

**SIREN SONGS FOR GOPHERS.**

How Florida Land Turtles Are Lured Out of Their Holes.

W. H. Gilbert, locksmith, astronomer, fisherman, scientist, hunter and capitalist, is a great fancier of gopher meat, and has thought of many ways of catching the game.

Some time ago he learned that there was a family living in the northwestern part of the county which boasted of young men who could "sing" gophers out of their holes. He traveled many miles to ascertain if the report was really true.

The young men were reluctant at first to give an exhibition that might reveal their secret, but Mr. Gilbert had a number of persuasives along and finally they consented.

The young men equipped themselves with a gunny sack and a pointed stick about five feet long. A half mile from the house, in the wire grass of the rolling pine land, they found the hole of a gopher. They covered the entrance of his tunnel with a sack and planted the stick over the tunnel. Then all of the men lay down about 20 feet away and one of them sang.

In a half hour the sack was seen to move slightly, whereupon one of the young men jumped up quickly and ran to the stick, which he pressed deep into the ground, cutting off the gopher's retreat. The other reached his hand into the hole and brought out a big gopher, which was made into a delicious stew for their dinner. Mr. Gilbert, disconcerting on the incident, says:

"I have since learned that the Mexicans, who are very fond of gophers, pursue this method, except that they do not sing. The singing is entirely superfluous. Curiosity is what kills the gopher, as it has killed the historic cat. The animal evidently is curious to learn what it is that has darkened the threshold of his abode and comes forth to see. The stick does the rest. I have tried the same plan myself and very successfully."—Florida Times-Union.

**FORESTALLING THIEVES.**

Why Thomas A. Edison Patents Everything He Invents.

As Thomas A. Edison watched the pumping of the air from a glass tube in his laboratory a day or two ago, a man said to him:

"You patent every little thing you discover, don't you, Mr. Edison?"

"I do," said Mr. Edison, "and do you know why I do it?"

"I suppose you do it so you will reap the benefit of your discovery," was the reply.

"I thought you'd say that," said Mr. Edison, "and I don't suppose you will believe me when I tell you it isn't so. Nevertheless, I discover a great many things that I would be glad to give to the public for nothing, but I don't dare. I patent these things to save myself from defending lawsuits. There are a lot of sharks in this world who are continually on the lookout for new things, and when one of them hears of something new he hustles to the patent office to see if it is patented. If it isn't, he claims it as an original discovery and files his claim. Then he will turn right around and, like as not, begin a suit with the man who invented the thing for making or using it. The inventor will say: 'But I discovered this thing first. I am the inventor.' He is referred to the patent office, where he finds the official claim of original invention. The fact that the papers are filed long after he made his discovery does not help him, for all the other man does is to hire a fellow to swear that he made the discovery a month or two prior to the date the inventor claims. It sounds ridiculous, probably, but it is a fact that there are often races between the inventors and the sharks to reach the patent office, the sharks having had early information about the inventor's discovery. There are many such races and thousands of dollars depend on each one. What I say is literally true."—New Ideas.

**A Harlequin Without Money.**

One evening, when returning from the theater in a cab (sic), having ordered the coachman to drive to the Sun, a tavern in Clare market, he threw himself out of the coach window and through the open window of the tavern parlor just as the driver was about to draw up. The man then descended from the box, touched his hat and stood waiting for his passenger to alight. Finding at length there was no one visible, he bestowed a few blessings on the scoundrel who had imposed upon him, remounted his box and was about to drive off when Rich, who had been watching, vaulted back into the vehicle, and, putting his head out, asked, "Where the devil are you driving to?" Almost paralyzed with fear, the driver got down again, but could not be persuaded to take his fare, though he was offered a shilling for himself, exclaiming: "No, no! That won't do. I know you too well for all your shoes, and so, Mr. Devil, for once you're outwitted."—Somerville.

**Almost Fatal.**

"The water wasn't scaldin she throwed at you, was it, pardner?" asked Everett Wrenett, who had done the waiting at the gate while Dismal Dawson had made "the play for the poke out."

"No," said Mr. Dawson, "it was worse. It was scorpids."—Indianapolis Journal.

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**REPORT OF THE CONDITION**

**OF THE**  
**FIRST NATIONAL BANK**  
**OF REYNOLDSVILLE**

at Reynoldsville, in the State of Pennsylvania, at the close of business October 6, 1896.

ASSETS:

Loans and discounts	\$60,818 70
Overdrafts, secured and unsecured	63 22
U. S. Bonds to secure circulation	35,000 00
Premiums on U. S. Bonds	3,900 00
Stocks, securities, etc.	1,300 00
Furniture and fixtures	2,092 59
Due from approved reserve agents	34,486 22
Checks and other cash items	183 51
Notes of other National banks	640 00
Fractional paper currency, nickles, and cents	97 48
Lawful money reserve in bank, viz: specie	\$1,818 00
Legal-tender notes	\$1,519 00
Redemption fund with U. S. Treasurer (5 per cent. of circulation)	1,575 00
Total	\$178,615 32

LIABILITIES:

Capital stock paid in	\$50,000 00
Surplus fund	4,000 00
Undivided profits, less expenses and taxes paid	1,578 10
National Bank notes outstanding	31,500 00
Due to other National Banks	93 82
Dividends unpaid	108 00
Individual deposits subject to check	73,296 05
Demand certificates of deposit	159 93
Time certificates of deposit	18,746 84
Cashier's checks outstanding	82 51
Total	\$178,615 32

State of Pennsylvania, County of Jefferson, ss:  
I, John H. Kaucher, Cashier of the above-named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.  
JOHN H. KAUCHER, Cashier.  
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 10th day of October, 1896.  
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