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GREWSOME INDIAN CHARM.

Its Loss Led the Cheyenne Braves to Leave the Warpath.

Of all the grewsome things in the National museum the necklace presented several years ago by Captain John G. Burke of the United States army stands unequalled as a monument to Indian cruelty and superstition. This necklace consists first of all of a long buckskin cord made by rolling up a large strip of skin and sewing it along the border so that throughout its entire length it will measure something over an inch in circumference, or about a third of an inch in diameter. This cylinder of buckskin is covered with leadwork so that no part of the skin is exposed. The beads are sewed on in rather tasteful patterns, the colors of which are white and blue. A thin buckskin string is attached to either end of this bead, head incrustated cord, by means of which the cylinder is tied about the neck of the wearer.

Hanging from the underside of this necklace and running throughout its entire length are twelve human fingers and several small flat arrowheads of peculiar shape and workmanship attached by buckskin strings. In the middle of the necklace depend three small medicine bags made of the tanned hide or skin of human beings. These bags contain charm stones and other paraphernalia of the medicine man.

The human fingers, forming the most conspicuous feature of the necklace, are complete, having been cut off between the middle joint and the knuckle. They have been dried in such manner as to preserve their natural color, finger nails, etc., and look as fresh as though they had been removed only a few hours.

During General Crook's campaign against the Sioux and Cheyennes in 1876 the Fourth cavalry and a detachment of Indian scouts under Colonel R. C. Mackenzie surprised and stormed the chief town and principal stronghold of the Cheyennes. During or rather after this engagement one of the Indian scouts, Baptiste Puyvier, better known as Big Bat, entered the lodge of the chief medicine man of the deserted village, and among other things that the medicine man had over-looked in his hurried flight from the town the scout found this curious necklace. Big Bat gave the necklace to Colonel Burke, who later turned it over to a student of Indian religions and superstitions, and he in turn presented it to the National museum.

Subsequently something of the history of this necklace was learned. The fingers were those of famous enemies noted for their superior courage and bravery whom the Cheyennes had killed in battle during their various wars, while the human skin of which the medicine bags were made was also taken from the bodies of enemies slain in battle. The necklace is very old and was looked upon by the Cheyennes as a thing endowed with miraculous powers. Prior to its capture by Big Bat it had belonged to a famous medicine man of that tribe, who had never allowed any white man to lay eyes on it, and its loss put a very sudden and abrupt end to the Cheyenne war. The Cheyennes tried hard to get it back, offering a large sum of money and a great many horses for its return, but this was refused, and since then the Cheyennes have remained at peace with the whites.—Washington Post.

His Calvinized Hat.
 "A generation or two ago," said a Boston clergyman, "old Dr. Ellis was a well known figure in Boston, being one of our famous Unitarian ministers, a friend of many of the transcendentalists. He used always to wear a white Panama hat in summer. The same hat did him season after season, yet it never seemed to lose any of its fresh whiteness.

"One day a minister of the old persuasion and very pronounced in his orthodox asked Dr. Ellis how he kept his hat so white.
 "That is easy," said the doctor, "for it has been Calvinized."
 "What? said the other minister.
 "How do you galvanize a hat?"
 "I said Calvinized," replied the Unitarian.
 "But what do you mean by that?"
 "Dipped in brimstone," said Dr. Ellis.—New York Tribune.

Ice cream—all flavors—at Merk's.

WASHINGTON LETTER

(Special Correspondence.)
 The residence portion of the White House is closed, and carpenters and decorators are at work on the interior of the historic old building. All the furniture has been removed from the east room, the blue room and the red room and placed in storage. In a few days the greenhouse, located west of the White House conservatory, will be torn down to make way for the building which is to be used as an office for the president. This building will be completed as soon as possible, that work may begin on the conversion of the present offices in the White House into rooms for the use of the presidential household.

The details of the changes in the White House have not been definitely agreed upon, but the plans have been outlined by Architect McKim, and the main features in the alterations have been made public. The basement portion of the house, which is now used only as a kitchen and laundry, is to be utilized. A large reception room will be arranged on that floor, and a suitable entrance to the room will be provided at the east end of the building. This entrance will be covered by a portico and will be quite pretentious. One of the attractive features of the remodeled house will be a marble staircase to replace the old stairway which now leads to the offices of the president. The new stairway will extend from the reception room in the basement to the second floor.

Diplomats Seek the Seashore.
 The Austrian ambassador has taken a cottage at Bar Harbor, where he has passed the last three summers and where he and his wife are leading members of the Washington colony. There will be a large diplomatic contingent at Gloucester, cottages having been leased by the Peruvian, Argentine and Bolivian ministers and by Mr. del Viso. The oriental diplomats both seek the seashore, the Japanese minister and Mme. Takahira going to Cape May and Mr. and Mrs. Wu to Atlantic City, of which resort both the minister and his wife are extremely fond, participating in all the sports, from bathing to dancing. The minister at least seeks a partner at the hotel hops, Mme. Wu's tiny feet precluding such enjoyment.

The Major's Big Bass.
 One of Washington's noted fishermen is Major Dick Sylvester, the superintendent of police for Washington and president of the National Association of Chiefs of Police.

The major went fishing a few days ago and returned with a five pound black bass, which he sent to the president with his compliments.

Two of the major's friends heard of his catch and asked about it a few days later when they were fishing at the same place. They met a country boy and said, "Is there good fishing up here?"
 "Yep," replied the boy, "it's fair. Major Dick was up last week fishing."
 "He caught a five pound bass, I understand," observed one of the party, "and gave it to the president."
 "I dunno nothin' about his givin' it to the president," the boy said, "but gran'pap, he caught the fish."

Social Secretaries Scarce.
 Wives of the cabinet ministers, who already are preparing for next winter's social season, report that there is a remarkable scarcity of young women in Washington who are competent to serve as social secretaries. In fact, there are not enough to go half way around, and the cabinet ladies are in despair because they know that the shortage means a repetition of the anguish and humiliation consequent upon blunders which followed them so relentlessly all during last season.

The social secretary is an important personage in Washington society. To be sure, she is not much in evidence herself, but her handiwork is seen everywhere. The making out of the invitation lists, the mailing of acceptances or declinations and the other routine work connected with the social season is the small and unimportant part of the social secretary's duties. She is expected to be a walking encyclopedia of information on the ins and outs of Washington society. This information she deals out to her employer as necessity requires.

Who's a Lobster?
 The wife of a new congressman is invariably careful in looking after her perquisites and sometimes makes herself ridiculous by overreaching. A certain Mrs. M. C., hearing not long ago that it was the custom of the fish commissioner to distribute fish to representatives in congress if they cared to have them, telephoned to the commissioner that she was giving a dinner party the next day and would be much obliged if he would send up three large or six small lobsters. A polite reply to the effect that the fish commissioner was not a market, but that she could have a dozen goldfish for her aquarist if that would in any way contribute to the success of the feast, was sent in reply to this request.

An Electric "Wheel."
 There is a new form of gambling going on in the house cloaks. Formerly the members played greenback poker for drinks, but since the installation of six pronged electric fans even matching pennies has become obsolete. Each prong of the fan is numbered, and the players each select a number. The player holding the number that falls opposite the upright support of the fan "buys" for the entire party. The game is very popular, but the switches confounding the current are about worn out by the constant turning on and shutting off of the current.
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A house in St. Legier has no use for a signboard to tell the world that it is an inn, a cycle shop, a forge or a dairy. M. Beguin's picture does that. On a stable wall he draws a picture of a spirited runaway horse knocking down men as he leaps for freedom; on the white wall of the little village forge are pictures of men making horseshoes for dear life and shoeing a frisky steed; on the wall of the dairy a dairy maid balances a pail of milk on her head, while scenes of local life, as pictures of the annual summer exodus to the mountain pastures with the cows and goats, and caricatures of the local bigwigs make a bright picture gallery of the village. M. Beguin lives in one of the most imposing houses in St. Legier, whence he obtains a full view of the crooked little village street and of the Dent du Jaman towering up in the distance. For many years past he has amused himself by painting the houses, and in the first place he acquired most of his skill and boldness in painting in this way.—Detroit Free Press.

HORSEHAIR SNAKES.

Peculiar Habits of These Threadlike Little Serpents.

The "horsehair snakes" are small, flesh colored mites which live principally in stagnant water. After going through various transformations they come to the surface of the water in the shape of very slender, purplish looking threads. When they reach this last stage, they leave the water and work their way up the stalks and leaves of aquatic plants. When opportunity affords, they attach themselves to the feet, legs, wings and other parts of large insects, often, as one authority states, creeping under the wing case of beetles. In the case of the cricket, katydid, grasshopper and other insects of that ilk, whose legs are hollow, the tiny horsehair takes the advantage and creeps up the hollows into the very vitals.

This accounts for the fat and clumsy condition of some individuals of the above named species, single specimens of the cricket having been caught with over two dozen of these threadlike "snakes" attached to and inside of their bodies. After heavy rains, which frequently drown crickets and katydids which are weighted down by these parasites, the "horsehair snake" emerges from the carcass of the insect a full fledged miniature serpent. In this mature state he is the delight of the curiosity seeker and a mine of study to those who delight to delve in nature's bypaths. Those which have been fortunate enough not to have been carried very far from water by the insects which they encumbered during life make their way back to the ponds to lay their eggs. They then wrap themselves around the eggs, which soon hatch into the little flesh colored mites mentioned in the opening. About this time the parent "snake" dies to make room for its progeny.

MISCELLANEOUS ADVERTISEMENTS.

COUNTY BRIDGES.—Notice is hereby given that sealed proposals will be received by the County Controller at his office in the Courthouse, Wilkes-Barre, Pa., until Saturday, July 26, 1902, at noon, for the building and completion of the following bridges in and for Luzerne county:
 Avoch borough—Sulphur creek, road leading from West to East Avoch, steel beam; appropriation, \$700.00.
 Plymouth borough—Brown's creek at Carver street, steel beam and concrete; 1,000.
 Kingston twp.—Toby's creek, public road, near Hillside farm, steel beam and concrete; \$20.00.
 Buck twp.—Over Shade's creek, stone arch; \$300.00.
 Lehman twp.—Outlet creek, near McKee's saw mill, stone; \$250.00.
 Lehman twp.—Outlet creek, near McKee's barn, stone; \$200.00.
 Jackson twp.—Badlock's creek, on road from Lehman Centre to Cense's mill, stone; \$300.00.
 Jackson and Plymouth—Over Pike's creek, stone arch; \$500.00.
 Latin borough—Over Gardner's creek, steel beam; \$1,000.00.
 Yatesville borough—Over Tompkin's creek, stone; \$250.00.
 Pittston twp.—Hunt's creek, near house of George Wilder, stone; \$300.00.
 Bear Creek twp.—Over Mill creek, stone; \$400.00.
 Bear Creek twp.—Over Pine run, stone; \$250.00.
 Butler twp.—Over Kemp's run, stone; \$200.00.
 Wingham twp.—Pond creek, near Mrs. Harter's residence, stone; \$300.00.
 Denison twp.—Wright's creek road from Wright's to Bear Creek, stone; \$700.00.
 Dorrance twp.—Near house of Mrs. Albert Hassig, stone; \$500.00.
 Union twp.—Over Big Mud run, near Ziegler's cabin, stone; \$400.00.
 Fairmount twp.—Over Scott run, near Scotts Mays, stone; \$150.00.
 Fairmount twp.—Over Huntington creek, Ross Barber's, stone; \$300.00.
 Franklin twp.—Branch of Sutton creek, near residence of Dennis Bailey, stone; \$300.00.
 Hollenback twp.—Near house of Ungumah & Garrison saw mill, stone; \$450.00.
 Huntington twp.—Hogers creek, near J. J. Callender, stone; \$1,200.00.
 Miner's Mills—Over Mill creek, steel truss; \$1,000.00.
 New Columbus—Little Pine creek, near J. C. Drey's, stone; \$400.00.
 Nescopeck twp.—Karchers run, road from Nescopeck to Rock Glen, stone; \$250.00.
 Ross twp.—Ash Swamp, near Benschoter's residence, stone; \$300.00.
 Ross twp.—Ash Swamp creek, near Crawford Road's, stone; \$175.00.
 Salem twp.—Hills creek, near Walter Seeley's, stone; \$175.00.
 Salem twp.—Hills creek, near the Stone church, stone; \$175.00.
 Shickelshinny—Near D. L. & W. depot on Oak street, stone; \$350.00.
 Union twp.—Shickelshinny creek, near Charles Scott's, stone; \$300.00.
 Wright twp.—Meadow run, between Solomon's Gap and Triangular Lake, stone; \$250.00.
 Wright twp.—Swamp creek, near Stiver's school house, stone; \$250.00.
 Wilkes-Barre city—Over Bowman Spring run, stone; \$500.00.
 Bids exceeding appropriations cannot be considered. Plans and specifications open for inspection at office of county commissioners. Contracts will be let to the lowest and best bidder. Bids must state when work will be completed and must be accompanied by certified check in one-half amount of bid. Right to reject any and all bids reserved.
 GEO. H. McLEAN, County Controller.
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8 15 a m	for Weatherly, Mauch Chunk, Allentown, Bethlehem, Easton, Philadelphia, New York, Delano and Pottsville.
9 58 a m	for Hazleton, Delano, Mahanoy City, Shenandoah and Mt. Carmel.
11 45 a m	for Hazleton, Weatherly, Mauch Chunk, Allentown, Bethlehem, Easton, Philadelphia, New York, Hazleton, Delano, Mahanoy City, Shenandoah and Mt. Carmel.
11 41 a m	for White Haven, Wilkes-Barre, Scranton and the West.
4 44 p m	for Weatherly, Mauch Chunk, Allentown, Bethlehem, Easton, Philadelphia, New York, Hazleton, Delano, Mahanoy City, Shenandoah, Mt. Carmel and Pottsville.
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11 51 a m	from Pottsville, Mt. Carmel, Shenandoah, Mahanoy City, Delano and Hazleton.
12 35 p m	from New York, Philadelphia, Easton, Bethlehem, Allentown, Mauch Chunk and Weatherly.
4 44 p m	from Scranton, Wilkes-Barre and White Haven.
6 35 p m	from New York, Philadelphia, Easton, Bethlehem, Allentown, Mauch Chunk, Weatherly, Hazleton, Mahanoy City, Shenandoah, Mt. Carmel and Pottsville.
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