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PEOPLE cannot be too careful of how they allow themselves to be put under treatment for any ailment or disease by traveling quacks and vendors of nostrums.

TAKING "Shoddy" for his text, Wm. B. Estell, our former townsman, published an article in a recent issue of the World.

WILLIAM L. WILSON, of West Virginia, according to a report from Washington, has been decided upon by the radical wing of the Democratic party.

He Paid His Bet.

"Speaking of strange bets on an election," said Colonel Joe Rucker, of Colorado, "the one that takes the ribbon over any I have ever seen mentioned was bet, lost and paid by an enthusiastic Greenbacker many years ago.

Of course he lost, and borrowing a few dollars from a friend he sent his wife back to her folks in Missouri, while he presented himself to the saloon keeper in Denver with whom he had made the bet.

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General Armstrong, of the Hampton Institute, Virginia, although much improved in health, still gives some evidence of his paralytic shock of a year or two ago.

When Baby was sick, we gave her Castoria. When she was a Child, she cried for Castoria. When she became Miss, she clung to Castoria. When she had Children, she gave them Castoria.

A WHITE WOODCHUCK

BRIEF BIOGRAPHY OF AN EXTREMELY INTERESTING PET.

A Wild Little Creature That Became Domesticated by Kindness—His Long Periods of Sleep and How He Looked During Them—His Awakening.

Some years ago in the spring, while traveling on the Belfast Branch railroad, just before arriving at Brook Station, I chanced to be looking out of the car window and saw a curious looking animal run under a pile of brush in a gravel pit near the track.

On returning home I found my pet ensconced in a nest of cotton, purring away like a contented kitten. He seemed quite reconciled to the restraints of captivity, had already become so tame as to allow his beautiful snow white coat to be stroked, and seemed especially to enjoy gentle stroking about the face, which I think is a characteristic of most wild animals.

Early in the fall the disposition to hibernate began to show itself by his lack of activity, and he remained in his nest most of the time, his sleep becoming so profound that he could be taken from the nest without awaking.

During the winter his body remained cold, and all outward appearances lifeless. About the time of his awakening in March, upon visiting him and placing my hand on his body, I found it to be quite warm, and after rubbing him for a few moments he began to yawn and stretch, but did not get upon his feet.

His efforts to stand upon his feet were for some hours ineffectual. He seemed to have lost the use of them. Toward night, however, he seemed to regain full control of all his faculties and partook of a little milk.

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The following winter his sleep was interrupted once in two weeks. This was done by wrapping him in warm flannels and placing him in a warm room. He partook of but little food, and during the period of two days of broken rest he seemed very uneasy.

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The Rev. Mr. Jones, of Blewbury, with a nest egg of £200 and a stipend amounting to £50 per annum, left at death the sum of £10,000. He had been rector of his parish for forty years, and during all that time only one person had been known to sit at his festal table.

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A REAL GHOST STORY.

STRANGE EXPERIENCES OF A RESPECTABLE BUSINESS MAN.

Three Times in the Course of His Life He Has Seen the Shade of His Dead Mother, and Each Time She Seemed to Be Trying to Warn Him of Danger.

"There are more things in heaven and earth, Horatio"— It came to the knowledge of a reporter quite by accident that in an eminently respectable house lying between Madison and Fifth avenues, on an eminently respectable street, a gentleman well known in business circles has repeatedly experienced what may be called, on lack of a better word, visitations.

"You are asking impossibilities," said the man good humoredly, "for while in the hypnotic state my waking self is submerged, and I—real I, the ego of the metaphysicians—am what is called unconscious, although something that must be a second I, or alter ego, is obediently active. It is all as great a marvel to me as it can be to any of you.

"The pessimism of some men is simply astounding," said a visitor in the city. "Why, I know a fellow who actually insulted another man for saving his life. The way it happened was this: A devilish, bright but knockabout sort of a chap named Whittaker was one day sitting on the veranda of a country hotel in a southwestern town chatting with a number of friends.

"I do not often speak of these things," went on the man after a little pause. "Such a nature as mine must seem uncanny to others, and to be frank, in a business way I could not afford to be known as a 'sensitive,' but I think I am safe to speak under this roof.

"I can remember when quite a small boy seeing my uncle drive toward the country home where I then lived. While he was yet far off, and neither face nor attitude could have borne to me any visual hint, I knew that his son, my cousin William, was dead. I ran and sobbed in my mother's lap: 'Oh, mamma! Willie's dead! Willie's dead!' She chided me for my folly, as she believed. In a long two minutes my uncle drove up, looking ashen gray and sad, and the questions my mother would have put died upon her lips. It was true. My cousin had died unexpectedly after the brief illness. I couldn't have been more than six years old, and had never heard of occult art of any sort, for ours were old fashioned country folks.

"As I grew up, experienced of this kind were more common. I was a stupid, bullet headed fellow in the main, but in this special sense, as I must think it, I was an extraordinarily gifted. To this I attribute the fact that on three occasions I have seen the ghost of my mother, who died very soon after the incident which I have just related."

"Oh, I don't expect you to believe it," resumed the narrator easily. "In a way I can't believe it myself. That is, I don't account for it, and my mind revolts against accepting anything against my reason. Yet I am brought face to face with the fact. Three in my mature life, while wide awake, fully clothed and as much in my right mind as I am at this minute, I have seen the shade, ghost or aura of my dead mother, seeming not worn and thin, as I remember her, but young and fairer. And here is the curious part of it. She was clothed as in the days before my birth—there were older children than I—in a dress which I had never seen or heard described, and of which no picture is in existence. Yet, by my description of the dress as I saw it, my oldest sister recognizes it perfectly."

"What did the ghost say to you?" asked one of the party. "Nothing. Yet in each case the visit came before some misfortune which was in a sense avertible. It seems to me as if the wraith of my mother was trying ineffectually to warn her favorite and youngest child. The set face, the mournful air, all so indistinctly seen, might convey that impression. All the visits were at night. Twice the vision came when I was alone. The last time my wife was with me. I said nothing to her at the time, not wishing to alarm her."

"But she can testify that I was wide awake. The room in which we sat is large, and was at the time lighted only by a well shaded lamp, which left the farther end of the room in semiobscurity. But the figure seemed interpenetrated with a light of its own. It did not move or beckon. It simply was and then was not."

An odd Thanksgiving night tale, was it not? "I don't want my business associates to suspect me of seeing visions," the gentleman concluded, "but this is my story, and I would like to know what you make of it?"—New York Recorder.

The Oldest Amateur Orchestra. The oldest amateur orchestra in London is named "The Wandering Minstrels," and is composed of people belonging to the highest social rank.

Woman as an Animal. Professor (to boy in natural history class)—Are animals known to possess the sentiment of affection? Boy—They are, sir.

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FOSTER DEMOCRATS.

Candidates Named for the Ticket to be Voted Next Month.

From Monday's Last Edition.

Foster township Democratic convention was held at Woodside school house this afternoon, and the following ticket was placed in the field: Tax collector—Conrad Brehm, of Upper Lehigh.

At 3.30 o'clock Condy O'Donnell, acting chairman of the township committee, called the convention to order. The delegates presented their credentials as follows: Sandy Run—Neil Gallagher, John Shovin, Christy Burns.

There being no contests Michael Carr and John J. McNeil were named for permanent chairman. The vote was: McNeil, 14; Carr, 13.

A. M. McNulty was chosen secretary. The following resolution was adopted: Resolved, that the Democracy of Foster township, in convention assembled, ratifies the nomination of Joseph P. McDonald, of Freeland, for poor director, and H. S. Rinker, of Weatherly, for poor auditor, and the officers of this convention are instructed to have their names placed on the official ballots for Foster township.

For school directors Hugh Kennedy, of Drifton, and Thomas McHugh, of Foundryville, were nominated by acclamation. At this point Mr. Gallagher, who was defeated for tax collector, stated that he thought he was unfairly dealt with by the convention, and stated he would be an independent candidate for the office at the election.

Daniel Bonner, of Five Points, was nominated by acclamation for treasurer, and John B. Hanlon, of Bivantown, for township clerk. For constable Charles Sault, Mannus Dugan and John J. Slattery, of Five Points, were named. The vote: Sault, 20; Dugan, 5; Slattery, 2.

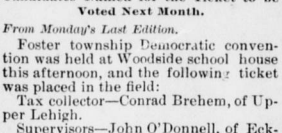
Nominating Conventions. The Democratic borough nominating convention will be held at the Cottage hall on Saturday evening, January 21. By order of the vigilance committee. The Republicans of Foster will hold their convention at Highland some evening next week. The date has not yet been decided upon.

Foster Prohibitionists will be in the field with a full ticket. The convention will be held at South Heberton on Saturday evening, the 21st inst. This party will also be represented on the official ballot equally with the Democrats and Republicans, as they polled the necessary 3 per cent. of the total vote at the last election to entitle their candidates' names to be printed under a party head. Foster's vote was 974, of which the Prohibitionists had 31, a vote and a fraction more than required.

Lord Rosebery's Ambitious Success. As a young man Lord Rosebery set out with a determination of making a mark in the history of his country, and hitherto everything that he has attempted has been attended by success. He has won the Derby, he has married the richest heiress in the United Kingdom, he has become a cabinet minister, he has just been created a Knight of the Garter, and if he avoids the royal union projected he will eventually blossom forth into prime minister of the empire.

Serenaded by 20,000 Swallows. The swallow nuisance continues with unabated vigor at the Naval academy, Annapolis. From 8,000 to 20,000 swallows gather every evening in the five or six maple trees in front of the superintendent's residence and make evening and morning hideous with their cries. All efforts to drive them away have failed, and a bell and gong are kept going at intervals to drive the pests from the two trees next the superintendent's house. Every year this disagreeable rendezvous is maintained by the swallows.—Baltimore Sun.

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A New Year Full

Good Things For All. We start the new year with closing out lots of goods. Call and see

Ladies' Coats. Newmarkets at half price. An \$8 coat for \$5. A \$10 coat for \$5; etc.

Special Bargains In Woolen Blankets. Have them from 79 cents a pair up. Remember, men's gum boots, Candee, \$2.25

Some Special Things In Furniture. A good carpet-covered lounge, \$5. A good bedstead, \$2.25.

Groceries & Provisions. Flour, \$2.15. Chop, \$1.10 and \$1.15. Bran, 50 cents.

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