TRIBUNE PRINTING COMPANY, Limited Office; Main Street above Centre. Long Distance Telephone.

SUBSCRIPTION RATES

SUBSCRIPTION RATES
FREELAND,—The Timbune is delivered by carriers to subscribers in Freelandat the rate of 12½ cents per month, payable every two months, or 3.0.5 year, payable in advance. The Timbune may be ordered direct from the carriers or from the office. Complaints of Irregular or tardy delivery service will receive prompt attention.

BY MAIL.—The Timbune is sent to out-of-town subscribers for \$1.50 a year, payable in advance; pro rata terms for shorter periods. The date when the subscription expires is on the address label of each paper. Prompt renewals must be made at the expiration, otherwise the subscription will be discontinued.

Entered at the Postoffice at Freeland Pa

to the Tribune Printing Company, Limited.

Common fairness demands that those States which propose to tax bachelors in order to promote matrimony should also provide a penalty for the maiden who says no.

It is claimed that the son of a Kansas farmer is the rightful heir to the throne of Servia. If the young man will go on farming and behaving properly he may, however, be able to live

According to an apparently authentic article in a French periodical not less than 20,000 aristocrats are at present confined in the prisons of Europe. Russia stands first with 12,000 blue-blood-

If the operations in South Africa shall prove, before they have ended, to have cost a billion dollars, to what fiscal expedients must the United Kingdom resort when she enters upon a contest with such a power as Russia

Duels illustrate as well as anything else the difference between the Slav and the Gaul. The Slav, if the dueling pistol goes wide, betakes himself to the rapier and a finish. The Gaul betakes himself to a coffee house and

The manufacture of illustrated postal cards in Germany is a productive industry. It is said that the Government derived a daily income of \$15,845 from this source alone last year. This

from this source alone last year. This country ought to be able to get up a much more attractive set and make more money out of the issue.

The French Government is to have an official residence erected in Washington on a two-acre tract located on a high knoll commanding a fine view of the National Capitol. The famous French architect, Carre, will design the building, which, it is expected, will be the finest specimen of French architecture in the Western Hemisphere.

affair, as belitted the "star boarder."

The python was expected by express a certain day, but when I left the park at nearly seven o'clock, it had a certain day, but when I left the park at nearly seven o'clock, it had a certain day, but when I left the park at nearly seven o'clock, it had a certain day, but when I left the park at nearly seven o'clock, it had a certain day, but when I left the park at nearly seven o'clock, it had a certain day, but when I left the park at nearly seven o'clock, it had a certain day, but when I left the park at nearly seven o'clock, it had a certain day, but when I left the park at nearly seven o'clock, it had a certain day, but when I left the park at nearly seven o'clock, it had a certain day, but when I left the park at nearly seven o'clock, it had a certain day, but when I left the park at nearly seven o'clock, it had a certain day, but when I left the park at nearly seven o'clock, it had a certain day, but when I left the park at nearly seven o'clock, it had a certain day, but when I left the park at nearly seven o'clock, it had a certain day, but when I left the park at nearly seven o'clock, it had a certain day, but when I left the park at nearly seven o'clock, it had a certain day, but when I left the park at nearly seven o'clock, it had a certain day, but when I left the park at nearly seven o'clock, it had a certain day, but when I left the park at nearly seven o'clock, it had a certain day, but when I left the park at nearly seven o'clock, it had a certain day, but when I left the park at nearly seven o tecture in the Western Hemisphere.

Who but Uncle Sam would have thought of supplying dentists for his soldlers? Who but Uncle Sam's soldlers would have created a demand for war memories when the toothbrush in created more of a sensation among the foreign attaches than many of the mil-

IF I KNEW.

If I knew the box where the smiles are left knew a box that was large enough kept, No matter how large the key Or strong the bolt, I would try so hard—

If I knew a box that was large enough To hold all the frowns I meet, and the street is the street of the smiles are in the street of the street kept,
No matter how large the key
Or strong the bolt, I would try so hard—
"I would open, I know, for me.

Then over the land and sea broadcast
I'd scatter the smiles to play,
That theredidern's faces might hold them
fast
For many and many a day.

Then, folding and holding, I'd pack the
And turn the monster key;
I'd hire a giant to drop the box
To the depth of the deep, deep sea.
—Dora Sexton, in the Book World.

Then, folding and holding, I'd pack then

TROUBLE WITH A PYTHON.

By William T. Hornaday, Director of the New York Zoological Park

HE superb reptile-house of the New York Zoological Park was rapidly nearing completion. Its great main hall was swarning with workmen, who were concreting the alligator pool, finishing the big wall cases, dividing the central "installation" for turtles, and doing a hundred other things. The opening day was relentlessly drawing nearer and nearer, and we were anxiously assembling live beasts, birds and reptiles with which to fill the various installations that would be opened to the public on that occasion. Down at Bartel's place we anxiously examined his stock of live serpents, and made many purchases. The most important acquisition was a black railed python, between founteen and fifteen feet long, fresh from some East Indian jungle; chosen because its size, its perfect condition and ravenous appetite combined to make it a genuine prize. In a collection a snake which feeds freely is worth about twice as much as one which does not, for it will live twice as long as one which

ris perfect condition and ravenous appetite combined to make it a genuine prize. In a collection a snake which feeds freely is worth about twice as much as one which does not, for it will live twice as long as one which requires to have its feed formed down. requires to have its food forced down its throat with a ramrod.

its threat with a rampod.

Pending the completion of our rep-tile-house, bird-house, small mammals' house, bear dens and a dozen other things, we quartered all our live stock in a closed yard at the rear of the streakouse. A deared was a the for-In a closed yard at the rear of the storehouse. A cleared space in the forest about one hundred feet square had been enclosed by a tight board fence, and in this were dozens of femborary cages and pens of all sizes, filled with wild creatures, impatiently awaiting the opening day—and better quarters. In one corner of this yard we had hurtfedly erected a cook house, which in appearance was similar to a Western claim shanty. It stood low upon the ground, and the most conspicuous object within it was a liverigy great ant-eater, whose wire house r, great ant-eater, whose wire house stended quite across one end of the

room. In that portion of the yard where several dozen glacs-fronted snake-boxes were arranged under a shed one of our carpenters built for the python, ander Mr. Ditmars's direction, a large box cage, with a front of wire netting and glass. Compared with the other

nght!"
"What! That big python?"
"Yes, sir."
"Horrors!" said I; and we turned

"Horrors" said I; and we turned and ran.

Words could not do the situation Justice. The stupid carpenter who built the python's cage had left a big hole, four inches square, carefully concealed behind a rafter in an upper corner of the box. The serpent had arrived late the previous evening, and during the night had found this opening and joyously glided through to freedom.

The lowed in the theory was the series were developed from horse-hairs. Another theory was that they were the process of a fand of bester. It is now known that they must sport in the second survey to size at a new Soologies. At tenthrul and humorous explanation of site-was is given in this little dialogue for several more mean and order to propagate their species.

He Wis Fe dy.

A truthrul and humorous explanation of site-was is given in this little dialogue for several more mean and order to propagate their species. The several mean and professional for the sealing of the several more mean and order to propagate their species. The several mean and professional special in the several more mean and order to propagate their species. The several mean and professional special in the several more mean and order to propagate their species. The several mean and professional special in the several more mean and order to propagate their species, and the several more mean and order to propagate their species, and the several more mean and order to propagate their species, and the several more mean and order to propagate their species, and the several more mean and order to propagate their species, and the several more mean and order to propagate their species, and the several more mean and order to propagate their species, and the several more mean and order to propagate their species, and the several more mean and order to propagate their species, and the several more mean and order to propagate their species, and the several more mean and order to propagate their species, and the several more mean and order to propagate their species, and the several more mean and order to propagate their species, and the several more mean and order to propagate their species, and the several more mean and order to propagate their species, and the several more mean and order to propagate their species, and the several more mean and order to propagate their species, and the several more mean and order to propagate their species, and th

if we had been seeking a lost piece of rope.

Fortunately the floor boards of the cook house were nine inches wide, and in a short time one of them was removed. Down went four heads, and all four came up again, very hastily: "There he is!"

Close beside the opening in the floor lay about a bushel of big brown and yellow coils, and above the pile hovered the massive head of the python, threatening to strike the first living thing that came within reach. The noise and jar of the carpenter's efforts in removing the board had greatly irritated the reptile.

Mr. Ditmarz, our curator of reptiles, had proyided himself with a large bag of heavy cloth, hoping to be able to throw it moutht downward over the cells of the serpent—the usual way of capturing snakes at large. But there was not sufficient space between the floor and the serpent to carry this plan into effect; and moreover, the serpent's head was autogether to threatening. Pending further efforts, we procured boards and endeavored to cut off the python's escape, front and rear.

The python waited until we had placed the boards out of position as if they had been so many straws put there for his amusement, and quickly disappeared under the ant-cater's cage. The carpenter fell to work again to remove several other boards of the floor, while the messenger boys were stationed outside the building to see that our quarry did not get out and escape to the forest.

In a short time the python's head again appeared at one of the long, narrow openings made by the carpenter, but as Mr. Ditmars took a favorable position for grabbing the creature by the neck, close up to the jaws, it struck at him most viciously.

"Look out!" cried some one, emphatically.

Clearly, it would not do for any of our men to be seized by that savage creature; for although the python was

Doos dur. Cried some one, emphatically.

Clearly, it would not do for any of our men to be seized by that savage creature; for although the python was of course not poisonous, and although we might even prevent it from wrapping itself around any one of us, the laceration of a man's hand by that big, muscular mouth, filled with four rows of hook-like, backward-pointing teeth, would, have been a serious matter.

Presently the snake left its place under the ant-eattr's cage, gliding along the side of the building farthest from the door, alort, aggressive, and so ready to strike any one who came near its head that I forbade the men to take risks,

I quickly made a very serviceable noose Back I ran to the cook-house. Mr. Merkel and Mr. Muzzie, red in the face and perspiring profusely, were clinging desperately to the last two feet of the python's tail; and the python was in a perfect rage. It darted to and fro under the half-demolished floor, striking out viciously whenever it seemed possible to reach a man, and manifesting great willingness to fight any ome. At the same time, however, it most cunningly kept its head under cover.

I readjusted the loop of my line at the end of my stick and put it close to the python's head, expecting the snake to make a strike through the noose. He refused. I waited pateintly. Inch by inch the tail was going under the floor.

"We can't hold on here much long-er?" exclaimed the forester, desperately.

At fast the python started to mayou.

At fast the python started to move

At fast the python started to move straight toward my face. As I shifted my nose into line, he ran his head through it, the nose flew taut behind his Jaws, and he was caught. The instant I Jerked the line taut the python drew back and endeavored to retreat, pulling with the strength of a man. I gave him about a yard of my line and then held him by main strength.

"That small line will cut his head off!" cried Mr. Ditpose off!" cried Mr. Ditmars, in real alarm for the safety of our prize snake. "Better let me cut it!" He whipped out his knife and poised the open blade

his knife and poised the open blade over my precious bit of line. "No, no! Don't cut it. We've got to control his head this way or we'll never master him without getting hurt. Let go the tail and grab up the body through that next opening." This new move again brought up the original six feet of body and tail which that reptile had, by sheer strength, pulled out of the grasp of two strong young men. The snake now moved forward once more and as he came I pulled in my line through the staple until presently I coaxed and pulled the head into an opening, holding it quite safely at the end of my stick. Instantly Mr. Ditmars seized the neck with both hands, and the snake was our.

Dropping my line and stick I. foo.

the neck with both hands, and the snake was our.
Dropping my line and stick I, too, took hold close behind the head and we began to walk away with our captive. As that magnificent and wonderfully powerful body emerged from under the floor, the other men hald hold of it at intervals and bere it along.

"Keep it out straight, boys, and don't give him a chance to get a coll around any of us!"

give him a chance to get a coil around any of us?" ...

Truly, it must have been an odd-looking procession that we made as we marched across the yard with that big snake and dumped it into its cage.

The hunt had lasted nearly an hour.

No one had been bitten and the snake was quite unhurt.

"Now, boys," said I, "let's say nothing about this little incident for the present."

They did keen quiet and the ways.

They did keep quiet and the unexpected happened. Not one of the newspapers of New York heard a word of the affair until fully three months had elapsed, and then the story was so old that as a sensation it was as dead as Rameses, and the zoo did not suffer a bit from reference to it.

To-day that python occupies the second eage from the alligator pool, and is the handsomest, although not the largest, of our many constrictors.—Xouth's Companion.

As They Chose.

While waiting for the train the bride and bridegroom walked slowly up and down the platform.
"I don't know what this joking and

strokel his beard there was a welected of the chief forester and myself to retain any portion of it within our portion of it within our washes, heaved to make the could do and Paris have long had only us in spite of all we could do a. It has been without one until lately, as in spite of all we could do a. It has been without one until lately and the perfuson out backward, but not was forested in the perfuson out backward, but not was forested in the perfuson out backward, but not work here within the perfuson out backward, but not work here within the perfuson out backward, but not work here within the perfuson out backward, and the perfuson out backward, but not be perfuson by the bereavel owners of pets, it in two.

All this time Mr. Diffusor kept trying and the was constantly aftern the was constantly aftern the savage creature without so, an accident to some one.

Bidding a keeper take my place at the "tail hold" and hang on with all his strength, I ran to the storecomes and with two yards of mason's line, and a single nurriedly driven into the "tail hold" and hang on with all his strength, I ran to the storecomes and with two yards of mason's line, and with two yards of mason's line, and a single nurriedly driven into the end of it for the line to pass through, and a staple nurriedly driven into the end of it for the line to pass through.





and bridegroom walked slowly up and down the platform.

"If don't know what this joking and guying may have been to you," he remarked, "but it's death to me, I never experienced such an ordeal."

"It's perfectly dreadful," she answered. "I shall be so glad when we get away from everybody we know."

"They're actually impertinent," he went on. "Why, the very natives—" At this unproptiods moment the wheezy old stationmaster walked up to them.

"Be you goin' to take this train?" he asked.

"It's none of your business," retorted the bridegroom, indignantly, as he guided the bride up the platform, where they condoled with each other over the impertinence of the natives. Onward came the train, its vapor curiling from afar. It was the last to their destination that day; an express—nearer, it came at full speed, then in a moment it whizzed past and was gone.

"Why in thunder didn't that train stop!" yelled the bridegroom.

"Cos you sed 'twarn't none of my blaness. I has to signal if that train's to stop."

And as the old stationmaster softly stroked his beard there was a wicked winkide in his eye.—London Spare Moments.

A Cemetery For Pets.

CUARDING THE PRESIDENT.

CUARDING THE PRESIDENT.

Locomotive Sentinels Which Precede and Follow the Train.

When the President travels the percentage of possibility of accident is reduced to a minimum in the selection of cars for the train. New coaches, which have just left the shops, are preferred. Axlos, wheels, springs, journals, brakes, couplings—in fact, all of the important factors in the make-up of a train—are carefully examined and tested before being allowed to depart with their precious human freight. The engine selected is the best in the service and is run by the shouse decorntive pleces one clever housewife has chosen a huge brass pot to stand on the hearth of her living room fireplace, that holds wood in winter and a pot with a growing plant in summer. It is unusual and effective in the extreme.

APPROPRIATE FOR THE DINING-ROOM. Conventional treatment is almost always best for a dining room mantel, and a pair of candelabra especially appropriate as decoration. By the way, these candelabra when used as decoration never have shades on the candles.

HOW TO HANG THE TROPHIES.

There is an unwritten law in housefurnishing eithics against the means by which the groups of trophies, arms, swords, knives, etc., so popular for usual decoration these days, are hung showing. Hooks and strings are not permissible, but nails should be used with the groups of trophies, arms, swords, knives, etc., so popular for usual decoration these days, are hung showing. Hooks and strings are not permissible, but nails should be used with the distance and they are the precentage of possibility of exidence and to the results of the read of the important factors in the make-up of a train—are carefully examined and tested before being all owed to depart with their preclous human freight. The engine er in each division of the road, the man upon whom the company can rely for the exist of the smooth of the best properties of caution and of the best properties of caution and of the best precise of caution and of the best properties of caution and of the bes

There is an unwritten law in house furnishing ethics against the means by which the groups of trophics, arms, swords, knives, etc., so popular for usual decoration these days, are hung showing. Hooks and strings are not permissible, but nails should be used so disposed as to be invisible. A piece of drapery behind these groupings is much liked by many artistic decorators as enhancing the effect.

THE VOGHE OF GMEEN,

Green is such a very fashionable wall covering just now that it is apt to be used indiserminately regardless of other considerations, light in particular. One in a position to speak authoritatively states it absorbs at least twenty-five per cent. of light, so house wives should be careful about choosing it for a room unless it has a great deal of light.

PAERING THE CHLING.

Another suggestion for the rejuvenation of wall covering is to paper the celling of a very low-cellinged room in white or pale lvory, and run it down foot or so on the side walls to a white or ceam picture moulding, as the case may be. This adds very much to the effect of height. The plain white celling thus loses itself above you and never accentuates its own limitations.

WINDOW DRESSING.

Half sash curtains are entirely passe, The most approved window dressing at present consists of lace or thin sturt curtains, window still length, hanging straight down against the glass. Inside ones of soft silk hang over these, pushed close to each side, but with a balance in the centre across the top to form a continuous line. Green and yellow is always mellow.

Old-fashioned ball frings is redivious for adorning bed hangings. Dimity spreads are very fashionable just now, too, as are Anatolians.—Philadelphia Record.

PAERING THE CHLING.

Old-fashioned ball frings is redivious for adorning bed hangings. Dimity spreads are very fashionable just now, too, as are Anatolians.—Philadelphia Record.

Crumb Pie-Soak a plnt of bread running for the president's train is another ediption of the road very many to the continuous line. Green and yellow

trust in Providence."-Saturday Evening Post.

Chapel of the Pyx.

Chapel of the Pyx.

The ancient Chapel of the Pyx at Westminster is to be thrown open to the public. This is one of the oldest and most interesting parts of the Abely, the greater part of the fabric belonging to the reign of Edward the Confessor. It was used in early Norman times as a royal treasure, and a robbery from the chapel in the reign of Edward I. of treasure valued at £100,000, created a great deal of stir. Later it was used as a record chamber for the treasure, and more recently as a receptacle for the apparatus necessary for the trial of the Pyx—the standardizing of the coin of the realm. The documents formerly deposited in the Pyx chapel have been removed and henceforth the public will have the privilege of penetrating the recesses of this mysterious chamber.—Ewencastie (Epg.) Chronicle.

The Largest Ship in the World.