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DEMOCRATIC TICKET.

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Carnegie now admits that he can make steel rails and undersell all the foreign competitors in this market, tariff or no tariff. Free traders knew that long ago.

In times of war deserters are shot In times of war deserters are shot. In the civil combats which are fought in the halls of congress it remains for the constituents of deserters to shoot them out of public life at the next succeeding election. Let us indulge the hope that the work will be done most effectually.

The Baltimore Sun very truly says: The Baltimore Sun very truly says:
"The Democratic party will either
pass the Wilson bill or it will go into
the congressional campaign so heavily
handicapped that it cannot escape
defeat." This fact should be reflected on by those Democratic congressmen who aided to delay this necessary legislation. sary legislation.

That which the worker produces by his own exertions, whether physical or mentally, justly belongs to the worker, and not one iota of it should be taken by another person or even by the government. To do so is to commit robbery, and to call it taxes or revenue does not lessen the theft. That which the community as a whole produces, such as land values, clearly and justly belongs to the community, and the government should take it all. Put that doctrine into practice and give every one his own.

Every man arrested for vagrancy now-a-days is not a tramp, says the Wilkes-Barre Newsdealer. Some twenty men arrested recently at Reading, charged with being vagrants, proved to be workingmen and were discharged. In some cities the police are too officious and make arrests when they are uncalled for. The professional tramp, of course, cannot be watched too closely, but there is no need of taking into custody every stranger who comes into a town, and holding him up to public view as a desparado. Nine-tenths of the "tramps" are nothing more than the involuntary victims of McKinleyism. They are willing to work, but so called protection has throttled their freedom and taken away their opportunities to labor. Every man arrested for vagrancy

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The British postoflice department runs the telegraph system of that country, but private capital has been trying to get hold, partially at least, of the telephone lines. The postmaster general having been inveigled into making some concessions of rights to the National Telephone Company, a great outcry has been raised by the people against his course and the dispatches state that he has promised to recede from his position. The municipality of Glasgow, which is deep in socialistic experiments, has headed the protest, and organized the cities of Great Britain into an anti-monopoly league, to resist all attempts of private capitalists to get hold of the telephone system. This is pretty good testimony to what the British people think of public management of communication, after trying it for twenty years in the case of the telegraph.

If the people owned and operated the railroads, as they do the postoffi-ces, would all the lawyers and city, county, state and national officials and county, state and national officials and editors be given passes? Do they get postage stamps free? Would the the people pay the lawyers \$14,000,000 a year? Would it be necessary to collect ten million a year from the people to spend in advertising? Would the people need the services of ten thousand freight and passenger agents to pull and haul the people to get them to use the reads that pay them? Does the posteffice department hire men to travel over the country and solicit men to send their country and solicit men to send their letters over this or that route? All these non-producers and many more can be dispensed with or put into some vocation where they will do some good. These are the elements that hoodwink the people in the in-terest of the railroads because they are paid for it. These are the elements

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Beware of Ointments.

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Beware of ointments for catarrh that contain mercury, as mercury will surely destroy the sense of smell and complete by derage the whole system when entering it through the mucous surfaces. Such articles should never be used except on prescription from a reputable physician, as the damage they will do is ten-fold to the good you can possibly derive from them. Hall's Catarrh Cure manufactured by F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, O., contains no mercury, and is taken internally, acting directly on the blood and mucuous surfaces of the system. In buying Hall's Catarrh Cure be sure you get the genuine. It is taken internally and made in Toledo, Ohio, by F. J. Cheney & Co. Testimonials free. Smelod by all druggists, price 75c. per bottle.

Not to Blame.

Tenant—See here! That house you rented me is infested with rats. Every night we are waked up by the racket.

Agent—That's very strange. The last tenant never said a word about

rats.
"Well, then, of course you are not to

"No. The people who lived there before never complained of anything except ghosts."—N. Y. Weekly.

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A Perfect Brute.

"Henry, dear, have you had a hard day? You look tired. There are your slippers right by the fire."

"Maria, please don't let this go any further. I can't afford so much devotion this year. Collections are slow and you simply can't have that—"

"Brute!"

"That's better. I think Lean live up.

"That's better. I think I can live up to that title without going bankrupt."

—N. Y. Recorder.

Some Pride Left.

Chicago Police Justice—Your face seems familiar. Don't I know you?

Greasy Old Bum—I don't think you do, your honor; I'm a little pertickler about the comp'ny I keep.—Chicago Tribune.

He Was Willing.

Miss Keedick (after his proposal)—
I'll be a sister to you.

Mr. Dolley—That's right. Every true wife ought to be assister to her husband.—Truth.

Not a Flatterer.

She—All of which only convinces me that you married me for my money.

He—Well, it may not seem probable, but I honestly loved you.—Life.

SHE WOULD MAKE AN EFFORT.



When Baby was sick, we gave her Castoria. When she was a Child, she cried for Castoria.

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BILLY AND THE BOY.

The Story of a Horse Who Could Take Care of Himself.

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Billy was a veteran among horses. He had lived twenty-nine years and six months when I knew him, and all that time he had been learning how to take care of himself without troubling others to look after him. His reputation had never been good, though the older he grew the worse he grew, according to his master's statement. For my part I always thought the horse was justified in his treatment of those who ill-treated him.

Perhaps if he had been better tempered he might have been turned out to grass in his old age and had little or nothing to do. As it was no one was fond of him, and since he was able to draw moderately heavy loads he was harnessed regularly and made to work. He had been known to bite, to kick, to run away, though no one believed that he had really been frightened.

"It is just ugliness, wanting to show what he could do to be hateful," said his master, one day, when the hired man came home with the news that Billy had shied at a bicycle, had run into a wagon and broken it and the one to which he was harnessed it.

This "fright," if it really was one, ost his master fifty dollars, and Billy cost his master fifty dollars, and Billy

the one to which he was harnessed into "slivers," as the man expressed it.

This "fright," if it really was one, cost his master fifty dollars, and Billy forthwith had blinders put on him. He never shied again, but the blinders did not improve his temper.

One day when he was just about finishing a meal which he was taking out of a pail set in front of him on the ground, a small boy came past with a long wisp of straw in his hand. He



did not know him, but he knew small boys when he saw them, and had no love for any of them.

The boy stopped and Billy kept on eating. The boy went nearer and nearer the curb, and at last reached over and tickled Billy's nose with the straw.

over and tickled Billy's hose with the straw.

Billy made believe at first that he did not feel it, and the boy became bolder and bolder and tickled harder. Billy finished eating, and then had time to attend to him. Suddenly he tossed his head, caught the boy by the back of his jacket, lifted him off his feet and marched down the street with him. The boy screamed, but no one was near enough to seize him. They did not go far, and before any one interfered Billy stopped and shook that boy exactly as a man might have shaken him for punishment, then dropped him, turned and walked back home.

home.

No small boy dared to meddle with Billy after that, and, although the lad was not hurt, he had one of the worst scares of his life.—Louisville Courier-Journal.

SAVED BY A BUFFALO.

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How a Pugnacious Bull Put a Savage Figer to Flight.

The forest land of southern India possesses a breed of buffaloes vastly superior to the bare-skinned, ungainly creatures common to the plains of India. They are shaggy-haired, massive and short-jointed, with short, thick, symmetrically-curved horns. They are trained as beasts of burden and possess immense strength. A bull of this breed is a match for a tiger.

A herd of buffaloes was grazing on the outskirts of the forest at Soopah, with the herder on guard a short distance away. A tiger came out of the forest and tried by roaring to stampede the herd.

"Now, Neddle, learn your lessons and mamma will love you."

"Will you love me as much as you do the pug?"

"I'll try to, dear."—Demorest's Magazine.

Amending the Motion.

He was a small man, the conductor of an electric car, and she was a large, powerful-looking woman.

"I'vant you to put me off at Dundas street," said she.

He viewed her majestic figure for a moment and replied:
"Madam, I will stop the car and let you get off."—Toronto Empire.

A Firm Foundation.

The lady had implied a doubt as to the statement of the dairyman.
"Well," she replied, testily, "you needn't get ugly about it. The foundation is strong enough to keep it up for ever."—Detroit Free Press.

Take day and rice way. A tiger came out of the free the herd.

The herdsman manifested great bravery. He shouted, beat his heavy quarter-staff on the ground, and tried for his own danger, but of that of his herd, sprang upon the man, knocked him down and stod over him growling.

The bull of the herd, a pugnacious creature, now charged savagely upon the tiger, and rolled him over and over. The bull was so quick in his motions at a disadvantage. He neither bit nor searched the bull, but gathered himself up and galloped off into the forest. The bull shook himself, bellowed, pursued his enemy a few yards and then the tiger, but received a wound in the leg from the bull's sharp horn, inflicted when the buffalo knocked over the tiger.

As Good as a Dog.

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In South America, a boy who wants to own a pet animal gets a monkey instead of a dog. Sometimes he can buy a monkey already trained, and if he can do so he is a very happy boy, because wild monkeys are ugly little fellows and it takes a long time to teach them how to live with civilized people. A South American boy has to pet a monkey because there are not enough dogs in South American. But with the South American boy a nice tame monkey with soft fur hair and snapping black eyes is very highly prized, and he becomes attached to it, just as an American boy becomes attached to it, is ust as an American boy becomes attached to his collie or his Newfoundland; so he does not feel the need of a good dog.

ALMOST FORGOTTEN.

god?

The race who built the temple are dust. Even their names ages ago perished from the earth. Their religion is vanished. These stones are the/monuments of their indomitable resolution. That defies the flight of years.

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EXPIN Not Much Different Than It Was Centuries Ago.

The characters in "The Thousand and One Nights" may be almost imagined to step out of their setting of words and to take form and glow with the generous warmth of life before one's very eyes. The natives still drink the same coffee and out of the same cups; they smoke the same pipes; they were generally the same dress; they play the same primitive instruments that whisper the same strange and plaintive tones; the funeral processions wend their way along the streets as of old; the popular festivals or modids are still observed with the same untiring capacity for enjoyment; the public reciters still practice their profession before admiring crowds; the water carriers still carry their burdens so welcome to thirsty lips; except in the houses of the rich and thoroughly Europeanized food is still eaten with the fingers and in the same manner, and the hands are washed with the same basins and ewers; the mosque of El-Azhar still, says the Gentleman's Magazine, attracts its crowds of students.

Even the old wooden locks and keys are still in use, and the water jars are still kapt cool in the lattice work of the overhanging mushrabiyeh window frames. Instances of this sort might be multiplied a hundred fold. It is indeed a wonderful change and contrast that is presented to the eye when you leave the E pean and enter the native quarter. And the mind and feelings turn in unison and become attuned to the changed seene.

The sense of taking part in a new and different life steals over you, and you temporarily throw off your affinity with the west and the nineteenth century. The clock of time is for the moment put back for you.

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According to the Medical Times on Philadelphia Australia is a country without an orphan asylum. Everywhere local committees keep record of families with which a destitute child may be placed, and the children's committee of the destitute board selects a home suitable for each child that comes under its care. On an average one dollar and twenty-five cents a week is allowed for board and clothing, but in no case are foster parents selected who are so poor that the adopted child will suffer hardship. It must be sent to school regularly until the age of fourteen years, when it is put to work. The local committee watches over each adopted child and sees that the conditions are all fulfilled. The earnings of a boy of that class from fourteen to eighteen are put in the postal savings bank, and at the latter age he can begin his career with a little ready money. As a result the state has raised a citizen at a cost of seventy dollars a year and saved no end of outlay for courts, prisons and reformatories.

Large Foreign Cities.

Of cities with more than one hundred thousand population England has thirty, Germany twenty-four, France and Russia each twelve, Italy ten, Austria-Hungary six, Spain five, Belsgium, the Seandinavian states, Roumania and the Balkan islands each four, the Netherlands three, Portugal two; the total in Europe being one hundred and sixteen great cities. Asia has one hundred and five, China having fity-three and British India thirty. In Africa there are seven, in America forty, of which the United States has twenty-six; South America nine. Australia has only two large cities.

UNPLEASANT ENCOUNTER.

ALMOST FORGOTTEN.

The Mysterious Relie of a Prehistoric People.

On the shores of Brittany there is a mysterions relie of forgotten ages which escapes the attention of most travelers. Far out in the Morban sea—across which legend tells us Arthurs salled with his knights in pursuit of the dragon—rises a little island. It can be reached in a bout from the coast only in a calm sea. A Breton shepherd has a solitary but upon it and feeds a few sheep.

Crossing the grassy slope off which they browse, the traveler finds himself at the foot of the hill, in the face of which has been excavated a great tunnel or cave, floored, walled and roofed by huge flat rocks.

Some archaeologists say that this cavern was the work of the worshipers of the serpent god of Hoa—a race that has passed into oblivion.

The learned traveler knows only that the mysterious cavern antedates all history; that the rocks of which it is built came from the mainland, a distance of more than one hundred miles island. No rocks like them make any part of the geological formation of the island.

Even with our modern engineering knowledge and machinery it would require vast labor and skill to bring these enormous blocks of stone and place them so securely as to defy the wear and friction of ages.

How were they brought here by mem who had, perhaps, few mechanical appliances—nothing but the strength of their bodies and their faith in a strange god?

The race who built the temple are dust. Even their names ages ago pervised the surface of a gigantic snake within a few feet of my own, his blackeyes following my every movement and his huge colley.

what was my horror to see the head of a gigantic snake within a few feet of my own, his black eyes following my every movement and his huge coils slowly loosening from the branch round which he was twined, preparatory to inclosing me in their deadly folds and crushing the life out of me. Several people had been lost in these woods and never heard of again, and, like a flash, the solution of the mystery occurred to me, and here was I myself within an ace of meeting with a similar fate.

With a yell of terror, I sprang back a yard or two, dropping my net and box under the tree; but, having done so, I seemed to have become paralyzed, and remained gazing spellbound at the monster, which had now ceased its movements and contented itself, and warned me to put a safer distance between myself and the seepent; and the idea no sooner entered my head than I started on a wild run homeward.

I didn't go very far, however, before

I didn't go very far, however, before I felt ashamed of my precipitate flight, remembering, of course, that I had nothing to apprehend so long as I was out of the python's reach; and as calmer reflection succeeded, I determined to the course of the cours



THE SNAKE WAS STILL THERE

mined to go home and get my gun and pay him back for the scare he had given me. Besides, I had no intention of losing the property I had dropped on catching sight of him.

I renehed home breathless and excited, filled both my coat-pockets with buckshot cartridges, shouldered my gun and started back as though my life depended on my haste.

Sure enough, the snake was still there, his head resting on the branch, and his eyes just as restless and alert as ever.

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I approached as near as I dared, and let fly, with both barrels at once, straight for his cranium. I had no sooner done so than the whole tree seemed to quiver with the convulsive struggles of the monster, as he writhed in his agony, and wound and unwound himself from the branch of the tree, that stretched like a giant's arm overhead. The leaves and twigs fell in showers, while moths and other insects were disturbed by the myriads. Presently, however, all was still, and the forepart of the snake's body hung lifeless from the branch'with the head almost blown entirely off.

I then recovered my box and net, with the butterfly that had caused me so much trouble, and was grazing at the snake, now hanging limply on the tree, and wondering if I could possibly secure him, when I perceived a motion higher up in the tree, and, to my horror, saw another, equally large, slowly descending. But I had had enough of snakes for one day, and declined the contest, and hastily grathering up, my paraphernalia I started homeward at a brisk pace.

I do not, of course, know what size this particular reptile was which I encountered, but the natives assert that they grow to a length of thirty-three feet or over, and I should say that this one was fully as long.

I have called it the story of a "python," that being the local term, but I believe the snake in question belonged to the species called royal rock snakes.—A. Taylor, in Golden Davs.

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The body of a three-vear-old child of Henry Smith (colored) of Selma, Ala, was found on a rocky cliff by a party of searchers. The child had been left alone, and an older child, on returning, saw an eagle with what appeared to be a child in its talons. The body was recognized by bits of clothing, the flesh being eaten from the bones.

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