#### Humorous Department.

Too Much Influence. Senator Simmons of North Carolina served one term in the house of representatives, 'way back in 1886, and was defeated for re-election, says an

exchange. This is why: Simmons had secured a postoffice for James City, a solid black town, got known as one of the largest and most at appropriation for a public building at Newbern, across the river, and an county, as well as an all-round good appropriation for a road to the National cemetery near by. A negro was bushels of potatoes this spring, has nominated against Simmons, but early ordered 10,000 slips from Florida. His in the campaign Simmons went to object in ordering Florida slips is to James City and had a big meeting. All get early potatoes for market in Authe colored brethren were for him.

Simmons' opponent said nothing during the campaign. He didn't make a speech until the night before election. Then he held a meeting, and this is man a couple of days this week..... what he said: "Mr. Simmons is all At a congregational meeting in the right. He has sure 'nuff influence at First Presbyterian church last Sunday Washington. One mawnin' he went morning, a resolution was adopted pro up to the White House and he says: 'Mawnin', Mistuh Cleveland,'

"'Mawnin', Mistuh Simmons." "'Mistuh Cleveland, I want \$75,000 for a postoffice over at James City.'

git it, Mistuh, Simmons.'

"'Go right over to the treasury and git it, Mistuh Simmons.'

"He's got plenty of influence, plenty; but lemme tell you niggers they's such a thing as too much influence Some day Mistuh Simmons will go up to the White House and say! 'Mawnin'. Boss Cleveland.

"'Mawnin', Mistuh Simmons." niggers down in my district put back a mighty sick man for the past few in slavery,' and he'll do it, and then days. A message from his bedside where'll you niggers be, I ask you?" That settled it.

The Price of a Dog. A handsome bachelor of Baltimore

well-known in social and educational circles, acknowledges the truth of the following story:

He was driving with a very pretty and attractive young woman, when on the outskirts of the city they met a lad of about 12 years leading by a chain a singularly ugly, but finely bred bull terrier. The pretty girl went into raptures over the dog, and her escort determined the animal should be hers "Say, sonny," he called, "what will you take for that dog?"

"Nawthing," replied the lad. "Nonsense!" cried Mr. Blank. "Here

is \$5 for him." "No, I won't. This here dog ain't for sale.

"Ten," said Mr. Blank, and then growing desperate, "fifteen, twenty. But the owner still refused.

All the time the conversation was going on the youth, although talking to the man in the buggy, kept his eyes fixed on the other occupant of the ve-

hicle, and at last he said gravely: "I don't want your money, but if you'll just give that lady there a kiss

you may have the dog." Mr. Blank was speechless. He stared at the boy an instant and then put the a run.

The story goes that, a mile was gone over without a word being spoken, pot here and severely bruised his back. when as the horse's rapid gait became slower as it turned down a country and at this writing is being examined lane the pretty girl turned ever so by doctors. It is not thought that his slightly, and said shyly, "Oh, Mr. Blank, why didn't you buy that dog?" -Baltimore Sun

one of Texas' widely known statesmen and with mud on their shoes telling who is now dead was passing along a of travel which they had done. Makstreet in Dallas when an old colored ing for the postoffice the squad broke, man who had once belonged to him part going up towards the railroad approached, took off his hat and passed a hand over his white wool as he asked:

"Marsteh, gin de old man 50 cents." "Dan, you are a robber."

opening his eyes, around which roughshod age had walked. "Didn't you see me put my hand in had that morning entered the residence Zeppelin's Airship Gives Cause For my pocket?"

"Yes, sah." "Well, you old rascal, you rob me tol and one shoe. The amount stolen of the pleasure of giving you money was something like fifteen dollars, al-

without being asked." The old man received a dollar. Bow- entire amount lost including the value

ing almost to the ground, while tears of the pistol and the shoe was \$75. came out and coursed through the Bloodhounds had been secured from the aged prints around his eyes, he re- Fairfield chaingang and the fellow had "Marster, wid-wid such a heart as but there the trail had been lost and

you hab and wid Abraham and Isaac although a diligent search was made and de Lord on your side I don't see all over the city no trace of the fugiwhat can keep you out of heaven."

A Poor Salesman.—Carey Johnson Ludlam, the southern philologist, said the store of the Wylie mills and had man who accosted me on my way here borhood. The pursuers had refreshed at a dinner: "I hope that the salesthis evening will take in one of the many schools of salesmanship an eight on hearing the latter news they again or nine years' course. I'm sure he gathered and made off towards Arneeds it. "This salesman, shabby young man,

laid his hand on my arm and said: "'Say, friend, lemme sell ye a box of this here patent cement."

"I shook off his filthy paw. "'Cement!' I sneered, annoyed at his familiarity. 'What do I want with ce-

were in conference and a little later "'Why,' cried the man, in apparent Mr. Dye mounted a horse and galloped surprise 'ain't ye broke? Ye look it.' out of the city heading towards Ar--Philadelphia Record. menia. The information is that the fellow Williams was serving a sen-

It Depended .- To illustrate the different viewpoints of manufacturers upon the question of tariff revision, Charles Heber Clark, a writer upon Mr. Lindsay. Wednesday morning the economic subjects, but better known theft occurred and very shortly afteras a humorist under the pen name of wards the crowd from the neighbor-"Max Adeler," recently told this story hood started in pursuit. That section to a gathering of Philadelphia manu-

"There is a farmer neighbor of mine in Montgomery county who was the owner of a very good Alderney cow. out towards Armenia at nightfall as One day a stranger, having admired fresh as if they had just gotten out of the cow, met the farmer and asked, their beds. Determination was writ-'what will you take for that cow?' ten large all over their faces and the

"My farmer friend scratched his head fellow will have mighty little chance a minute and then said, 'Look ahere, of escaping with such determined folhe you the tax assessor or has she been lowers after him. The bloodhounds gave out before this city was reached killed on the railroad?" "-Circle.

Out of Order.-Champ Clark loves to tell of how in the heat of a debate Congressman Johnson of Indiana called an Illinois representative a jackass. The expression was unparliamentary, and in retraction Johnson said: . "While I withdraw the unfortunate

chase towards Armenia proved fruitless and the crowd returned to the city word, Mr. Speaker, I must insist that the gentleman from Illinois is out of that night. Yesterday morning sev-

"How am I out of order?" yelled the man from Illinois.

### Miscellaneous Reading.

THE STORY OF RUBBER.

nachines

ger of being lost forever.

natives from the gum of a tree.

mpervious to water and used in mak

this wonderful gum, but owing to its

susceptibility to changes of tempera-

ture, which rendered it sticky and

more or less fluid, rubber did not come

into its own until early in the last

century. At that time it was discov-

ered, after a great deal of experiment

rubber and subjecting it to a high de-

gree of heat, these former deficience

were eliminated and a material was

erties under varying temperatures.

canization and is the basis of rubber

So great has been the developmen

making today.

ing bottles, shoes and squirt guns.

ing one of the best insulators in the the moral effect of such an attack.

WITH NEIGHBORING EXCHANGES.

News and Comment Gleaned From Within and About the County. LANCASTER. News, April 17: Mr. Wilson Rowell

of the Tabernacle section, who is

successful sweet potato raisers in the farmer, in addition to bedding out ten gust. From his last two potato crops Mr. Rowell realized a profit of \$610. .....Miss Winnie Crawford of Yorkville, was a guest of Mrs. S. W. Inviding for an increase in the salary of Rev. E. E. Gillespie, the pastor, from \$1,200 to \$1,500 per annum.-Yorkville Enquirer. That sounds good doesn't it? It shows that the Yorkville their pastor's able, faithful and labor-

"'Go right over to the treasury and Presbyterians appreciate the value of "Pretty soon he goes up and says: jous services. It is a lamentable fact 'Mistuh Cleveland, I want \$20,000 for that preachers, generally speaking, are the road to the National cemetery in the poorest paid workers in the vast field of human endeavor, except, of course, editors. Now and then you may hear of a preacher's salary being increased, but who ever heard of an editor getting a "raise?"

CHESTER. Lantern, April 16: The Rev. C. E. McDonald is confined to his bed suffering with a severe carbuncle on his neck. The carbuncle has been giv-"'Mistuh Cleveland, I want all them ing him lots of trouble and he has been just before the Lantern went to press stated that he was some better today. On account of his illness there will be no preaching at the A. R. P. church on Sabbath. Mr. McDonald's friends, and their name is legion, wish for him speedy recovery.... Charlie McElwain, colored, was brought over from Lan caster on Wednesday morning and landed in jail by Deputy Sheriff Dye This negro is wanted for assault and battery in Landsford and about a year ago escaped from the constable of Magistrate Crosby. He will stand trial at the summer term of court. Zeke Anderson, colored, was sent up from Fort Lawn on Tuesday night to Sheriff Colvin who locked him in jail. Zeke had been out on a peace bond, Mr Young, of that place, going the bond. But it seemed that Mr. Young had been afraid of Zeke keeping the peace and sent him back to jail so that he could get rid of the bond. Zeke is also wanted on a charge of assault and bat-

sap. It is secured from a milky juice tery and will keep McElwain company or latex which is found only in the until the trial of both comes off in the bark. The latex contains a substance summer.... On Wednesday Miss Mary known a caoutchouc (the active prin-Cunningham and Mr. A. L. Gault were ciple of rubber), together with certain united in marriage at the home of the albuminoids, resins, etc., which upon bride's sister, Mrs. R. M. White, a few evaporating of moisture, coagulate miles below the city. The ceremony forming a thick, spongy, substance in the presence of a few relatives and The percentage of caoutchouc in profriends. Mr. and Mrs. Gault left on portion to other ingredients contained the noon train over the Seaboard for in the latex, determines the quality of lest of horses when he is thrown with their future home in Union county ... whip to his horse, starting him off at Engineer C. A. Tennant of Monroe, fell from the cab of the engine today

chasing one Jim Williams, white, who

of Mr. J. W. Lindsay in that neigh

borhood and stole some money, a pis-

ing to follow him until he was cap-

tured though the chase should lead to

the other side of the land. The mat

ter was of course, reported to the po-

lice and the sheriff and they were as

sisting in the hunt. Towards night-

fall, Sheriff Colvin and Deputy Dye

tence on the Fairfield chaingang and

that Mr. Lindsay had paid him off

sometime ago and he was working for

is over twenty miles from this city

but the pursuers pushed on without

them. The trail had led through

swamps and creeks, but they were

hot on his trail. He gave them the

dodge here for a while but at night-

fall they set out again having picked

up the trail at the Wylie mills. The

The regions from which rubber gum is secured form an irregular belt in the tropics and sub-tropics extending on the turn table at the S. A. L. dearound the earth, the quality produced varying greatly according to the He was taken to Magdalene hospital of plant, the soil and the species climate. Great quantities are produced in Africa, Mexico, Ceylon and injuries will prove serious ..... Wedthe Malay Islands, but the most desirnesday afternoon a body of men were able rubber for resilency and wear seen coming up from the direction of resistance is secured from a tree the Seaboard depot in their shirt found in the Amazon river district Negro Eloquence,-Some years ago sleeves armed with shot guns South America. This rubber is known as Para, the name being derived from its chief city of export. It not only contains 95 per cent of caoutchouc but the methods used by the natives crossing and the others heading toin preparing it for market are so much wards the Southern depot. Naturally superior that it is selected in preferpeople were very interested in finding ence to all others for manufacturing out who they were and what they were purposes .- Electrical News. up to. Inquiry elicited the information "How?" asked the astonished darky, they were from the Feasterville section of Fairfield county and that they were

THE TERROR OF THE AIR.

Alarm In England.

In spite of the adverse opinion of Prince Henry of Prussia as to the usefulness of the Zeppelin airship as a though it was reported later that the certain British experts are working over the menace from Friedrichshafen. The situation is disquieting today. As gether. been followed as far as the Wylie mills they figure it, it will be alarming in a year, and disastrous in 1912-which seems to figure in British eyes these tive was found. Later it was reported that a man answering his descripas Zeppelin No. 1 on the first day of tion had purchased a pair of shoes at great storm without damage, and her made off towards the Armenia neighair all night with a full military crew themselves with some good food and on board, will not tend to soothe the British anxieties. Indeed they may be excused for assuming that Prince Hen ry's pessimism is more or less a pa-And they appeared as if they were go-

riotic bluff. As in the matter of the Dreadnought anic the English fears grow out of an understanding of the speed with which owner of the bullion, he makes suf-Germany is now able to construct whatever implements of war she may the silver coinage and the nickels and think needful. If airships are to play formidable part in the warfare of the during the year to do a great deal uture these fears are more justifiable than the naval scare, for British mili- taining the mints and assay offices. tary ballooning is still in the same elementary state as when the first military dirigible, the far famed Nulli back as the grounds of the Crysta As against this state of inertia the that in 1812 Germany will have a fleet one-fifth of a cent each. and the men had been following the of at least twenty-four Zeppelin ships, criminal all the way, but they didn't all capable of making "oversea exappear in the least tired and struck cursions" and "probably speedler than

any naval vessel." Before the end of this year, it is asserted, there will be ready four Zeppelin ships, all of them improvements upon the vessel with which experi- medals, sale of by-products from the nents are now being conducted. After this year the capacity of the airship factory at Friedrichshafen, which the German government is developing at a ost of \$1,500,000, is estimated at eight ompleted vessels a year. This gives he twenty-four forecast by the ae ronautical correspondent by the end of wages of workmen, contingent expens-1912, even allowing for the retirement es and the loss in operations, amount-

obsolescence. It is estimated that a Zeppelin ship for the term above stated the seigniorof the present type could reach Eng- age on the silver coinage was \$8,713,eral of them boarded the Carolina and land within ten hours and "do enor-North-Western train and made to- mous damage in a brief space of time." nor coinage for the same period was wards Yorkville as it is thought that The expert ignores the fact that no \$1,535,029.42. the fugitive has gone in that direction. Zeppelin ship has yet remained twen-

will be made with great rapidity, and he has no doubt that the twenty-four How a Most Useful Material Found Its vessels of the 1912 type could also at Way Into the Commercial World. | the initiation of a war put at least ten Next to copper and iron, rubber is of the twenty British Dreadnoughts the most important material in the out of action and seriously damage the electrical industry. It is used exten- English naval bases. Worse even sively as an insulating material, bethan the physical damage would be

world. Nearly all the wires that carry No dream of a panic monger in this to be derided by the overconfident. electrical current are protected with rubber insulation. Rubber prevents the Times man urges. The primitive the electricity escaping through con- Zeppelin ship is known to have made unbroken flights of 360 miles; it is tact of the wire with other conducknown to have attained a speed of 36 tors, it prevents accidents, fires, and miles an hour, and the nearer parts of keeps the electrical apparatus from Germany and England are only 250 burning out and destroying itself. Besides being used for insulating wires miles distant from each other. The and cables at the plants of the General Zeppelin ship can rise to a height of a mile; it can carry a ton for explosives Electric company rubber is used in with a full crew and supplies for a the manufacture of motors, switches voyage of 800 miles. generators, and nearly all electrical

To oppose this terror of the air. it

appears, England has a tentative pro-The story of rubber is the story of gramme for the building of "at most leg just above the knee. The creature the conquest of the tropical jungles; five small sized, slow, non-rigid airthe fights against disease, poisonous ships, which, as compared with Zeppereptiles and insects, man-eating anilin's, would be as antiquated cruisers mals, hunger and thirst and the danto Dreadnoughts." In fact there are truly called dangerous is the conger no up-to-date facilities in Great Bri-Civilization first heard of rubber in tain for building dirigibles, and the takes care to kill every large conger Herrera's account of the second voyage best rate of construction that could at of Columbus in the year 1493, where he speaks of elastic balls made by the sel a year. No one has any knowledge or experience of value in planning or The first authentic account of its building them. If the five as planned practical use was recorded in 1745 by today were completed and ready they the leader of a French governmental would be fitted only for overland serexpedition returning from South vice and could carry no armament to America who reported that the nacope with the German war dirigibles. tives secured from the juice of a tree a Still worse, there would be no expecertain gum which was very elastic, rienced corps to navigate or fight them, whereas it is well known that the German army already has a competent Thirty years later it was introduced aeronautic division which is being concommerce when an Englishman stantly enlarged and perfected in aerial brought from Assam, India, a soft nanoeuvres. "Are we wise," asks the spongy substance which would erase seronautical correspondent in conclulead pencil marks and which afterwards became known as India rubber. scientific progress of skilled and se-Many primitive uses were found for

the impossible?"

rious men and to trust to our theorists

when they assert that Zeppelin and his

Wild Horses In the West. The first horses of the western plains that by mixing sulphur with crude years before Jamestown was settled. Corondo, the Spanish captain, was produced which was both tough and roaming about the plains of New Mexelastic, and would retain those propico, and he tells of the dogs used by the Indians to haul their plunder on lodge This process of curing was called vulhorses at that date.

In 1716 the Spanish again worked their way eastward across the plains, and their letters tell of the astonishof rubber manufacture since that time ment of the Indians at seeing the that its products now exceed a value horses they had with them. The expeof five hundred million dollars annualdition was constantly losing horses, and there is little doubt that the first Contrary to the popular impression droves of western horses originated rubber gum is not derived from the from these strays.

In the early days upon the plains they were as great a pest to travelers as they are today. Woe be unto the luckless campers who allowed a band of wild horses to get close enough to his gentle horses turned out for the night to sweep them off.

It was almost useless to follow for the call of the wild comes to the genta band of this kind that have been born and raised free of all restraint. It is a well known fact that the hardest one to cut out, the leader of them all in a on the sea bottom, covering many of four boats belonging to B. Heatonmad race across the prairie, is the old, gentle, well-broken saddle or work horse once he gets a taste of such free-

In those early days various methods of capturing these wild horses were followed. Men made it a regular business and were known as mustangers. One of their devices, called creasing, consisted of shooting a bullet so that it struck the animal on the top of the neck just in front of the withers and about an inch or so deep, close to the eninal column

The shock temporarily stunned the horse and the hunter ran up and tied covered. A rope halter was slipped on there has been an increase in the numhis head; a gentle horse, or sometimes ber of gila monsters in that region," a work ox, was led up alongside the said Dr. A. B. Cedron of Prescott, prostrate beast and he was securely Ariz., to a Washington Post reporter. necked up to the gentle animal and thus could be handled easily.

for one horse caught this way fifty whether the bite of a gila monster is were killed, and that as a matter of fatally poisonous. I have had several much except in an emergency, when a war machine, says the New York Sun, hunter, after days at attempts to capture, finally took the risk of successthemselves into a pretty state of panic fully creasing an exceptionally fine animal rather than see him escape alto- few minutes after the guinea pig had perpetrated by others, this last fero-

One of the best cow ponies I ever owned, I bought from a mustanger who had creased him on the plains east of a gila is fatal to a human being, and amount to a considerable number of days as a sort of year of doom. The the Pecos river in New Mexico. There performance of the airship described was a hole in his neck fully two inches deep and wide where the fall from the this month, when she weathered a heavy buffalo gun had ploughed its way through the 'flesh just high enough later performance of remaining in the above the spine not to kill and low enough to stun effectively.-McClure's.

A CINCH FOR UNCLE SAM.

About \$9,000,000 Profit From the Mints Last Year.

While Uncle Sam makes the gold coin practically without cost to the ficient profit (called seigniorage) on pennies manufactured at his mints more than pay all expenses of main-

He buys the silver, nickel and copper at its bullion value, which in the case of silver costs about half the Secundus, made her seriocomic flight face value of the coin made from it. from Aldershot to London and as far The actual cost of a nickel or five cent piece at the present price of the metal. palace at Sydenham in October, 1907. including the labor and contingent expenses, is about two-fifths of a cent aeronautical correspondent of the Lon- each, and the cost of a one cent plece, don Times furnishes the information including metal, labor, etc., is about

In addition to the profits on silver and minor coinage, says the National Magazine, the government has a source of revenue and profit from charges for refining deposits of gold and silver, charges for the alloy used in making the coin, assaying, making refining operations and the coining of money for other governments.

The total earnings of the mint and assay service for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1908, was \$10,942,900.98, while the total expenditures for the entire service, including salaries, the of this year's crop on the ground of ed to \$1,955,843.24, leaving a total profit of \$8,987,057.74. Of this income 413.35, and the seigniorage on the mi-

MARINE BAD CHARACTERS.

Some Fish That Are Dangerous to Bathers and Fishermen.

The idea of fish constituting a danger occur to the angler who has never cast net or line in tropical waters, yet there are several instances on record of an old writer, Crull, tells of a giant pike inside which was found the body of an infant. Not long ago a good sized retriever which was swimming in the Thames just above Chitty's boat house at Richmond was tackled by a pike which bit one of his hind legs so badly as to sever an artery.

It was another Thames pike which attacked that well known naturalist and fisherman, Mr. Cholmondeley-Pennell. He had actually landed the lieved that this is the way it catches fish when it sprang from the ground and fixed all its sharp teeth into his hung so fiercely to its hold that a stick had to be used to pry its jaws apart. The other British fish which can be eel. The experienced sea fisherman as soon as it is brought into the boat.

and all. Ugly and savage brute as the conge is, it is a lamb compared with its relative, the green moray of Bermudian waters. This great eel is of an unnaturally brilliant green and has an eye which is the very epitome of intense and malignant ferocity. It is yoragro boatmen have such a holy horror of it that they absolutely refuse to allow a moray into the boat.

An acquaintance of the writer marine officer, fishing in a small boat the teeth of our youth. sion, "to shut our eyes to this steady, off Bermuda hooked one of these fish, but as soon as his boatman saw the hideous head above the water he whipcompatriots are foolishly striving after line. The officer shouted to him to stop preserved. but had to threaten to throw the man overboard before he would put up his knife. When the great eel was pulled over the side the negro was absolutewere probably brought here by the ly ashen with fright. As for the moit doubled upon itself and its jawa met with a clash in its own side, cutneatly as a scoop would cut cheese. That was enough for the officer. He

uncanny creature overboard. The fish that has a thoroughly bad name in West Indian waters and all same old pears. along the shores of the Mexican gulf is the barracouta. Certainly the barracouta is an unpleasant looking customer. He is long and narrow, shapgray below, and he can swim at most amazing speed. Where he lives he is barracouta, which they aver will attack bathers and inflict upon them a mutilation impossible to describe. Another so-called devil fish which is deg. north latitude to about the same degree south of the line is the giant ray. This fish looks very like a skate.

but grows to an enormous size. It lies news from Jolo that the pearling fleet square yards of coral sand, and if Ellis, had been attacked by Moros attacked may prove not only nasty but while at anchor near the town of Pamost dangerous. It is said to use its rang. mouth like a shark, but its most unvariably fatal.-Chambers' Journal.

GILA MONSTERS.

More of Them, But Little Known About the Creatures.

"These lizards are of great interest to naturalists, for in spite of investi-Old mustangers say, however, that gations authorities still differ as to instances come under my observation where men have been bitten by gila monsters, but none ever died. In the case of a gila monster biting a guinea of the crimes committed in the Moro pig, however, the poison was fatal a province and credited to Jikiri were been bitten. The natives of the southeast, particularly the Indians of Mex-

> them. "It is likely, however, that this fear is occasioned largely by the repulsive appearance of the reptile. The head is Love in a cottoge is generally the very prominent, comprising about one- result of a vivid imagination.

for holding towels.

with yellow and black tinted tubercles. Its skin is very tough and, although the bones of the tail are fragto human life or limb would hardly lie, this part of the reptile is very strong, it being possible for the monster to raise itself and balance the body on the tip of the tail, thus enabbathers being attacked by pike, and ling it to climb rocks and steep ascents. There is no doubt that the teeth lead to glands containing poison. It is very slow in its movements, but it is not timid like other reptiles. If one attempts to strike the gila with a stick it will grasp the weapon in its faws like a dog does and when angered it emits its breath in a succession of

and like the back it is thickly covered

fifth of the total length of the body

its food." NOW HE KNOWS.

quick gasps. It is supposed that the

breath of the gila has a drug-like ef-

fect on insects and as it can be detect-

ed at a considerable distance it is be-

Solution of a Mystery That Bothered the Middle-Aged Man In His Youth. "When I was a boy," said the middle-aged man, to a New York Sun reporter, "we used to come across a present be hoped for would be one ves- The conger has extraordinary jaw pear tree occasionally that had pears power. It can triturate shellfish, shells so hard you couldn't bite 'em. Maybe you've seen 'em.

"They were a chunky built pear, almost spherical in shape, a very dark green, almost black in color and of about the same specific gravity as cast iron. You threw one of those pears against a rock and it might chip the rock, but it would have no effect on vious and savage beyond words. Ne- the pear. These pears never got ripe; they adways remained of just that same hardness. There were no apples that we could not bite into, but those hard pears were proof even against

"I used to wonder sometimes why those pears grew, what they were for and what became of them. Now I ped out his knife and made to cut the know. I came across some yesterday

"There they were in the dish, two pieces, of one pear, two hemispheres of pear, looking strangely familiar when in my mind I had reconstructed them to make one pear; and when af-Spaniards. In 1545 almost fifty ray, no sooner was it in the boat than ter barely escaping shooting the piece I tried out of the dish on to the table in my repeated endeavors to penetrate ting out a chunk of white flesh as it; when, I say, I had finally managed to shave a sliver off this piece I felt morally certain, and when I had tasted poles, indicating that they had no picked up a boathook and forked the it any lingering doubt I might have had was removed: it was tasteless They were beyond all question the

"Boiling and steaming had softened them a little on the surface, but not much, and despite all treatment they still remained as they had ever been ed like a torpedo, blue black above and without taste. They were the pears all right-the petrified pears of our youth, and while we couldn't eat them known as the devil fish, a name com- we smiled as we thought we had solved mon to all marine bad characters. The at last that long standing mystery of negroes have a perfect horror of the what they did with them-they can 'em."

PIRATES OF THE SULU SEA.

common on American coasts from 30 Their Attack Upon Fleet of Pearling Boats-The Leader Jikiri. Captain Charles Pfort of the steam-

ship Borneo brought

The Moros surrounded the pearlers pleasant weapon is the toothed spear and began the attack at long range. in its tail. Fishermen aver that it is To this fire the crew of the pearlers able to drive this jagged lance right responded to the best of their ability through a man's thigh. Such a wound but having a very limited number of is extremely poisonous and almost in- arms and a small amount of ammunition their defence did not amount to much. Two of the pearling luggers immediately got up sail and were able to

As the steamship Borneo was leav ing Jolo a pearler was being towed in Naturalists who recently visited the by a launch, but being pressed for the animal's feet together before he re- Mohave desert in Arizona claim that time Captain Pfort could not wait to hear the details of the affair. However, the report that he brought is that four or five men were killed and several wounded and one of the vessels was scuttled and sunk by the pi

> It is thought that the attack was organized and directed by Jikiri, the famous outlaw whose band killed the lumbermen Verment and Case some thing more than a year ago.

While it is doubtless true that many cious attack on the pearlers was most probably the work of Jikiri's band. It ico, sincerely believe that the bite of is known that his followers now the lizard is held in much awe by picked rascals, all of whom are armed with up to date rifles.-Mindanao Her-

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