THE OLD SETTLER.

Snakes and the Great Sugar Swamp Snake Bite Cure.

"Great Spooks!" exclaimed the Squire, looking up from the paper he was reading and keeping his finger on the place. "Twenty thousand! W'at do ye think o' that, Major? Twenty thousan' folks dyin' from snakes in one year!"

"W'at do I think on it!" said the Old Settler. "Wull, I think them folks must 'a'took their applejack pooty durn new, b'gosh, an' a leetle

"Applejack!" said the Squire, glaring at the Old Settler. "Applejack hain't got nuthin' to do with it! These folks was bit."

"Bit, was they?" responded the Old Settler. "Wull, tha hain't nuthin' that kin bite wuss th'n new applejack, Squire. I've know'd it to be sharper'n a sarpent's tooth. But who were tellin' ye 'bout all them folks dyin' from snake bites? That's a good many folks, Squire. Ye orter be a leetle keerful of yer figgers when ye set out to peddle

"Why, consarn it!" exclaimed the Squire, "here it is, right here in the paper! The paper says that last years tha was twenty thousan' folks died in Injy from snake

"In Injy, hay?" said the Old Settler. "Why, I didn't hev no kind an idee that the sarpent had got ez much of a foothold on Injy's coral strand ez all that! Humph! I must tell M'riar 'bout that, an' tha'll be a special meetin' of the Clothers o' Them that's Naked an' Feeders o' Them that Hungers called to look inter it. This here won't never do! M'riar must call a meetin' of the Clothers an' Feeders, and the sistern must line the nex' cargo o' red flannel shirts an' secon'-han' pants with leather. I ben spectin' they was a little too thin to pertect them heathens on Injy's coral strand. An' w'at is the news from Greenlan's icy mountains, Squire? How many folks is missin', 'long o' snakes, up there? An' does Afric's sunny fountains send in any returns? Gosh-t'lmighty! This'll make trouble fer my yaller-leg chickens ag'in, w'en this news gits around, fer the Clothers and Feeders alluz stays to supper. W'at's the returns from Afric's sunny fountains,

The Squire folded up his paper, put it in his pocket, and gave the Old Settler a withering look, but said nothing. This was plainly disappointing to the Old Settler, but after a while he resumed the

Squire?"

"Twenty thousand, hay?" said he. "I wisht I know'd the directions o' some leadin' heathen over there, an' I'd send him a letter tellin' him 'bout the never-failin' Sugar-Swamp cure fer snake p'ison, an' tha wouldn't be no use o' snakes bitin' anybody in that pleasin' kentry any more, fer they'd only waste their p'ison. If anything ever were a cortion to snakes, that Sugar Swamp p'ison cure were! Gosht'lmighty, how it could draw! An' that were jist the trouble with it. It had so much heft to its drawin' powers that the danger were that if it got its hooks onter a feller that had snake p'ison in him it were liable to kill him while it were curin' him. Pervidin', o' course, that ye wa'n't keerful in usin' on it. The ingrejints o' that Sugar Swamp snake p'ison cure is a secret ez nobody kin ever hev outside of our fam'ly. The prescription were thunk up by an ancestor o' mine who kim inter Sugar Swamp w'en things was skeerce, everything but b'ar an' snakes. Tha wa'nt but two bar'l of apple juice in the hull settlement w'en this ancistor o' mine sot down there, an' folks was comin' in ev'ry day all bit up by snakes, an' consekently havin' to be filled up with that juice in a way that were alarmin', that bein' the only snake p'ison cure ez were reco'nized 'mongst the 'arly settlers o' Sugar Swamp. So this ancistor o' mine, he got all worked up over it, seein' that the way thiogs was goin' the future were goin' to be very short, ez fur ez life bein' pleasant had anything to do with it, snakes bein' -o

bit, an' apple juice bein' so skeerce. So he up an' says: "'It's a durn shame,' says he, 'to be a wastin' good ap-

plenty, folks bein' so willin' to be

can't hev no show at a toothful o' that apple no more, 'less he goes an' gits bit by a snake. Them two bar'l won't last more'n a month, an' then w'at a we gointer to do? I'll think up a snake p'ison cure,

b'gosh, an' save the kentry!' "An' so my ancistor went off an' thunk up a snake. p'ison cure, an' its main p'ints was its heft o' drawin' power. It wa'n't a cure ye took in'ardly, but it was clapped onter the place where the snake had socked the p'ison in, an' that p'ison mowt better had a millstun 'bout its neck an' jumped inter the sea than ben foolin' 'round inside o' folks w'en that cure got

"From all I kin learn, tha were an orful hellahaloo in Sugar Swamp the fust time that snake p'ison cure were used. Sim Janniken kim a tearin' in oue day, and floppin' down in the tavern ez usual, he hollers out:

"'Spooks a spinnin'!' says he. 'I'm bit ag'in! Fill me up!'

"Now, this were the third time hand-runnin' that Sim had been bit that month, an' it took a pint ev'ry time to skeer the p'ison outen him. So w'en he kim in this time an' flopped down an' waited fer Uncle Noar Tidfit to come a-rushin' out with a bottle an' a tumbler, my ancistor were there, all ready with the snake p'ison cure he bad thunk up, an' he run up to Sim an'

"'Where'd it bite ye?' "'Calf o' my leg!' says Sim.

"My ancistor slides Sim's trousers up, an' claps a handful o' his snake p'ison cure on the calf o' Sim's leg.

"'Hol' on!' says Sim. 'Tha pain't no use of a snake bitin' ye f ye can't hev the Simon-pure cure fer the p'ison! If I can't be cured reg'lar,' says he, 'what's the use o' runnin' the risk o' snakes?' "But my ancistor know'd his business, and clapped on the cure

ne'd thunk up. But he didn' know his business as good as he orter, fer he kep' the p'ison cure onter Sim a leetle too long, and when he thort the time were up fer it to yank all the p'ison out b'gosh he found that Sim wa'n't no better'n a pig that'd ben stuck, fer the cure had drawed ev'ry duen drop o' blood outen him ez well ez the p'ison, an' w'at were left o' Sim wa'n't wuth nothin' 'cept to

"'Gosht'lmighty!' says my ancistor. 'The heft o' this snake p'ison cure is more amazin' than red eels!' says he.

"But he know'd a thing or two yit, an' he clapped another hunk o' the cure onter the back o' Sim's neck, an' in less'n ten seconds it draw'd the hull o' that blood back into Sim ag'n, an' pooty soon Sim got up, an' shakin' his fist at Noar Tidfit, he says:

"'I hain't been treated reg'lar! says he. 'I've ben sot down on in this here tavern? Noar,' says he, if this is to be the upshot o' things, a feller mowt jist ez well go to Ireland,' says he, 'where tha hain't no snakes!'

"An' then Sim scufled out o' the tavem, lookin' disap'mted an' down in the mouth. An' the consekences o' that p'scription my ancistor thunk up was, that ez folks got to know it things changed. Where they usety come in more'n a dozen a week to git cured in the ol' fashioned, reg'lar way for snake bites, they fell off so that by an' by tha wa'n't one a month kim in, an' folks took to killin' off snakes ez useless hangers on, an' a 'cumbrance o' the soil. I wonder if we could find any way to interduce that Sugar Swamp snake p'ison cure over inter injy, Squire?"

"Dunno, Major," said the Squire. 'Seems to me, though, ez if some o' the ol' fashioned reg'lar cure mowt be interduced a leetle closer by. W'at do ye think about it? Wenter interduce some?"

"Wull, sence ye mention it, said the Old Settler, smiling. don't keer if I do."

The following story is told by a Georgia marshal who encountered a crowd of disorderly negroes:

"Marshal-"What is all this row Negro (with pistol, knife, and

club and war paint)-"Dat ar nigger dar said I was a consequence, consequence, widout de penalty of ramifying, and dat to de mos' superfying amphibiousness."

"Good Lawd!" said one of the climate. colored sisters sitting near the ples, jist 'cause folks won't git scene of war, "datamer eddicated outen the way o' snakes! This nigger fer show, bless God!"

The Greek Denomination of the Christian Church.

The Hon. Charles Emory Smith,

nizes only the authority of the first seven Ecumenical Councils. andria, and Jerusalem, the chief wound. prelate being known as the Metro-

described as the defender of the til opiates were administered. faith. As far as the appointive Synod is made up of his ap-

ecognize the sacraments and pay and spiritual supremacy of the Popes. It recognizes no human infallibility except on the part of the Ecumenical Council. It main-

though it recognizes the interces-

sion of the Saints. another priest. All the priests tunate lady. sons must become priests, and the only possible method of escape is by entering the army.

"The Greek Church does not have images, but rather representations of the Savior, the Madonna, These representations are called alone she tenderly said: ikons, and those in the edifices are beautiful and very valuable, being you." studded often with precious stones. In every house and every shop is an ikon, and when one enters the door he must take off his hat in respect for the ikon.

"As to the character of the worship; one never hears a sermon. I never heard but one Russian heirarch deliver a discourse, and that was on an anniversary. The services consist of mass and music. Sometimes the music is very monotonous, but then it will become most entertaining and ravishing, the grandest melodies and the sweetest voices that I ever heard. Women do not take part. All the singing is by men and boys. The boys who have the sweetest voices are selected for the priesthood and their voices are trained during their whole life. There is no instrumental music."

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here's got to be stopped. A feller RUSSIA'S STATE CHURCH. BITTEN BY A CENTIPEDE. 'splays Several Mrs. Lastenhow Characterist.

Philadelphia Times.

BRENHAM, Texas, April 29.ex-Minister to Russia, delivered an Mrs. Julia R. Lastenhow, the wife address yesterday afternoon at the of R. M. Lastenhow, a well-to-do Grace Baptist Temple, Broad and farmer of this county, was bitten tops, "once there was a little boy Berks streets, on the "State Church | a few days ago by a centipede, and | whose name was Freddy. His real of Russia." Mr. Smith first gave is so singularly affected by the full name was Frederick Timby, a brief sketch of the history of bite as to puzzle all physicians but everybody always called him the Greek Church and its separa- who have seen her. The insect just Freddy. tion from the Roman Catholic was introduced into the house in a log of wood, which, being placed "I come not to discuss or analyze on the fire, became too warm a his aunt, who lived in the country the Russian Greek Church," said hiding place, and it ran from the in a little old village. There was he, "but to say something about hearth under an article of furni- an old church, in this village, and the results of my personal obser ture. Mrs. Lastenhow tried to find every Sunday morning Freddy vation of some features. The it, and after several days' search used to go there. Generally his Greek Church is that part of the concluded that it had escaped and father and mother and some o great Christian body which recog- gave herself no further uneasiness the other folks from the house regarding it.

Originally it was united with the after, the lady, altering the posi- alone. Roman Church. Differences began tion of the pillows, discovered a to spring up as early as the fifth small object beneath one, and, not century, but the schism was not detecting what it was, put out her fully completed till the eleventh hand to remove it, when the cen- let in the air. Freddy looked out century. The Greek Church is tipede bit her on the palm and through the open windows, and practically a federation of churches wrist. It was with difficulty that without any centre of authority. she succeeded in detaching the There is no Pope in the Greek insect from its hold on her flesh Church, but there are Patriarchs and was just able to kill it when of Constantinople. Antioch, Alex- she fainted from the agony of the sleepy, and the first thing, you

sembled the red appearance of a go to sleep in church sometimes, The Russian Greek Church em- place seared by a hot iron, but in and she was looking out for him braces nearly 75,000,000 adherents, a few hours it began to swell until all the time, and when she saw more than the entire population of the entire arm was of a size equal him nod and nod and nod, she fixthe United States. The Emperor to the rest of the lady's body, and of Russia is the head of the to turn a livid purple with spots ded clean over, his head fell Church, but he has no more to do of nearly white with a quantity of against her, where he was all safe. with its doctrines than the King of corruption beneath them. Mrs. Italy or the Emperor of Austria Lastenhow now lost consciousness has with the doctrines of the Ro- and began to foam at the mouth, without knowing just what wakes wildcat when it was in the air. close the bar rooms of South Caroman Church. The Emperor is uttering cries of intense pain, un- them, and he looked along the va- One time after he had killed lina he will have the grateful

of the hierarchy, and the Holy over the sufferer's body the imbroke out in angry marks, as if attention to fasting. But there indulge in a crawling movement didn't know whether the grasshoptempt to bite any one.

tains that the Holy Spirit proceeds to ce nearly gone. Physicians can his left leg up and down against from the Father, not from the Son; only explain her symptoms by the that side; then the grasshopper rejects the doctrine of purgatory, supposition that the poison of the stood perfectly still again. Then insect's bite has affected her brain he turned half around right where Russia," from which it appears that through the blood, which has re-"The Church has what is termed produced the marks of the sting white clergy and a black clergy, all over the body. A day or two The latter are monks. They are ago, during one of her paroxysms, celibates. But the white clergy she seized Dr. Steinbock's hand landed right on Freddy's shoulder. are required to marry. The white between her teeth and gave it a Freddy said, 'Oh!' clergy preponderate. It is from severe bite, which soon began to the black clergy that all the high burn and swell, and it was only any choice as to their wives. The thought that it is only a question

He Was Saved.

He had made a great effort appear cheerful at the supper table, but the loving eye of the wife detected the true situation of and the saints upon surfaces. affairs, and as soon as they were

"No, dear." "But I know better. Confide in

me. Tell me what is wrong." "Well, we are ruined. To-morrow the sheriff will be in possession of the store. We must part years. with our servants, horses, diaorse car.'

o tide you over the crisis?" "Everywhere, but in vain."

"How much would save you?" "Twenty thousand dollars would arry me through with flying

She ran up stairs, hastily unocked the bottom drawer of her dresser, and in a moment later stood before her wondering husband with a package in ber hands. "Here is \$22,000," she said. "Take it and meet your obligations and save your credit."

"But-how-how," he stam-

"It is my savings," she explained. "For many years you have all derangements of the digestive table on. I have saved \$8 per week right along and laid it aside for just such an emergency. It is yours. Your little tootsy wootsy pleasant to take, always reliable, wife has saved you, and she is

And he actually kissed her and got in from the club that night a A Louisiana man has made his whole quarter of an hour before 1

The Hopper Jumped-Freddie's "Oh" Startled the Audience.

"Pop," said little Franky Billtops, "tell me a story."

"Well, Franky," said Mr. Bill-

"Freddy lived in the city, bu every summer he used to go to se used to go too; but one Sunday. But on retiring a few nights just Freddy and his auut went "It was a warm day, and th

windows of the church were pulled down all around at the top to saw the sunshine and saw the branches of the trees swaying, and heard the leaves rustling, and somehow it all made him feel very When first inflicted the sting re- Freddy's aunt knew that children had stirred up a wounded wildcat, ed it so that when he finally nod-

suddenly, as folks do sometimes

grasshopper; he was sitting there as she manifests a disposition to pointed foward the pulpit. Frequy wasn't asleep, for he saw him rub mashed it as flat as a pancake. Her senses seem affected, par- his right leg up and down against Queer Russian Religous Sects. ticularly her sight, which appears his side, and then he saw him rub he stood and faced toward Freddy, and just stood there, very still. But all of a sudden the grasshoppor made a tremendous jump and

with only two letters in it, but it Government. prelates are chosen. The white by promptly cauterizing the wound startled the whole congregation clergy are not allowed to exercise that the member was saved. It is and made the minister stop preaching. Everybody looked around selection is made by a Bishop, who of a very short time before death toward Freddy and his aunt. But chooses the widow or daughter of will bring relief to the unfor- Freddy's aunt is one of those people who always seem to know just what to do when anything happens. The first thing she did was to put her arm around Freddy and draw him up nearer to her and sort of turn his face in toward her, for she knew that if Freddy should see all the people looking at him in that way it would make him feel bad; "William, something has upset and when she had done this she just looked straight ahead as though nothing had happened, as though she had never heard of anything happening, and as though she didn't expect anything was going to happen for the next 700

"The minister had seen right nonds, house, everything, and I away that nothing very wonderful shall probably go to driving a had happened, and he had gone "Have you tried to raise money right on preaching again. When of these aged partriarchs have the people saw Freddy's aunt looking ahead in that way they turned perfectly able to do so did they around again and faced toward the pulpit once more, and then everything went on just as it was be- M. Souckeliff, who preaches self-"What became of the grasshop-

per, pop?" asked Franky. But that was something that Mr. Billtops could not answer.

Population of the World.

South America. . . . 34,000,000

BILLTOPS'S GRASSHOPPER. WAS GREAT ON WILDCATS. He Never Used a Weapon, but Killed Them Every Time.

> SCRANTON, April 28,"Bill Gregory used to slay more wildcats than any ten men in Sullivan county,' said a woodsman." and he never carried a weapon, neither. Bil was quicker than a wildcat, and he just loved to get wildcats to spring at him. No wildcat was ever too spry for Bill. He used to carry ot of little darts with him to throw veapon for they only pricked a remains to be seen. vildcat just enough to make it so angry that it would spring at him in self-defence. Bill had a hand New York Sun ke a boxing glove, and whenever neck every time.

know, he was fast asleep. But instant he found that he The wilbcat bit through Bill's when Bill yanked his leg the wildcat sprang at his chest and clawed so hard he had no chance to swat "After a while Freddy woke up and Bill got in his deadly cuff.

cant part of the pew in which he several hundred wildcats in that thanks of thousands of women and After a day or two the swelling was sitting. You know there were way he saw a catamount crouching children, who, from their ruined power goes, he is the complete head disappeared from the arm, but all only Freddy and his aunt in the for a rabbit. He flung a dart at homes, are looking to him for pew, and they sat at one end of it, and the catamount snapped at deliverance, and will well deserve pression of the insect's sting it, so there was a long vacant the pricked spot, and crouched the title I gave him, "Our brave space between them and the other again. Bill tickled it with another Governor." The bar rooms have "The Greek Church agrees with burnt in, and remain exceedingly end. Right square in the centre dart, and the catamount spied been the greatest obstacle in the the Roman Church in various dog- painful and raw. Mrs. Lastenhow of this space Freddy saw a big him, gave a scream and sprang for way to prohibition. Once they are his throat, Bill sent the catamount out of the way the rest will be easy, spinning around with one of his and God ferbid I should strike failed to break its neck. but away the hands that are closing which is said to bear a hideous re- per was asleep, or what, but he for him again and Bill slapped his prohibition at all, unless it comes Greek Church denies the primacy semblance to the sliding action of kept on looking at him, and pretty hands together, caught the cat- according to their notion, I would Bigelow on Russia and Germany; by semblance to the sliding action of the looking at him, and pretty amount's head between them, and say: "God's ways are not as our Richard Harding Davis on a London Season; by Col. T. A. Dodge on East-

M. Tsaknia a Russinn writer has published an interesting work entitled "Queer Religious Seets of there are not less than 15,000,000 followers of insane and cranky notions in the Empire of the Czar. These communities of devout and effective aperient is needed Ayer's deluded beings are constantly Pills are the best. They improve being enlarged in spite of all the appetite, restore healthy action "It was only a very small word efforts made to the contr. ry by promote digestion, and regulate

the "Runaways." As soon as they mended by the proression. embrace the new faith they fiy from their villages and towns, destroy

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The "Skoptsy" believe in selfmutilation, but will not submit to amputation, even though it would save life. Like the "Christs" they dance and yell for hours without

Still another of these deluded sects is the "Dumb Boys." Why they are called Dumb Boys no one seems to know, but it is a curious fact that the sect is composed of both sexes, old men being in the majority. It is claimed that some not spoken in fifty years, although "The Suicides" are a sect led by

destruction as an absolute .. ecessity to salvation. He is very eloquent, and it is said that he often leaves a church with a dozen suicide remains strewn about the floor.

On last Sunday, a little four year old had difficulty in spending The population of the five con- the day properly. Not being altinents of the earth, as estimated lowed her playthings, she was by M. Mmile Levasseur, is as fol- restless and fretful, until finally she found her little toy-iron, and 824.000,000 proceeded to amuse herself ironing North America. . . . 88,000,000 Sunday?' reprovingly asked her Oceanica. 38,000,000 mother, when she discovered the hild. "Well," promptly rejoined prices. the little girl, "don't you s'pose God knows this iron's cold?"-New 1.497.0 00 York Herald.

Mellican Man Too Bad.

The United States Supreme Court has rendered a decisioa sustaining the act proving for the exclusion of the Chinese from the Inited States, and for the dethat have not complied with the less timely monthly magazine. It inequirements of said act. Therefore no more Chinamen for this the real events of current history and country, and a great many of those already here will have to gef illustrations of the World's Fair, it out of the union. The effect that great Exposition, but also its best this decision will have on citizens at wildcats, but they were not of the United States now in China in its pages. Its contributions being

Nicotine.

No smoker realizes how much wildcat sprung at him he gave it nicotine he has taken into his blow on the head and broke its mouth in the consumption of a cigar until he has tried this ex-"One day Bill saw a wildcat periment: Fill the mouth with worrying the life out of a porcupine smoke when the cigar is burning in the woods. He threw darts at freely, and breathc it out slowly at it till it turned on him, and Bill through a handkerchief, combraced himself and gave it a swat pressing the lips until only a that laid it out so stiff that it small aperture remains, as in didn't have time to be surprised, whistling. After the smoke has Bill once saw the hind end of been exhaled, a distinct brown that he took to be a woodchuck stain will be seen on the linen. sticking out of the brush. He gave and it emits a strong odor, like it a kick, and the next that of an old pipe. This is nicotine, the poisonous principle of tobacco, and more or less of it is absorbed through the mucous cowhide boot and big toe nail, and membrane every time that a cigar, cigarette, or pipe is smoked or

We hope to hold our next Conit, so he bit it on the nose. The vention in Charleston, and, only to wildcat let loose and came again, think, not a single open bar room in the city. If Governor Tillman "Bill's game was to swat the never does anything else than to thoughts" and if they refuse to deliverance now offered they may have to say, after the opportunity has failed for lack of their support: "And while I was going hither and thither the man was gone."

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