting, rushed at it...

The boys gave one shout when they saw the snake sent so cleverly sailing away from me through the air...

I got him into it without difficulty. At home I transferred him to a glass-fronted cage.

"Can't Stand Kerosene." "I never knew until this winter," said the superintendent of a dog and cat hospital...

"Look out! Look out! There's the rattlesnake right at your foot!" I did not move a muscle.

"My feet and legs must stay still," I thought, "but I must see him."

Yes, I was in a predicament, for there was a large rattlesnake five feet long and as thick as a man's arm.

Now I was not greatly alarmed until the dog ran up close by, with his tail waving.

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The invention of a poor cobbler in Pennsylvania was found apparently to increase the fuel value of coal four-fold.

Thomas F. Cole, mining expert, has been telling the Duluth folks that he's confident there's iron ore under nearly four-fifths of Minnesota.

From the standpoint of industrial utility, says Prof. DuCan, in Harper's Magazine, the subject of cellulose can only be characterized as stupendous.

Ice is an almost perfect non-conductor of electricity. In this connection a prominent engineer has suggested the use of a pipe of metal for an electrical conductor.

Among the many curious and unusual animals which have been found by Sir Henry Johnston, the African explorer, in the Uganda Protectorate, is the whale-headed stork.

Primary colors are the colors into which white light is separated by the dispersion of a prism.

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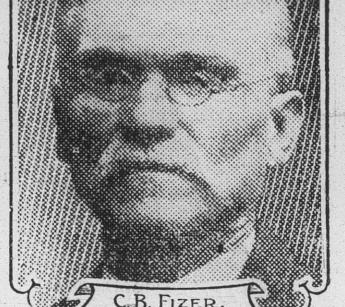
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KIDNEY TROUBLE

Suffered Two Years—Relieved in Three Months.



M. R. C. B. FIZER, Mt. Sterling, Ky., writes: "I have suffered with kidney and bladder trouble for ten years past."

"I believe that I am well and I therefore give my highest commendation to the curative qualities of Peruna."

Per-una For Kidney Trouble. Mrs. Geo. H. Simser, Grant, Ontario, Can., writes: "I had not been well for about four years. I had kidney trouble, and, in fact, felt badly nearly all the time."

"I feel that Peruna and Manalin cured me and made a different woman of me altogether. I bless the day I picked up the little book and read of your Peruna."

Alcohol From Sawdust. Samples of alcohol made from sawdust have been sent to the Department of Agriculture from one of the big sawmills, where the work is being done on a commercial scale...

Which Enables Physicians to Detect Typhoid Fever. In his article on "The Making of Medicines," in Harper's, Prof. Robert Kennedy Duncan tells of an extremely important chemical test to determine the existence of typhoid.

Why Alligators Are Scarce. Alligators are scarce and the children of the wealthy are largely responsible for it.

If You Read This. It will be to learn that the leading medical writers and teachers of all the several schools of practice recommend, in the strongest terms possible, each and every ingredient entering into the composition of Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery...

Earliest Use of Paper. A contemporary says that the earliest example extant of the use of paper in Europe is a letter, dated A. D. 1216, preserved at the Record office.

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