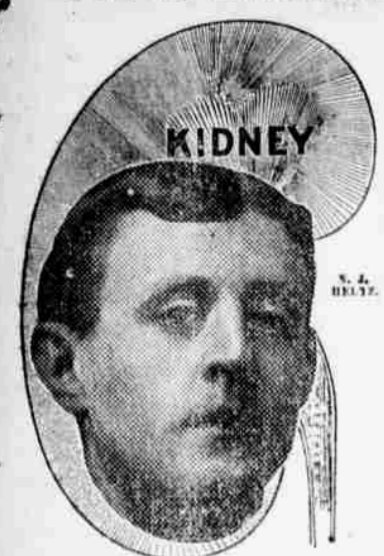


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HUNTING SNAKES.

FOR persons who enjoy snake stalking," said Curator R. L. Dimars, who has conducted expeditions for snakes on behalf of the New York Zoological Park, in the Bronx, "I can recommend certain parts of South Carolina above any other section in the United States. For example, a four-mile swamp near the little town of Robertsville, in Hampton County, is a snake's paradise. Portions of the swamp are overgrown with huge rushes and portions with canebrake dovetailing into pine swamps, the trees running forty feet up to the first limb and hang thick with green moss. Trees, ground and water are alive with reptiles.

"Snake hunting is as fascinating as deer stalking, especially to a man who finds some meaning in every band on a pit viper's back. No moose was ever more ready to take alarm than are these slippery quarry, and to land a bagful of valuable snakes is a task that calls for adroitness mingled with a high quality of perseverance.

"Night is the very best time for catching snakes, for it is then that the serpent tribe uncoil themselves and glide about the swamp in perfect freedom. Obviously this sort of thing is not without danger, and after one trial of it, the snake hunter usually prefers daylight. In the moonlight a silver haze floats above the swamp, and it lies like a silvery sea. Within it, the eyes of ghouls whose long beards sweep the pools, diamond-backed rattlers rear their ugly heads, racers, moccasins and strange pink water snakes glide noiselessly, and alligators keep up their loud, uncanny bellowing and make the air heavy with their musky odor.

"In daylight the hunter rides in mounted on a mule usually and clad in an armor of heavy brown duck, high top boots, and stout, flexible gloves. His weapons are a bamboo stick with a running noose of the copper wire at the end, and a second cane furnished with a wire net. He always carries a revolver, too, if he is wise.

"Across the mule's back is balanced a short cane stick, and from each end of the stick dangles a good-sized cotton bag. These bags are for the snakes. The mule sagaciously picks his way through the swamp along deer paths which wind in and out, where a single misstep would often tumble him and his rider into a pool swarming with alligators and water snakes.

"A snake stalker, of course, attempts to take only the more valuable and strange species of serpents. When he catches the gleam of the right sort of a coat through the rushes, or spies a fine specimen dangling from a limb over his head, he halts and goes into action with his copper-wire noose and bamboo stick. If he can, he slips the noose over the snake's neck and draws it taut. Then he gets the thrashing, spitting reptile 'twixt thumb and forefinger around the neck and drops him into the cotton bag. Invariably, in a crisis the hunter throws away copper wires and seizes a snake with his hands, grasping him well toward the head, so that he cannot twist around and thrust his fangs into his hands.

"A rattlesnake is fairly easy to capture, because he is consummately brave, never runs from an enemy, and his warning rattle is unmistakable. Skirt the borders of a palmetto thicket any day and watch the wavering shadows of the foliage on the ground. Presently these shadows, if you watch sharply, seem to dart ahead in a straight line, with a brassy whirr coming from somewhere. The darting line is a diamond-backed rattler, whose emerald marked skin is in exact imitation of the palmetto shade. The diamond-backed is the most deadly of his tribe. In the west the varieties of rattlers there found inhabit barren rocky places and the tall grasses of the prairies. Just now the rattlesnake is hunted mercilessly, for he is valuable to the medicine man for his toxins and to the naturalist because out of eleven species in the United States, the habits and looks of not more than five are well known."

Continuing, Mr. Dimars said that some snakes are good actors, at least some snakes which he met in South Carolina. One of those captured was a hog-nose snake. It was captured near a cottonfield, and it at once attempted to deceive its captor by pretending it was dead. Then, if undisturbed, it would show how a live snake acted when he was not trying to fool anybody. In playing dead the snake actually rolled over on its back and returned to that position even if disturbed and placed on its sides or belly. Mr. Dimars told a number of colored men near where it was captured that he would show them what wonderful control he had over snakes. He would first make several passes with his hands over the snake and it would roll on its back dead. Then he directed the spectators to walk away some distance from the snake and he would then collect vitality out of the air for the snake and the snake would come back to life. When the snake saw that no one was near, it turned on its belly and started to crawl away. The colored men were greatly impressed with the great power possessed by Mr. Dimars over snakes.

In journeying through South Carolina Mr. Dimars visited a vast wilderness of cane growth, known as the Black Swamp, which seemed to be devoid of amphibious creatures that day. Mr. Dimars and his companion, Mr. Snyder, who is connected with the reptile department of the New York Zoological Park, captured two snakes, and in the night while pondering over their poor luck, a large snake was seen crossing a stretch of white sand. It proved to be a specimen of the hand-

somest of water snakes (Natrix fasciata erythrogaster). They then went to the Savannah River, where the bayous were extensive and populous with animal life. On the hummocks bordering the low ground numerous specimens were observed. They found that the only sure way of capturing these creatures was with a net. On peering about for this species they came upon a rattlesnake, which measured over five feet. While stepping on a log in a shallow stream in the low grounds their guide almost put his foot on a cottonmouth snake, which made a lightning-like dart at the guide's foot, but missed its aim and slid into the water. On this day they captured eleven cottonmouths.

A peculiar fact regarding the feeding of these snakes was observed. In the swamps in which they were found, hundreds of thousands of fish had been destroyed by the evaporation of water. In consequence, no food was left for these fish-eating reptiles except their harmless relations, the water snakes. They gorged upon these, and in localities where moccasins were found common water snakes were rare indeed. One large moccasin disgorged a freshly swallowed snake immediately after capture. The dead snake and the cannibal were measured, and it was discovered that the moccasin was only a foot longer than the reptile composing his dinner, the water snake measuring a trifle more than three feet.—Forest and Stream.

TOO MUCH FOR PURE THOUGHT.

Man Under the Gallery Proclaims an Inquiry Which the Lecturer Cannot Answer.

It was the peroration of the lecture upon "Bearings of Pure Thought Upon Material Phenomena," and the audience were spellbound, fearing to lose even a syllable of the speaker's lucubrations. He concluded, and the spell was dissolved.

Then, as a cockney admirer expressed it, "hall were 'ushed in the entire 'all," while the lecturer with a beaming and buoyant smile asked:

"Are there any points upon which enlightenment is yet desired?—any application of these Endless Truths to the Material Plane?"

A long figure in a Prince Albert and garnished with a necktie of long and arduous service, here revealed itself in a standing position far back under the gallery.

"Well, sir?" the lecturer inquired with a widening of his already too-smiled smile.

"I desire to propound an inquiry," remarked the stranger.

"Proceed, sir!" was the response of the lecturer as he leaned gracefully upon the ice water stand at his elbow.

"I would be gratified to know why," the inquirer proceeded, "when one is especially desirous of preserving a clean collar in an immaculately dry and starched erectness it invariably wills and assumes the flabby and non-resistant consistency of a damped rag, and—"

"But," the lecturer interposed unceasingly.

"One moment," said he—"and why, when a collar with a saw-edge is slowly severing with an awful laceration the head of the victim from the body, the same brand of starch has the resisting power of adamant, is non-hygroscopic, impermeable, and stimulates the ineffectiveness of the circular saw?" But the lecturer had fled. Even Pure Thought has its limitations.—Puck.

Raising Elk For Profit.

Elk are successfully domesticated in the Eastern States. In fact, they are the only deer that can be easily reared in captivity in practically any climate. They will live without shelter, and can subsist on a hardy diet of bark and twigs during the severe winter when the domestic animals would not survive. They are prolific and their young thrive. All this makes a question of considerable economic importance. The Pilgrims when they landed on Plymouth Rock found elk at home in New England down to tide-water. Why not make use of the waste land of the East again; rehabilitate it with elk that can, if necessary, find sustenance winter and summer on the barren pastures of abandoned farms, and thus create a new industry of raising elk for profit? According to Professor William T. Hornaday, who of all authorities in America could perhaps speak with the most weight on this subject, there is no doubt that an industry of raising elk in New England may be created, providing only that there is a market for elk venison at a higher price than beef—say fifty cents a pound retail.—Country Life in America.

An Exceptional Effect of Naggins.

A young man was forced into teaching mathematics, against stronger inclinations and greater love for another science, because of a failure to pass an examination in arithmetic in early life. He was so badgered and taunted by his family that in sheer desperation he specialized in mathematics, and even achieved some distinction therein, although he is still reminded at times of his childish fiasco. But not every young man has so much grit; most of the nagging critics' victims are too hurt, sore and discouraged to attempt further and bolder flights. The wings are clipped and rarely grow again.—The Independent.

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RUSSIA'S CONVERTS IN JAPAN.

A Queer State of Things Disclosed by the Shipments of Vestments and Candles.

Candles, vestments and church supplies are not contraband of war these days, and steamers from San Francisco have been carrying these articles of worship and ritual on their way from Russia right into the heart of Japan, says the San Francisco Chronicle. All this because the Russian church still has hundreds of thousands of members among the Japanese, and even in the navy and army many of the highest officers were educated in the Russian church and still obey its religious commands.

This remarkable state of affairs has become known through constant shipments from San Francisco by Russian order to Yokohama, Tokio and Hakodate of the various articles used in the ceremonies of the Orthodox Greek Church. These shipments, among them one which will leave on the steamer Mongolia next week, are paid for by Russian coin from the state's coffers, and they will be used for the spiritual benefit of Russia's enemies.

A member of the consistory of the Greek Church, which for twenty years has had its American seat in San Francisco, explained this odd interchange between warring countries by the statement that for 400 years the Russian church has had its missionaries in Japan, and for 100 years has had a big university in Hakodate, where the flower of Japanese youth have been educated.

"Among the naval and army officers in the present conflict," this prelate explained, "there have been and are now many raised in our faith and trained by us to Western ideals. We have large congregations here, and naturally their religious head, being still in Russia, it is from there that the supplies will come, paid for out of the Russian treasure chest. There are steady shipments from this port of candles, vestments and articles of every sort to various Japanese ports for the use of the clergy and converts there. The war has not interfered in any way with this. It is odd, of course, that two countries at war should be so related that a large number of Japanese acknowledge the supremacy of the patriarch and the czar in religious matters, but so the fact is."

WISE WORDS.

The way of the world is to praise dead saints and persecute living ones.—N. Howe.

Our reverence for the past is just in proportion to our ignorance of it.—Theodore Parker.

Incense is a poison to which one becomes accustomed.—Madame Emille de Girardin.

Who aims at perfection will be above mediocrity; who aims at mediocrity will be far short of it.—A. Burnese Sayer.

Home is the seminary of all other institutions.—E. H. Chapin.

Marriage with a good woman is a harbor in the tempest of life; with a bad woman it is a tempest in the harbor.—J. P. Sem.

It is not true that love makes all things easy; it makes us choose what is difficult.—George Elliot.

Better blunder than do nothing, if only you know that you are blundering, and are really trying to do well, and are properly ashamed of yourself for not doing better.—Scottish Reformer.

Peacock feathers are said to bring ill luck.

How Germany Captures Business. Those who are inclined to scoff at the higher education of a people as a fruitless and unnecessary expenditure of means and energy, should read a report recently made to our State department by Consul Osmun, from Stuttgart, Germany, and learn the depth and extent of their error. It is shown here by indisputable evidence that Germany owes her pre-eminence to-day in many lines of trade and industry chiefly to the fact that she has established and maintained for years a higher grade of technical schools than any other nation in the world, turning out regularly from them a body of trained experts to manage her important industries, develop her resources and improve her manufacturing and productive methods by their skill and scientific knowledge. Thus, it is said, that there are to-day in German factories 4,500 thoroughly trained chemists, beside more than 5,000 assistants, whose brains are constantly at work upon the problems of improving processes lessening the cost of production and in other ways promoting the industrial welfare of the country.—Leslie's Weekly.

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Washington's Watch. Washington White, a famous negro of Boston, was once observed sitting in a street car rocking to and fro. A friend inquired if he were ill, and receiving a negative reply, said: "Then why are you waving back and forth like that?" Washington White made no pause in his regular oscillations, as he said: "Caiboun, you know Jerome McWade? Well, he sold me a silver watch for three dollars, and if I stop a-moving' like this the watch don't go no mo'."—Argonaut.

Faithfully Carried Out. The managing editor wheeled his chair around and pushed a button in the wall. The person wanted entered. "Here," said the editor, "are a number of directions from outsiders as to the best way to run a newspaper. See that they are carried out."

And the office boy, gathering them all into a large wastebasket, did so.—Stray Stories.

New Source of Starch. In a bulletin of the Jamaica Department of Agriculture E. H. Cousins, the Government chemist, states that the high percentage of starch in the cassava makes the latter more valuable than the potato as a source of this substance.

PATIENT'S EYES DROP OUT.

Peculiar Case Interests the Berlin Medical Profession.

The medical profession at Berlin is interested in a remarkable case of a man whose eyes drop out several times a week. Herman Plantz is the name of the extraordinary person. He awoke suddenly one night suffering excruciating pain, and to his horror found his left eye lying on the pillow. With the aid of a friend he was able to put it back again, the sight not being in any way affected. He went to the Berlin hospital, and the doctors are apparently much pleased with the new record. Whenever the patient leans forward an eye drops out, sometimes the left, sometimes the right.

Thimble Worth \$150. "We get some queer articles as pledges," the pawnbroker remarked, holding up a jeweled trinket. "This, I believe, is the most costly thimble in America. It is valued at \$150. While it is sold as 18-carat gold, the precious metal contained in it only stands for a small fraction of the value, the balance being represented by these three stones, sapphire, ruby and diamond. The thimble was made to order for a chap with money to burn. His best girl had taken up needlework as a fad, and he decided that only the most expensive thimble was good enough to grace her finger tip. They're married now and money is not so plentiful with them. That's how I came to hold the thimble as collateral."—Philadelphia Record.

Thanks, Awfully. The man who originated the Concord grape is to be memorialized by the people of Massachusetts who propose to erect a monument in his honor. Ephraim Bull, finding a wild grapevine in the woods, transplanted it in a yard in Concord, Mass. Careful attention resulted in the delicious grape which has taken its name from the town. The original vine is still growing.—South Bend Tribune.

Some Good Advice. If the average young man would read the want ads, as closely as the baseball news he would find that he had had many "chances" as a first baseman; and by accepting some of them he would hasten the day when he could attend the games in person.—Eric Times.

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The Japanese have bought thirty-seven steam turbines with electric generators.

Pink's Cure for Consumption is an infallible medicine for coughs and colds.—N. W. SARGENT, Ocean Grove, N. J., Feb. 17, 1903.

Japanese publications are full of American articles on all kinds of subjects.

A cork tree is fifty years old before it produces a cork of commercial value.

To Launder Colored Embroidered Linens. To launder colored embroidered linens with good results, use work-saver soap quickly and liberally. Wash in lukewarm water, soap, rubbing with the hands; then rinse in clear water, iron through a wadded wash is slightly open. Dry in shade, iron, have the press very damp and press it, right side down, on a soft drape. Press with a hot iron.—LEADER IN JACKSON.

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Gown of Postage Stamps.

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