

## KILLS BLACKSNAKE THAT ATE MONEY

**Sonstrom Not Only Gets Back His Two Quarters, but \$4.42 for Short Time Loan**

### THE YEAR'S CHAMPION YARN

Man Found Inside Snake His Own Quarters and One Half Dollar, Nine Other Quarters, Nine Dimes, Fifteen Nickels and Two Cents.

Montclair, N. J.—Edward Sonstrom, a truthful, sober and industrious person, killed a blacksnake five feet long, near the bridge over Toney's Brook at Bay street. The location is fixed with particularity because it is still there, an enduring proof of the remarkable facts that follow.

The Sonstroms live near the bridge. Mrs. Sonstrom sent her two little girls to a delicatessen store to buy things for the Sunday dinner. The children had just returned from Sunday school. Mary is seven years old, Alice, five. Her mamma gave Mary two silver quarters.

The children were crossing the brook when they came upon the blacksnake, coiled as if to spring at them. To their terrified eyes it looked as big as an anaconda. Mary, in her fright, dropped the quarters and with Alice fled, screaming.

Mary dared to look over her shoulder to see if the snake was chasing them. To her amazement, she saw the snake swallow the coins, then coil up in the sun as if to digest them at leisure.

The girls went home and told their papa and mamma. Sonstrom, seizing a club, ran to the bridge. The snake was still there and showed fight, but Sonstrom killed it. He took the reptile home with the hope of recovering the two quarters. He did so with interest. In fact, before he got through with the snake he felt like a usurer, a mine discovered or a bank robber.

In the provident and thrifty snake's midst were one half dollar, eleven quarters, nine dimes, fifteen nickels and two cents.

More remarkable still, the coins were stacked so as to be accommodated to the diminishing calibre of the snake's purse. That is, the half dollar was nearest to the mouth of the purse, then the quarters and so on, the dimes last, although a dime is nearly as large in circumference as a cent.

Mr. Sonstrom has the snake, \$4.92 in change and the bridge remains in its place.

### MANY ALBINO WILD ANIMALS.

Game Warden Fears This Means Game Is Disappearing.

South Norwalk, Conn.—Wild birds and animals are being hunted so closely in this State that they are turning white from the constant fear under which they labor. White deer, white foxes, white squirrels, white robins and even white jays have been shot this season. Most of them also had pink eyes and were weak. Wilbur F. Smith, a game warden, who is an authority on animals and birds, says he never received so many authenticated reports of the killing of albino animals as he has received this season.

"I think it is a sign of the decadence of wild animals and birds in Connecticut," Smith said. "The inroads of civilization on their haunts and the continual harassing by the hunters shortly will bring about extermination unless the game laws be made more stringent. Of course, it is not unusual to hear of Albino birds and animals. They have been reported from all the States. I never have known, however, so many such freaks of nature as we have here now."

Albino squirrels have been shot by John Shaugnessy of Weston and Frederick Jones of Reading. Other hunters report that they not only have killed albinos, but that they also have seen many more than they succeeded in killing.

### ATHLETICS THE LOVE CURE.

Makes Girls Level-Headed About Men, Miss May Sutton Observes.

Los Angeles, Cal.—"Athletics are the best antidote for love," was May Sutton's reply to an inquiry on her views of matrimony. Miss Sutton, who is the woman tennis champion, has just returned from a long Eastern trip.

"I still think that no girl should marry before she is twenty-five. I said twenty-five because I judge entirely by the nearly universal happiness of the English wives, and they don't marry young. Do you hear much of divorce in England? No; and here it is growing to be a distinct feature of this country. I have often thought that perhaps the English girls' tendency to sports has something to do with her levelheadedness concerning men. Athletics aren't especially conducive to sentiment."

"Any athletic girl, American or English, is not as apt to marry as young as the typical society girl. The society girl lives in the atmosphere of dancing, of music, of soft lights, and of flattery. I don't say that society isn't necessary to a girl's development, but I do mean that athletics are the best antidote for the poison of premature love affairs."

## SCHOOL FOR WAITERS

Text Book Contains a Thousand Bits of Instruction for the 40 Who Serve 700 Men.

Chicago, Ill.—A school for waiters is the latest innovation at the University of Chicago. Here are some of the instructions from its text book: Avoid appearing to slam things down on the table.

Most customers desire some part of their meal first.

Do not scuffle, talk or drop trays. Always place a drink to the right of a customer.

A waiter should never leave any customer after serving till he knows he has the necessary silverware to eat with.

A cereal in the morning should be served right away, whether the rest of the order be ready or not.

An egg with a broken yolk should not be served at all.

Good scholarship will not make up for a deficiency in service.

To be a good waiter it is essential that you should be quick, but also that you should not appear to hurry.

Waiters should remove used dishes as soon as the customer is through, but be sure that he is through, and avoid giving an impression that you are in a hurry for him to finish.

There are a thousand and one other gentle reminders for the forty student waiters who serve their 700 fellows at the men's commons. They were compiled in a pamphlet of eleven pages by Thomas L. Barrell, manager of the restaurant. He says there has been a vast improvement in the service since the orders were issued.

### REVIVALISTS HYPNOTISTS.

People Are Converted by Suggestions, Says Chicago Professor.

Chicago.—Religious "revivals" were classed with hypnotic seances and scored for their "unnatural and weird" results by Prof. Edward Scribner Ames, of the University of Chicago, in a lecture on "The Development of the Personal Religious Experience" at the university. Prof. Ames declared that revival converts were likely to be undesirable additions to the church.

"In no respect is there greater agreement among the psychologists of religion than that the methods of revivals are essentially methods of hypnotism," said the speaker. "The fixing of attention, the manipulation of the subjects through a series of suggestions, the final mandatory exhortation to surrender and to indicate it by a simple motor response—all these are the well known methods of hypnotism."

### LITTLE WATER VAPOR ON MARS.

Professor Campbell Unable to Detect It—Atmosphere of Planet.

San Jose, Cal.—People on the planet Mars, if any live there, breathe an atmosphere which is almost destitute of moisture. This is the conclusion of W. W. Campbell, director of the Lick Observatory, who returned recently from making observations from the summit of Mount Whitney, the highest point in the United States. "Water vapor on Mars does not exist in sufficient quantities to be detected by the spectroscopic method," says Professor Campbell. "This does not prove that life does not or cannot exist on Mars. The question of life under these conditions is a biologist's problem rather than an astronomer's."

Professor Campbell added that his observations disproved the theories that the canals of Mars were made by man.

### HOW MUTES GIVE PASSWORD.

Secrecy Preserved Through Astuteness of Doorkeeper at Convention.

Louisville, Ky.—The national convention of the deaf mutes at their session here was unusual in many ways, but the most novel feature was the password.

The sign language is a difficult one in which to keep secrets, and when it came to a password the doorkeeper of the silent brotherhood was perplexed. To solve the difficulty he had a small box with one side knocked out.

The newcomer thrust his hand into the box while the doorkeeper peered into it to see if he performed properly the digital movements that mark him as one of the elect. If the applicant wiggled his fingers properly he got in, but if he didn't he was barred.

### "SCISSORS" BAKER IS DEAD.

Once a Reporter and of Good Family—Worked with Mark Twain.

Boston.—Clinton Humphrey Baker, known as "Scissors" Baker, a knife and scissors grinder who frequented the downtown office district, was found dead from heart disease at a Washington street lodging house.

Baker, who was a lovable old man, was once a reporter, having worked with Mark Twain on "The Virginia City (Nev.) Enterprise." His great-grandfather was one of the signers of the Declaration of Independence, and his father was with Fremont's expedition.

### Dog Swam All Day in Well.

Barnesville, Minn.—Nearly famished and in a state of exhaustion, Grover, a little water spaniel belonging to Barney Howlett of this city, was taken from an inclosed well, containing seven feet of water, after swimming for eighteen hours without rest. Howlett was crossing the field in which the well is located, and the dog was not missed until late that night. Next day, while looking for him, he heard his muffled barks and whining and freed him from his predicament.

## SUGGESTIVE QUESTIONS

On the Sunday School Lesson by Rev. Dr. Linscott for the International Newspaper Bible Study Club.

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(Copyright, 1909, by Rev. T. S. Linscott, D.D.) Paul on the Grace of Giving. II. Cor. viii:1-15.

Golden Text—Remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he said, It is more blessed to give than to receive. Acts xi:35.

Are these words in the Golden Text quoted from Jesus, hyperbolic, that is, a rhetorical overstatement, or is it literally true, that it is more blessed to give than to receive, and if so, why? (This question must be answered in writing by members of the club.)

Verses 1-6—Is it according to animal nature, or to average human nature, to give to others outside of kith and kin?

Is giving liberally, intelligently and systematically, to religion and charity, always a "grace," that is, an inclination Divinely imparted?

What is the relation between giving and loving?

If we are in need or "affliction" ourselves, will the grace of giving still operate in us, if our hearts are right?

May "deep poverty," great "joy" and rich "liberality" be in the same life, and is such a combination natural or supernatural?

There was great poverty and suffering among the Christians at Jerusalem, and the liberality of the poor churches at Macedonia to relieve their need is what Paul here refers to; contrast the evil at Jerusalem, with the resultant good grace of giving developed at Macedonia, and say which is the greater; that is did the result do as much good, or exceed the evil done by the cause?

Titus it would appear was appointed to present to the Corinthians the need of the Jerusalem Christians, to take up a collection, and to develop in them the grace of giving; why is there no work more noble, or duty more imperative, than for ministers and teachers to teach the people the duty and joy of giving?

Verses 7-8—Paul apparently assumes that a person may abound "in faith and utterance, and knowledge," and in "love," and not abound in the grace of giving; but is he right, for how can such a thing be possible?

Paul states that he did not urge the grace of giving by "commandment"; is it therefore any less the duty, and privilege of every Christian, rich and poor, to abound in this grace?

Verses 9—What should be the supreme motive, and what is the greatest inducement to give liberally?

What is the chief grace in the resplendent character of Jesus?

Did the giving of Jesus of himself, and all he had for us, imply permanent poverty for him, or was it the surest way to all that great wealth is supposed to stand for?

Why does giving of all kinds finally result in getting more of that which we give, than would be possible if we kept it? (Think of money, love, knowledge, experience, encouragement, etc.)

Verses 10-11—What is the difference in promising a subscription to religion or benevolence and not paying it, and not paying your grocer or baker?

Verses 12-14—What is the proportion of our income which the Bible demands of us, as a minimum?

What are some of the many advantages of the titling system?

Verses 15—What reason is there to believe that if we give systematically to God's cause that we ourselves shall never lack?

Lesson for Sunday, Dec. 12th, 1909. Paul's Last Words. II. Tim. iv:1-18.

### DOCTOR MADE A NEW THUMB.

Whittled It from Patient's Leg Bone and Covered It with Skin.

Dr. K. Koeske has described in a German medical publication some remarkable results in plastic surgery.

"In one of his cases, which, as far as he is aware, is unique in surgical literature," says the International Journal of Surgery, "he replaced a thumb which had been entirely lost in an accident, by a section of the tibia (leg bone) with its attached periosteum and by skin taken from the chest. The transplanted parts united without undergoing subsequent contraction and degeneration."

"The case is of special interest because hitherto transplanted bone has always been interposed between healthy sections of bone, while in this instance the piece of tibia was directly implanted into a funnel-shaped excavation in the head of the first metacarpal."

"An excellent substitute for a normal thumb, in spite of the absence of the terminal and proximal phalanges, was obtained in this way, the patient, a boy of 13 years, being able to bring it in contact with the other fingers, as in writing. There has also been a gradual establishment of the sense of touch. Later, the author intends to transplant the nail, with matrix and surrounding soft parts, from one of the toes to the new member."

### Mere Humans.

A Wilkesbarre magistrate has decided that a cow has precedence over an automobile and does not have to wear a red lantern on her tail when standing in the road at night meditatively chewing her cud. Human beings apparently must take their chances.

## PLUTOCRATIC PIONEERS.

Men Who Go West Now to Make Money Must Take Some Along.

Of the 924,695 aliens admitted to the United States in 1908, 71 per cent. went to New York, Pennsylvania, Illinois, Massachusetts and New Jersey, and more than 95 per cent. of these sought the larger cities of the States named. Fifteen per cent. of the remainder went to other suburban centers as laborers and the bare 14 per cent. were distributed in the West and South.

The West to-day and the South want specialists, says the Van Norden Magazine. With opportunities as boundless almost as they were when the first schooners crossed the prairies or the first pioneer went south along the Atlantic coast, still there is no room for the class described as "ignorant of a trade, lacking in resources, of criminal tendencies and with an aversion to country life."

The modern pioneer goes west with money and he makes money. There is to-day county after county in the middle West in which there is not a single mortgage on farm property recorded. In these districts the average bank deposit is greater than that in rural France, held up for long as the model of the world. It is not the country to which an immigrant bringing an average of eighteen dollars could go and succeed. The competition is a little too strong and he knows it.

### Nansen's Carrier-pigeon.

One day a carrier-pigeon tapped at the window of Mrs. Nansen's home in Christiania. Instantly the window was opened and the wife of the famous Arctic explorer an another moment covered a little messenger with kisses and caresses.

The carrier-pigeon had been away from the cottage thirty long months, but had not forgotten the way home. It brought a note from Nansen, stating that all was going well with his expedition in the polar regions.

Nansen had fastened a message to the bird, and turned it loose.

The frail carrier darted out into the blizzarding air, flew like an arrow over perhaps a thousand miles of frozen waste, and then over another thousand miles of ocean and plains and forests to enter the window of its waiting mistress and deliver the message which she had been awaiting so anxiously.

We boast of human pluck, sagacity, and endurance; but this loving carrier-pigeon after an absence of thirty months, accomplished a feat so wonderful that we can only give ourselves up to amazement and admiration.—Nansen's Arctic Explorations.

### Undeveloped Brazil.

It is very sad to note that at the time when Spruce visited the Amazon—with the exception of a very few spots at long distances apart—the mighty river with its vast network of tributaries, was practically deserted. The traveler speaks of the Rio Negro as "the dead river." The immense area contained only scattered groups of Indians with here and there a few half-breeds. Some progress, with the introduction of steam navigation, has been made since the period with which these volumes deal, but still the far larger part of the Amazonian regions is, to all intents and purposes, uninhabited. To any one who has studied the history of exploration and settlement in the basin of the Amazon from the days of Orellana, Teixeira and Samuel Fritz to those of La Condamine, Humboldt and Schomburgk, the salient fact that stands out is the failure alike of Portuguese and Spaniard to utilize the splendid waterways and rich territory which they had had the good fortune to acquire. All the earliest records show the banks thickly populated by native tribes.

### About Heat Lightning.

All sorts of popular fallacies spring up, and grow, and spread until they become matters of common belief: Here is that one about so-called "heat lightning," for example, the broad gleams that often appear just above the western horizon on a warm evening. We see flash after flash, but there is no accompanying thunder, and the absence of the latter has given rise to the notion that it is "heat lightning," for if it were ordinary lightning there would be thunder, of course!

As a matter of fact, there is no heat lightning, as that term is generally used. The display referred to always takes place when the weather is warm, but that is only because warm weather produces thunder storms. The so-called heat lightning is merely the lightning of a distant storm. We do not hear the thunder because the storm is too far away for the sound to reach us. This term of heat lightning is merely a corruption of the legitimate term sheet lightning.

### Keeping Ahead of Nipper.

"Yes, Nipper's a good one," said Mason, trying to speak coolly of the bull-terrier at his heel. "My wife and I are awfully fond of him, but we don't make fools of ourselves over him as some folks do over dogs that are not a patch on Nipper."

"He looks all right," said Rand, with as much warmth as could be expected from a man whose interest is in tumblers and pointers. "He is all right," corrected Mason, with dignity. "Why, that fellow knows everything you say to him, in German and French as well as English. We've proved it again and again, and only last night my wife said that if we wanted to keep anything from him we'd have to learn a new language."

"I think," concluded Mason, gravely, "that we shall take up Esperanto when the evenings get longer."

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| Loans                               | 474,453.33    | Surplus and Profit | 39,948.59   |
| Bonds and Mortgages                 | 76,415.00     | Deposits           | 508,482.43  |
| Real Estate, Furniture and Fixtures | 20,000.00     |                    |             |
|                                     | \$ 623,431.02 |                    | 623,431.02  |

### STATEMENT SHOWING GROWTH.

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| Deposits May 26th, 1906 | \$136,341.72 |
| " Nov. 26th, 1906       | 218,243.37   |
| " May 28th, 1907        | 290,872.14   |
| " Dec. 16th, 1907       | 350,269.97   |
| " May 19th, 1908        | 340,655.94   |
| " Nov. 27th, 1908       | 408,857.61   |
| " April 28th, 1909      | 469,078.90   |
| " Nov. 6th, 1909        | 508,482.43   |

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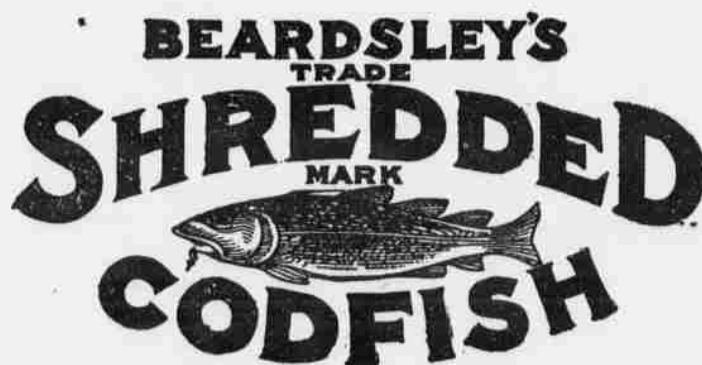
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