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ABBEVILLE, S. C., THURSDAY MORNING, JANUARY 14, 1858.

HUED BY A SNAKE. I was brout up near the gada line in Vermont, here my fatheowned a large farm. for far from his rm was a lake, where woused to enjoy delves fishing and saling: One aftern I saw a I was sure they lighted on the lake. so seized my double-barreled and sition, and started off afternem.

approached within shoot distag in the tall grass near the cove. A aw the head and t the reptile, a ad no idea how was; and if I, probably I shoul done just as for I had no fear c a creature, soist ran up and sn the bird awa had left my gun

boat, and hading to kill the chap but as I took duck, I put my f the thief's ne The grouns moist and slimy, the snake har body braced amo roots of the reeds, he took his out from uncy foot about as qu a man could ortably think. I th I'd run back e boat and get my and try to kil fellow. I felt some strike my le though some one

thrown a reputed it. I looked and found the snake had taken a

around my k with his tail, and

in the act of ing his body frot nart pk; but it didn't loosen him; tried put my right foot on him and drawy leg away; but I might as havied to put my foot on a strea

ad of this species of black snake. I had ted to see a snake four or five feet but instead of that, he was nearly 8 a half feet! Still I hadn't any great at, for I supposed when I should come to but my hand on him, I could easily take him off, for I was pretty strong in the arms. . In a few seconds he had his body all clear, and it was then that the first real thrill shot through me. There he held himself by the simple turn around my leg, and, with his back arched in and out, he brought his head on a level with mine. I made a grab for him, but missed him; and then as quick as you can snap your finger, he swept his head around under my arm, clear around my body, and then looked me in the face again. I made another grab at him, and

another as quick as I could; but he dodged

me in spite of all that I could do.

I ext felt the snake's body working its way up. The turn of the tail around my leg was changed to my thigh, and the coil arounl my stomach began to tighten .-About this time I began to think that there might be some serious work, and that the sooner I could take off the snake, the better. So I just grasped him as near the head as possible, by taking hold where he was around me-for he couldn't dodge that part, you know-and tried to turn him off. But this only made him worse. The fellow had now drawn himself so that he whipped another turn around me. His tail was under my left thigh, and the rest of him twice around my body-one of the coils being just at the pit of my stomach, and the other just above it. All this had occupied just about half a minute from the time he first got the turn around my leg.

His head was now right around in front f my face, and he tried to make his way my mouth! What his intention was I anot surely tell, though I have always lieved that he thought he could strangle ie in that way. He struck me one blow in the mouth that hurt me considerably; and after that I got him by the neck, and there I meant to hold him-at least so he hould not strike me again. The moment grasped him by the neck, he commenced tighten his folds about my body ! I soon covered he'd soon squeeze the breath of me in that way, and I determined

now tried to unwind the reptile; but all my strength it was in vain.

til this movement I had not really the serpent when I should try. I connuct the serpent when I should try. I and originate more prolific plants. In a dreamed what power he had. I and originate more prolific plants. In a dreamed what power he had. I theory has recently received striking control of the new in the server of the server of the new in the new in the server of the new in the new in the server of the new in ake as directly oversin, pocket, and I York Times a few grains of wheat were ould be get it. I now for the first time discovered in the tombs of some ancient ried of for help. I yelled with all my mummies found in the south of France, supnight; and knew the trial was next to use posed to have been 2000 years old. They eas, for some could easily gain the place were planted and produced the astonishing where I as, except the boat. Yet I amount of 1,20 terms to one. The goveralled outpoing against he was paid enument assue dicharge of the matter, and e snakey the body and

break ineck. This plan presented By learn of pmise, but amounted to noth- iste ig, I mighas well have tried to break pe by beting it backward and forward,

A full minte had now passed from the ne when I ried to pass the snake's head around my bek. His body had become so elongated b his gradual pressure around my body, that he had room to carry his be hard to find sufficient cause in any chead around in a free and summetrical direction. It open a year than field

me from noticing this until now For a few moments I was in a perfect the y. I leaped up and down—cried as as I could—and grasped the snake with I my might; but it availed me nothin. He slipped his head from my weakened and

At length I staggered : I was roship 5 light of forgotten the proportionate size of strength rapidly, and the pain of my beat and disry sensation become excruciating. A dizzy sensation | hen. Ididn' vas in my head, a faintness in my heart, tywation in little and a pain, the most agonizing, in my body. I felt powerful, art, an' was goin' to get The snake now had three feet of his body a wife. Golly, at a mouthful that word

> econd a step nearer to death. My knife! Oh, if I could reach it !- by me; and then, the times outen four, Why not? My arms were free. Mercy! she didn't give me the noney to git that with had I not thought of that before when my hands had some strength in them? I and I'd hardly take a diw terbaccer, fear collected all my remaining power, and 'twould take the taste out my lips. Git up. mide the attempt. My trowsers were of blie cotton stuff, and very strong. I could no tear it! I grasped the cloth upon the inside of my thigh, and gave my last atom 'gun to think I might as ill bring things of strength to the effort! The stitches to a pint. Thinks I, Peace o-morrow you rate way ! This result gave me hope, and hoje gave me power. Another pull with both hands, and the pocket was laid bare! With all the force I could command-with hope of life of home of everything I loved on earth in the effort-I caught the pocket upon the inside, and bore down upon it. There was a cracking of threads—a soutd of tearing cloth, and-my knife was in ny hand!

With one quick, nervous movement, I bressed the keen edge upon the tense skin, and drew it across. With a dull, tearing snab the body parted, and the snake fell to the ground in two pieces. I staggered to the boat-I reached it, and there sank down. I knew nothing more, until I heard a voice calling me by name. My father stood over me with terror depicted on his countenance. I told him my story as best could. He told me that he had heard me cry, and at once started off in the large boat after me. I had lain there over half an hour when he found me.

When we reached home, the snake was found to be eight feet four including pleasely. It was a month before I fully from that hugging, and to this day there s something in the very name of "snake!" that sends a thrill of horror through my heart.

The Age of Seeds .- The fact that age adds value to seeds may be perfectly familiar. to agriculturists, but it is new to us. A gentleman in this city is in the babit of oul this movement I had not really saving molon seeds until they are six or frightened. I had believed I could seven years old, and maintains with entire rument assue of charge of the matter, and ince that the productins been magnified in it can immense production, that the minute of agreement is now a shied to do

tribute large quantities over It is suggested that their iveness of this wheat is owing the

SPADE'S TRAVELS. I saw no more of B****, after our misadventure at the roadside tavern, until we reached Monroe; where the popular Boniface of the "R. R. Hotel," evidently expecting flock of black ducks fly over c house, and slipped his head from my weakened and a cold spell nightly, considerately packed and made a blow at my face, "the my a cold spell nightly, considerately packed "three in a bed." So harmonious an

From the New Orleans Della

deamation was too pleasant to last long, we took stage next day for the Missisi River. Have you not traveled by . e? Ah! you have. Well then, you possibly aware of the fact that at such a few good stories thrown in from to time have a very wholesome effect ne's temper, and serve to render miles er and the roads considerably smoother. e, our police and clever hack driver, , this, as well as a thing or two besides; when relieved for a time from the free ssion of his overwrought feelings upon jules, would favor us with some of the said stories. One of these is too good lost, and I accordingly give it you .-Peace tell it :

Alin o' widders, gentlemen, they're er characters; and wunst they git thmb on a young man, by gosh, he's ene! I know this by experience, v tch-and I've had a good deal ov se treachin. I was lucky, though, mee,nd got outen her clapper-claws in tie. Got a piece terbacker, Mr. Thankee.

profes ? 's a young feller, 'bout twenty, see and jist begun to feel my arabotrow, when I tuk it into my gin to marred, and be hanged to must Well, I was driving then Git up aville road, and 'bout ten fore you git thar, lived the She had two children, was an' pore as Jobe's turkey

nd that. Her whole sit-

dn't matter much to me.

free. He had drawn himself, certainly, 3 wite is it the test of a fool boy 'bout feet longer than before. He darted his head under my right arm, and brought it and she sorter shie off I thought, but had ip under my right shoulder, and pressing an idea she was drain me on. I used to is lower jaw firmly down there, he gave a stop every day when lidn't hev passengers; and when I did, I'd le back and see her at night. She would never let me kiss her, lessen she wante sumpen from town course there was a big los and course they was in could'nt stop. That night 1 d ten miles thro' the rain to see her. " v lor." sez she, "what brot you here, Mr. eace ?"

"Cum to see you, my darlin, "Aw, hush!" sez she; "yo so funny, Mr. Peace."

Sez I, "my love, you look mit pirty tonight; won't you marry me, be Chris-

"Law Mr. Peace, how you talk Why can't think o' sich thing." "Cum, cum," sez I, "none o' ye mon; come up to your fodder, mybirty, an' say 'Y-a s,' rite sweet." Geeminy! I was a fool, gentlement Git

Sez she, "This hyars gone fur enuf. n yarnest, and the' I think a heep of the can't think of marryin' you."

I was kerflumixed, and didn't know more'n a fool wot to say. I an' she will attend settin on a chist, an' I sorter hilt dehead to think, an' she begun to ch

up. I groaned and she talked, and t floor, groanin' powerful. As I fe I ki over the table with the candle ont, lea us in the dark.

"Wot's the matter, Mr. Peace are " No : I ain't sick."

"Wot's the matter, then? Mr. Peaca." I groaned, and rolled, and walled roun'

she keepin' a coaxin' of me to wist was the matter. "Do git up, Mr. Peace; you'll clothes all siled."

"Don't keer," says I, an' I groat olled wuss an ever, and then stoppe "Where are you, Mr. Peace-sa

ain't a dyin' are you?" By this time I heard her down ands and knees, feelin for me. Sez she, " Mr. Peace, ef you don't

I'll holler for a light and help." "That won't do," thinks I, an I gr agin, and hyar she cum on all fours tow me. I was onderneath the bedside, st as she got in reach I grabbed her

the hands. "Let go, Mr. Peace, or I'll holler." "Yass, do" sez I, "an wot'll people sa

smacked her pitts lips, and rid back to Ramville. Golfyd I was the biggest man thar nex morning, an' tole all my friends to git reddy for a big splurge. "Twas comnon talk, an everybody believed it-but I didn't marty the widder Taylor? 'Why!' we both asked in breath. Well, you see, few days a'ter that night, she cum out to the stage to ax me to bring her some wine-that she wa'nt zactly well. Certingly, sez I; an that night I went to the drugsl.op an tole the long-legged, lank-sided hatchet faced whelp of a clerk that I wanted sum wine. 'Wot kind?' sez he. 'The best

you got," sez I, as a matter of course. Sez he, we have several wines; white, Maderia, and sum other names he give (an he didnt have half of 'em) but 'toreckly he grinned, and sed antimonial wine. 'Matrimonial wine,' sez I-I had pick'd up the meanin of that word, and sez I, that's jist what I want; fill that flask. Its

very dear, sez he. 'Dot rot yer, charge it to Keen & Co., (they was my bosses,) they are good for it, ain't they?' He grinned agin, and I wanted to punch his durned tow-hed like thunder. I give it to my widder that nite, and looked daggers at the feller that was settin talkin' to her. I know'd he boarded thar, but he was in my way, an I wanted to let him know it. Sez I, take some of it now, my dear. Then Jones looked at me, right sassy like. She sorter blushed, an poured out sum and drunk it off, makin' a nasty face at it that riled me. Sez I, its best in Ramsville an cost a thunderin sight o' money to git it. I did'nt hev time to say much more when out she bolted on the gallery, and-a-well, I felt disgusted at her ignorance. Jones run out a'ter her, an I sot still-mad like. Toreckly, back he cum, and sez he, wots that you guy my wife? You're a fool! sez I. who's your wife? I give Widder Taylor some matrimonial wine, and she does no wots good, an's gone and heaved it up. wisht she was your wife, your plenty good 'nuff for her : but let me caution you not to call her your wife, as I've got sumpen to say thar, and you might git hurt. Sez he, bristlin' up, I married Widder Taylor this mornin' and she's my wife, an you've bin givin her pison, I believe, to kill her. Now git outer here! Well, gentlemen, I was so taken 'back by what he sed, that he jist kick me right outer the house, my disgust

for him an her both bein' too grate to no-

tice him, or resentify the kicken. Wa'nt I

lucky in gittin' red of her? Did'nt I man-

age well? Thar's Columby jist ahead .-

Git up!" B*** and I slept well after our

laugh.

A Wife's Practical Joke .- Last Saturmaica Plain, was sitting with his wife and some friends at their parlor fire, when the door bell was violently rung. The lady rose, but then suggested to her husband that as the girl was out, he had better go to the front door. Accordingly, he opened it, and found no one there; but there was a nicely done up basket, covered with white linen, at his feet, and he thought he heard the rustling of a female dress departing .-After looking vainly up and down the street and around the portal, he took the basket into the parlor. On the covering being removed, a beautiful little child appeared some five months old. The lady screamed, one of the lady visitors took up the baby and found a note pinned to its dress, which charged the gentleman of the house with being its farther, and implored him to support it.

A rich scene ensued between the injured wife and the indignant husband, the latter nying all knowledge of the little asserting his innocence. The rfered, and at last the wife was orgive the husband, although de to it like a Trojan that he een a faithful busband. Fivery roguishly told her hus was strange he should not hild for it was their mutual thad just been taken from tairs by the nurse, for the playing the joke; and the d finally joined in the raised at his expense .-

> Europe .- An Ameras at Stuttgart dur-the Emperors, thus sex as represented

> > though she has aks English per- up in land sp the most accom- to his cong ope. The Prin- found in e handsomest thian Empress of egal looking ressed in

AN INTERESTING CASE A Washington correspondent of the

Southern Citezen gives the following account of a very curious case, which may occasion considerable diplomatic trouble to the United States and England:

The Ashberton treaty—the same that provides by its eighth and ninth articles that each, the American and British Governments, shall keep a fleet of eighty guns on the coast of Africa, with a view to the prevention of the Slave trade-provides by ts tenth article for the extradition by the from justice, charged with murder, arson, robbery, forgery, &c. In May last, a Mr. James, of Davidson County, in your State, a forged paper, (purporting to be the wriprocured certain articles of merchandise from a dealer in Nashville, and immediately thereafter fled to Canada. Supposing themwas made before Esquire Raworth, of Nash-

Gen. Cass has addressed Lord Napier upon the subject. Up to this time the British edge the receipt of Gen. Cass' communica- prevails. In England, the freest of any tion, and to state that a letter had been addressed by him to the Canadian Governor, terest stand in the way of promotion, that making inquiries about the matter. Up to this day, (16th December,) the State Department is not advised that any reply has more advantage to the nation. The war in been received by Napier from Canadian

ceive that one or two very nice questions are arising out of the case. First, will the British Government, in violation of its plighted faith, sanction the refusal of the Chatham dignitary to issue a warrant for the arrest and detention, or extradition rather, of the two fugitives? Or if the British Government do not this, but rather to manifest a pretence of purpose to have the treaty observed, shall in a diplomatic correspondence, censure the Chatham Mayor, and say that the fugitives shall be arrested and surrendered, may not they have notice and escape before a warrant can be executed, and in that event, will that government make the reparation which is one not only due to the American government, but also to Mr. James? In other words, will England pay Mr. James \$2,500, the value of the two fugitives which she has in violation of her treaty obligations, shielded from arrest? If the fugitives are not surrendered I have every reason to believe that not only may this reparation be insisted upon, ave demanded, but Congress will be asked to regard this infraction of the treaty as a substantial abrogation of the entire instrument, and then-and then into what other seas will the fleet of eighty guns now cruising on the coast of Africa be ordered ?

From this narrative of facts you will per-

It is said the worthy m minister in In diana, who had so me somewhat mixed recently announced his text would be le to the Corin-

AMERICAN CITIZENSHIP. If, in the fairest days of the Roman Re-

her freeman to say-civis sum-I am a citizen: with much more pride, not of a false and ignorant, but of an honest and com- guage: mendable kind, may an American boast of his citizenship. We are not inclined to pride in a general way. Boasting does not suit us. Of the weakness of the one, and regret very much that my habit has be vanity of the other, years have not passed over our head without an attempt to check and fully restrain their natural tendencies, two Governments, respecttively, of fugitives But, if anything on earth gives us pride, a dignified and conscious sense of the inalienable right that no man can deprive us of; and if feeling this, and sensible of its had two negro boys, who, by means of elevating character, we give utterance to the sentiments of justice it inspires, and are ting of their master, but in fact their own.) led to magnify and boast of it, then we say, not Cicero himself exulted more in the name of Roman, than we of American, citizen. There is more in this than inters selves secure from pursuit in that remote the dreams of most people's philosophy .and free territory, one of them dared to ad- More than the fanatic dreams of when he dress his master, from the town of Chatham. scatters the firebrands. More than the Mr. James, being thus advised of their blood-thirsty thinks of when the pulpit whereabouts, proceeded at once to charge bristles with the weapons of warfare .them in form of law, with the forgery they More than the vile wretch conceives while had perpetrated. The affidavit preliminary be scatters the dust in air, to blind the weak | He tried once or twice without success, to the issuance of a warrant in such cases, eyes of his fellows, or, like another Cy- just as I came up, the carriage occupied clops, inhumanly puts them out, more easi ville, which being properly certified by the ly to destroy. Citizen, American citizen. Magistrate, and authenticated by Governor How comprehensible! It includes the bat-Johnson and Secretary Cass, the requisi- tles of heroes, and the glories of the brave; tion contemplated by the treaty was formalit proclaims Liberty and Independence, civil and religious liberty. Hereditary no-Mr. James proceeded to Canada, fully bility and high sounding titles, vassalage prepared to establish the forgery. Arriving and feudal rights, baronical halls and lordly at Chatham, he called upon the Mayor, who towers, the insolence of aristocracy and tyis invested with all the powers of a Justice ranny of kings, cannot enter within its of the Peace, and demanded the issuance magic circle. But all the rights of an enof a warrant, with a view to the return of lightened jurisprudence, all the privileges the fugitives as contemplated by the treaty. of a perfect equality, all the advantages of The negroes were apprised of the visit of an universal suffrage, and all the gu rds Mr. James and his companion and immedi- that a free constitution can throw round the ately proceeded to call their friends both people's rights at home and abroad, are inwhite an black into the streets by the ring- cluded in the appelative. All that tells of ing of a bell and the cry of "kidnapper." domestic peace that none dare invade, of with my fellow men all the way along The Mayor not only positively refused to security of person and property, and all the I can confidently say that I never yet o issue the warrant, but admonished Mr. heart holds dear, is included in citizenship. kindness to a being without being ha, the James that his life was in perril from the Justice holds an equal balance. Judgment So that if I were governed by mere selfis mob, and that he had better leave the place. gives an equitable decision. A man in his motives, and wanted to live the happies As no effort was made either to restore the own home is a king. The nations of the life I could, I would just simply obey th fugitives or protect the life of Mr. James, world pay him tribute. The treasures of Bible precept, to do unto all men as I had he did leave, feeling that upon British soil the East and West wait on his industry .- opportunity. and in the presence of a British official, the An invisible army, or powerful Armada, treaty afforded no protection of the life of protects his freedom, and his voice is not an American citizen, whose only offence raised in vain. If foreign nations say an to our report of it. And does the expewas that he asked a compliance with that American boasts, has he not a right to do rience of the youngest of our readers contreaty, and this too, with the sanction and it? He feels his strength, he enjoys his firm or contradict this statement? Is there by the authority of the American Govern- freedom, and while he exults in these, he a boy or girl among all of them who can ment. Mr. James returned to Tennessee, will never be rendered unworthy of either. say, "I did a kind act once to my brother, and recently submitted a statement of the Contrast the condition of a citizen with or playmate, and was afterwards sorry for whole transaction to the State Department. that of the subjects of any other nation. it-it should have been an unkind one." In France, and in most European States, a man must act and speak by prescription. minister has done no more than acknowl- Despotism, or some other ism nearly as bad,

> Dr. S. G. Morton gives the following as among the results of the internal measurements of 623 human crania, made with a view to ascertain the relative size of the brain in various races and families of man:-The Teutonic or German race, embracing as it does the Anglo Saxon, Anglo American, Anglo Irish, &c., possesses the largest brain of any people. The nations having the smallest heads are the ancient Peruvians and Australians. The barbarous tribes of America possess much larger brain than the semi-civilized Peruvians or Mexicans. The ancient Egyptians, whose civilization antedates that of all other people, have the leastsized brain of any Caucussian nation excenting the Hindoos,-the small number of Semitic heads hardly permitting them to be admitted into the comparison. The negro brain is nine cubic inches less than the Teutonic, and three cubic inches larger than the ancient Egyptains. The largest brain in the series is that of a Dutch gentleman, and gives 114 cubic inches; the smallest head is an old Peruvian of 58 cubic inches. The brain of the Australian and Hottentot falls far below the negro, and measures precisely the same as the ancient Peruvian. This extended series of measurements fully confirms the facts stated in the "Crania Americana," that the various artificial modes of distorting the cranium occassions no diminution of its internal capacity, and consequently do not affect the size of the brain, Sir William Hamilton, on the o'her hand, claims to have established the fact, apart from the proofs by averages that the human encephalon does not

after the age of deven, at

country but our own, Caste and family in-

would fill the posts of honor and responsi-

bility from the ranks of middle life with

the Crimea is a notable instance of this. In

the American nation, every man has a

chance; any citizen, if meritorious, may

rise to a place in the public councils, and

provided qualification give a just title, no

adventitious circumstance of birth or for-

tune will stand in the way that leads to

emolument.

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ONE SECRET TO A HAPPY LIFE. We were in company the other day, s public, it was the pride of the humblest of the Youth's Penny Gazette, with a gen man apparently fifty or sixty years of a who used, in substance, the following la

Were I to live my life again, I shou make it a point to do kindness to a fello being whenever I had the opportunity. so different, that I induced feelings so u like those which lead to such a course

It has been too much my way to let otl ers take care of themselves, while I too care of myself. If some little trespass w committed on my rights, or if I suffe some slight incovenience from the thou lessness or selfishness of others, I was gr ly annoyed, and sometimes used harsh reproachful language towards the offer

I am now satisfied that my own ha ness was greatly impaired by this cou and my conduct and example contrib to the irritation and unhappiness of otl

It was but the other day, continued gentleman, that I was passing along street, and a coachman was attempting draw a light carriage into a coach house whole sidewalk, and prevented my pass The fellow looked as if it ought not to exactly so, and there was something lil faint apology in his smile. It was on tongue to say, "In with your carriage m and not let it stand here blocking up passage." But a better influence prevail I went to the rear of the carriage and sa "Now, try again, my good fellow!" wh with the end of my umbrella I gave a tle push, and in the carriage went, and o came the pleasant "Thank you, sir-mu obliged." I would not have taken a twe ty dollar note for the streak of sunshin that this one little act of kindness thre over and lighted up the coachman's fac

And when I look back on my intercour

All this was said with air of sincerity and deep conviction, which we cannot give It is very likely that a kind act has been illy requited or misconstrued; but if it was performed with proper feelings, it is as certain to promote happiness as sunshine is to produce warmth.

We counsel our young friends, then, to seize every opportunity of contributing to the good of others. Sometimes a smile will do it. Oftener, a kind word, a look of sympathy, or an acknowledgment of an obligation. Sometimes a little help to a burdened shoulder, or a heavy wheel, will be in place. Sometimes a word or two of good counsel, a seasonable and gentle admonition, and at others a suggestion of advantage to be gained, and a little interest to secure it, will be received with lasting gratitude. And thus every instance of kindness done, whether acknowledged or not, opens up a little well spring of hanpiness in the doer's own breast, the flow of which may be made permanent by habit. A MOVING SERMON.

On a Sunday morning a parson told his flock that he should preach a sermon to hem in the afternoon, touching many sine that he grieved to see so conspicuous among them; and that he hoped that they would listen attentively, and not flinch if he should happen to be severe. The afternoon came. and the house was full. Everybody turned out to hear their neighbors "dressed down" by the minister, who after well opening his sremon, commenced upon the transgressors in a loud voice, with the question-"Where is the drunkard ?" A solemn pause succeeded this inquiry; when up rose Deason M. with his face radiant from copious draughts of his favorite drink at his noontide meal. and steadying himself as well as he could by the pew-rail, looked up to the parson and replied, in a piping and tremulous voice-"Here I am." Of course, a constremation amongst the congregation was the result of the honest deacon's responce 1 however, the parson went on with his remarks as he had written them, commenting severely upon the drunkard, and winding up by warning him to forsake at once such avil habits if he would seek salvation and flee the coming wrath. The deacon the made a bow and seated himself atrain. "And now," out-spoke the preacher mar his loudest tones, "Where is the hypoc

use-but no one responded. t glances seemed directe pey an Ladeed the par hard in that di