Humorous Department.

"Give Us Time." The first number of the National Monthly, a publication in charge of An English Girl's Impression of Ger Norman E. Mack, chairman of the Democratic national committee, is out. Its object is the advancement of the interests of the Democratic party, and Mr. Mack says in his salutatory:

While I have very pronounced views on questions of party policy, and purpose from time to time to give expression to them, I do not propose to enter upon a campaign of disagreement. What the party wants now is more issues on which we can agree, fewer on which we disagree. Because we have met with many reverses in the last forty years we must not accept the impression that the Democracy is inher-

ently weak. Mr. Mack must have heard of the two friends, both fond of controversy, who met after a long separation and renewed an old dispute. One was a freethinker, the other a man of orthodox religious views. Adjoining from the dinner table to the library, they lighted cigars and sailed in. Their host, an old bachelor, knocked off from the part of listener about 10 o'clock and went upstairs to bed. At midnight he awoke and heard the disputants still at

"Say," he called out from the head of the stairs, "how much longer are you fellows going to keep it up?" "Until we agree on something," was

the reply.

"Haven't agreed on anything yet?"

"Not yet." "Started at Genesis?"

"Where are you now." "At the Pauline books." "Going through to Revelation?" "Yes, if we don't agree on something

before we get that far." "What time is it now?" "Midnight only."

"Yes."

"When does day break?" "About 5. Give us time, man! Give us time!"-Washington Star.

Experience of a Chinese Court. Rear Admiral Robley D. Evans, commander in chief of the battleship fleet while going to the Pacific, told the following story apropos of justice as administered in the American court at

Shanghai: "Four men were in the dock," said the admiral, "when his honor mounted to the bench. Three were Chinamer and the fourth a sailor from my ship. The judge said to the first Chinaman:

"'What is your name?" "'Ah Ling,' was the response. "What was the matter with you? asked the judge.

"Thirty days, and get out of here, sentenced his honor. 'Next. What's your name?'

" 'Dlunk.'

"'Ah Sung,' responded the second Chinaman. "'What was the matter with you?"

" 'Dlunk.' "Thirty days, and get out. Next. What's your name?'

"'Ah Lee,' replied the third China "'What's your trouble?' asked the

" 'Dlunk.'

"'Thirty days. Next, what's your "'Ah, h-l, give me thirty days and the American sailor.'

By No Means Angelic.-Eugene Walter, the playwright, at a dinner, was accused of pessimism, says an ex-

change. "Well" said Mr. Walter, "I am not a pessimist, but I don't believe that human nature is by any means angelic. "Officers dine, we eat, but you-you We are all much alike. The best we can do is to curb our faults and favor tleman born.

our virtues. "What faults should I curb?" a very pretty young lady asked.

think you'd have about the same faults to curb as a little girl I talked to yesand as we conversed alone in the draw- a sort on the field. ing room while waiting for her father and mother to come down I said to

"'Have you got a sweetheart?" "She smiled and wriggled, 'Yeth,' she said softly.

"'Well,' said I. 'I'll give you a quarter if you'll tell me who he is.' "'Tommy,' she answered in a low voice, and I gave her the quarter.

suddenly: sweetheart is."

She Escaped.—Intelligent men and hurrying along a street preand Pennsylvania avenue people paused yesterday to watch:

A young man rolling two automobile wheels together, as a boy rolls a hoop; ment:

A batch of children playing hop-

A balky horse attached to a buggy and a young woman in such ridiculous slippers that she could barely peg along. In line with these exciting incidents

was a thin-faced woman sawing tunes perfect. on a fiddle, and with an open-mouthed bag dangling suggestively from her arm. She escaped notice.-Washington Star. He Accepted the Apology.-A prom-

inent New York lawyer is noted for his ready answers and skill in repartee. When a young practitioner he appeared before a pompous old judge, who took offense at a remark the lawyer made criticising his decision. "If you do not instantly apologize

for that remark, Mr. Blank," said the judge, "I shall commit you for contempt of court." "Upon reflection, your honor," in-

stantly replied Mr. Blank, "I find that your honor was right and I was wrong, as your honor always is." The judge looked dubious, but final-

ly said that he would accept the apol-

Spelling,-"I couldn't spell it for the ery. police, so I said Samuels," was the ex-

Miscellaneous Beading.

THE KAISER'S ARMY.

many's Fighters.

put him for, say, three months' military training, into the German army. What would be the result? Twelve spent in solitary confinement for insubordination and insulting a superior officer, while in the last week he would probably be executed for killing one. This is not intended as a slur upon the British soldier; for, although he gives up his life and body to the service of his country, still he retains his individuality and his self-respect. Such is certainly not the case with the German soldier; for what self-respect can

a man have who is habitually address ed by his superior officers by such epithets as bandy-legs, pig-dog, fool, idiot and so on? Since every man, who is not an ab-

solute idiot or physically incapable, is compelled to serve, it can be well imazined that the German army, as a whole, is not conspicuous for symme try of form, nor beauty and intelligence of countenance; therefore, it seems more than hard that a man who, through no fault of his own, is afflicted with some personal defect, should have this affliction publicly derided and jeered at with remarks prefaced by one or more of the foregoing elegancies of speech

The under-officers are the worst offenders in this respect.

"Hi! you bandy-legs, don't stand there looking as conceited as if you were the only silly ass in the whole regiment," is the sort of wit in which the noncom, indulges at the unfortunate private's expense. Poor fellow; for the time being he

is a machine—the property, nominally, of his country, but, in reality of the man who happens to be in command over him, and woe betide him if he offend his sergeant. He must have no thought, no will of his own. Perhaps he never had much of either. All the better for him when he becomes a sol-

Now and again, though, a man r fuses to submit to such indignities without a struggle, but repeated confinements to the cells and bread and water diet soon break his spirit. If

not, there are worse punishments. As soon as he realizes that he gave up his manhood when he took on the uniform, he can get on fairly well, provided he is thick-skinned. His work is arduous, his rations poor, and he is rewarded with the munificent sum of 23-4d per diem (in a cavalry regiment it is a little more); but he can console himself with the reflection that two years will see the end of it. This is the length of time he has to serve unless he happens to be the son of

rich people, when one will suffice. But there is a great and marked diference between the two. The rich man's son must succeed in passing an examination and then, during the year, must keep himself in uniform, food, lodging and everything else. It costs anything between 150 pounds and 250 according to the regiment h is in. Although he has to drill and work with the others, he is generally better treated, has more privileges, and may pass his spare time as he likes, let me go, was the prompt reply of provided he does not leave the town without permission. The under officers are fairly decent to him, although sometimes they may be cutting.

> "Where are you going to, Schmidt" said a non-commissioned officer to a gentleman private.

"To dine, sir," came the reply. "What?" roared out the sergeant feed, understand!" and this to a gen-

The German soldiers on parade are not a pretty sight, nor an imposing one. They are mostly undersized, un-"Well," said Mr. Walter, "I should derfed and overworked. There is a splendid assortment of knock knees, bandy-legs and squints; but, rememterday. She's a charming little girl, ber, Germany can put 3,000,000 men of

And the uniforms! They are not beautiful at best; but when you know that each man gets his predecessor's garments-or what is left of them-it may be imagined that a regiment of lent attacks as those directed against soldiers is an impressive spectacle. I have seen a little man wearing a coat To read them in this day is to cover three sizes too large for him. It was belted in at the waist, the skirts form- that men could be found thus in their ing a ludicrous frill; while a little way down the line a great burly fellow did ing such exalted service. He, too, like his best to stand in a way which put Hamilton, was the victim of the slan-"'Now, if you'll give me another less strain upon the seams of his neth-derer, led away by partisan hatred. quarter I'll tell you who my other er garments. They each have a decent Hamilton while secretary of the treassuit of full dress parade, though.

the whole army, the men being afraid He may or may not have been the vicof each and every superior. The ser- tim of unprincipled adventurers, as that attack the horse in the south he is than a function of the mind, and may sumably have individual objects in geants fear the lieutenants, who, in his friends claimed, but this one lapse immune. Everything considered, the be abnormally developed in a brain view and yet, between Franklin Park turn, fear the captains, and so on, up from the strict path of rectitude did demand for the mule is a just tribute which gives no other indication of at the top of the tree, has no one over He rendered the most important serhim, so let us hope he fears his Maker. A laborer who let a section of gas not. All officers swear loudly and well, ment had not a dollar in its treasury Star. pipe fall from his shoulder to the pave- but none so wholeheartedly and fer- it was Hamilton, as Webster said, who

vidly as this pinnacle of power. The gem of the Germany army is as- and abundant streams of revenue suredly the lieutenant. He is a thing gushed forth." of beauty and a joy forever-in the eyes of the fair sex, at any rate. No need of tolerance. His opponent was matter how much popular opinion and branded as a wilful and deliberate unbiased observation may incline murderer, committing a great crime

pertaining to him, could not be im- where shunned as a felon and an outproved upon; although very young, he law," when the exact contrary is and the treasure ship was a fine sindo not blame a lieutenant; he can not princes and the learned of almost evhelp himself; he is the darling and the ery college and university of Europe. idol of every girl to whom he condeis self-satisfied and spoiled! Of course, there are exceptions,

There are as unassuming, good-heartuniform as are to be found anywhere, but they are not the rule. Against the older officers I can say nothing. They have had this nonsense knocked much hard work, and, unless they have who charged him with treason. It is too little money to indulge in tomfool- of political malevolence. What was

"Are-er-the English officersplanation given by Lazarus Simonovski educated (febildet) as we German?" when asked at the city police court why said a young lieutenant to me upon they did forty years later just what he had given a false name. Thus does being introduced. My answer was Burr designed to do. real life plagiarize from the old story sometimes to the effect that the Engof the man who wrote to his doctor that lish officers were not so conceited mind and repeat the story of his gal- to be a signal to a consort to make he had mumps. When the medical man (eingebildet) as the German, and he lantry on the field of battle, the fact arrived he found the patient suffering seemed surprised, quite hurt, in fact, that he was one of the builders and Dons" the Centurion herself fired agun from rheumatism, and remonstrated that I was not overcome with gratitude the chief defender of the constituwith him on being misled. "I know; at his condescension in speaking to me tion, and that his genius brought tero had no consort, nor did he underbut not a sou! in the house could spell at all. He had to learn that in Eng- prosperity and wealth to an impov- rate the prowess of his opponent. The 'rheumatism,'" was the excuse.-Lon- land it is the girl who condescends. erished young nation.-Washington Spaniards knew they were face to face But a lieutenant has to work hard- Post.

very hard-at all kinds of drill exer cise. He has to instruct a squad of men in history and war-game"-no sinecure if you know the men-and he receives instruction upon the same subject from his colonel, besides which

eign languages. His pay is very slender, too. I won Take an average British soldier and der if an English officer would credit weeks out of the thirteen would be 17s. 6d. per week for his services. A lieutenant told me so himself.

What wonder, then, that they contract debts, which the wife-to-be has hearted set of fellows, with a charm the minute he looks at the animal. hat is all their own, and, I must say,

HUNTING IN PHILIPPINES.

Game Most Sought-Charge of a Herd

of Wild Carabao. Since the terrible baguios and cloudbursts of last October the wild game of the mountains has come down toward the valley much closer than ever before. It is possible to get good shoot ing six hours out of town, although the better grounds are further away. Wild Carabao, deer and pig are the principal nimals sought. The hunters arrange with friendly native hunters who with hunting dogs beat the bush.

Mr. Thomas, principal of the high school, a few weeks ago assisted by some very clever native hunters brought in five deer. A few weeks since the hunters were in ground so rough they could not use their ponies. They stood along one side of an opening and sent the dogs into the bush expecting some wild hog. Instead ten wild carabao walked out briskly and sniffed the air. The boys as briskly looked for a tree. Mr. Thomas at the head of the line dropped a "forty-five ninety" soft nosed bullet through the lungs of the rear carabao. The animal plunged ahead, snorting blood, which stampeded the whole herd.

On they rushed down the line as the boys "shinned" up a tree. At the lower end of the line was Mr. Harpst, who only could find a little bush right in the line of the carabao rush. As he climbed the bush it began to bend, and on the bunch came right in his direction. By a good chance shot one of the boys hit the lead carabao on the nose. The animal snorted and turned to one side; all followed him except the animal shot through the lungs. Mr. feet. Then dropping to the ground he sent a bullet breaking a hind leg. Still blood, ploughed ahead. The boys fol-

nally, tangled with underbrush, he fell exhausted and died. These carabao seem to have a history. The old settlers shrug their shoulders and with bated breath tell of time years ago when some rich Filitrying to drive the carabao away they stampeded and went to the mountains; and it is said that the wild herd are the

lowed as he went into the woods. Fi-

offspring of the old corrals. A tame strain still seems to run ir the calves. A while ago when an old carabao was shot the little calf remained by her side. The hunters approached and slipped a noose over the little fellow's head and led him away.-Tuguegarao correspondence Manila Times

A Plea For Tolerance. has received adverse criticism in all

sections of the country. The world changes, and the patriotism of today may be the treason of tomorrow or the treason of today becomes patriotism in history. Washcompatriots were traitors until success crowned their efforts and then before the world they became patriots Few men who have served our repubic have been the subject of as viru-Washington when he was president our cheeks with blushes of shame intolerance to defame a man renderury was charged with a serious of-"struck the rock of public confidence

Hamilton's very fall proved the against him, to the German girl he is to rid himself of a political and pro-

> of his most ardent admirers. It is now admitted by all candid treason in him became exalted patriot-

A statue of Hamilton would call to

MANY MULES. the Various Classifica-

cations. Kansas City is the world's greatest

market for mules, those useful animals that have helped make Missouri fahe generally studies one or more fornous, yet few persons other than dealers know anything about the versatile beasts. To the average person "a mule the fact that a German lieutenant, by is a mule," and that's all. But the great foresight. Into the tops he sent no means in his first year, receives dealers will tell you very different. The mule man will talk of "cotton" mules. 'mine" mules, "pitters," "levee" mules, "sugar" mules, "rice" mules and even 'mahogany" mules. He will talk about the onus of paying. But, in spite of a mule's "conformation," estimate his rest of the men were divided into gangs matism others and the other is well all, they are a happy-go-lucky, light- height to half an inch and classify him

Over half the mules sold on the marspent a very pleasant two years in a ket are "cotton" mules. Most of them they were loaded. It was an uncon garrison .town.-Pearson's are bought from Dec. 1 to March 1, by the southern planters, or the dealers who supply them. A "cotton" mule must be a good mule, although an extra large one is not demanded. The height varies from 14 to 151 hands, and the weight is from 750 to 1,100 pounds. Trim, smooth haired mules that show breeding-the Missouri variety-are the kind sought for by the

> Next in importance is the "construction" mule. With the opening up of To free themselves from the danger work after the financial flurry this class was no light task, and it took the Spanwas in demand. The railroad construction camps want big, rugged an- tings away and tumble the flaming imals. Style is no object. Big-footed animals are in demand to make the drawing of heavy loads in loose dirt subjecting the galleon's upper decks easier. Where levees are under construction a larger mule still is used. A high. A "levee" mule should not be under 16 hands. They are often hitch-

southern dealers and called "cotton"

mules in trade vernacular.

big animal is required. But the mule that brings the highest price is the "advertiser." Size and breeding both count here. For "advertisers" or "wagon" mules, as they are sometimes called, big. well-shaped, nicely matched animals, that make the passerby turn and look again-in short team that advertises the owner-are the kind that bring the big prices. They are gradually taking the place of horses for heavy delivery purposes. Many local firms use them, sometimes hitching them three abreast.

"Mine" mules are a distinct type; they must be broad and chunky, but not tall. The average height is 14 hands. "Pitters" for hauling ore in underground tunnels should not be over 121 hands high. An ideal "pitter" is shaped like a dachshund; he has a long Harpst sat quietly in the bush, and body and short legs. Almost any color will do for a "mine" mule except white. see him as he rushed by within a few At the mine entrance a white mule gets dirty and looks unkempt. Down in the tunnels he remains just white enough the animal, on three legs and snorting to frighten his mates. To the little "pitter" mule in the flickering light of the tunnels there is something so un-

canny about his white brother that one

white mule in a mine will create a panic. Then there are "sugar" mules and "rice" mules used on sugar and rice plantations. "The "sugar" mule is a mountains to prevent disease. Then some outlaws killed the owners of the corrals in a series of foul murders to call cames from the Central American lumber camps the mule men call the animals "mahogany" mules.

The government buys mules described in their specifications as "wheel' mules, "swing" mules, "lead" mules, "riding" or "saddle" mules, and "pack" mules. Government mules must be sound and from 4 to 8 years old. Their size varies.

Almost any kind of a mule will do for big firm for a pair of "advertisers." the memory of Alexander Hamilton producer of mules, owns a very small Louis Agassiz, the Swiss zoologist, in despair when he suddenly thought per cent of them. Most of them are in hybrids, the southern planter and contractor.

Mules are high in price now. A good big "construction" mule sells for \$225 knew 8,000 plants by name and at ington, Jefferson, Adams and their in Kansas City. A well-matched pair of "advertisers" will bring \$500.

Why is there such a demand for the mule? The reason is not far to seek. The "fool mule" of the comic paper is not such a fool after all. He takes care of himself, and the barn men of any big teaming company will tell you a pair of mules will outlast two or three er with a large number of technical pairs of horses at hard work. A mule could give an athlete points on traindrink until rested. He seems to know that he cost his owner no small sum, rying, as a horse does. To the diseases to the commanding general. He, being not make him "a contemptible rake." to his usefulness. Missourians should strength. The famous Antonio Magiahave a proper pride in the Missouri bechi, of Florence, knew at sight ev-

A TREASURE SHIP.

How the Centurion Captured a Gold-

Laden Spanish Vessel. Of the many incidents of Anson's great voyage round the world in the is startling. Yet we should also keep middle of the eighteenth centry, none in mind the negro boy, William Ash, fessional rival. For fifty years that has made a greater impression on the who was employed in a New York His conceit is ineffable, his appear- was the verdict of the American peo- popular mind than the capture of book store. It was claimed for him ance very ordinary, though sometimes lic, and in a work still accepted in the great treasure ship Nuestra that, having grown up among the you come across a handsome one; his many parts of the country as accu- Senora de Cabadonga, on April books there, he could indicate the knowledge is astounding; his opinion rate it is said of Burr that he "became 20, 1743. In the first place, the value place of every volume in stock, though of himself, his abilities, and everything an exile in Europe and was every- of the prize was enormous; in the sec- the classification is complicated and ond, the duel between the Centurion the books numbered by the thousand. Many Yorkville Citizens Have Discovis generally as blase as an old roue of true. In Europe he was received with gle-ship action; and in the third place, 60-and his uniform is charming. I distinguished honors by kings and the victory came at a time when Anson's fortunes seemed to be at a low ebb, when one disaster after another Jeremy Bentham, one of the purest had reduced his squadron to one ship, scends to speak. So what wonder if he and noblest of human beings, was one and when sickness had reduced his gun's crews to two men each.

The nuestra Senora de Cabadonga men that Hamilton was altogether in or, as it is also called, de Covadonga, ed young fellows wearing the German the wrong in the controversy that was a treasure ship from Manila, combrought on the fatal meeting with manded by Don Geronimo Montero, and Burr. In the case of Burr there is laden with specie and merchandise. another strong indictment of intoler- She was sighted at sunrise from the ance. For nearly a century he rested masthead of the Centurion, and Master out of them long ago. They have too under the condemnation of the people, Richard Walter, Anson's chaplain and Richard Walter, Anson's chapiain and worth more. Dead snakes bring 2 to historian, tells us that "a general joy 5 cents, according to their size, and St., Yorkville, S. C., says: "For several states of the states a good private income or rich wives, now conceded that he was the victim spread through the whole ship," Galleons nearly always cruised in couples, and it was supposed another must ism in Bowie, Travis and Crockett and be near. The Centurion at once stood John Tyler and James K. Polk, for toward the Spaniard, and before eight o'clock her officers could see the enemy from the deck. The firing of a gun by the galleon was taken by Anson's men haste and rejoin, and "to amuse the to leeward. But Don Geronimo Mon-

they were keen to fight. Throughout the forenoon the two ships crept closer and closer together, till by midday only a have to walk? league separated them. Then the Nues-

tra Senora de Cabadonga brought to China. under topsails, with her head to the northward, and at the top-gallant mastnead the standard of Spain was flying. Anson was not slow to accept the challenge, and he laid his plans with thirty picked men, the best small arms marksmen in the ship. His broadside guns were manned only with two men who is perfectly well and lives at each, and to them he gave instructions home? to do nothing but load their gun. The of twelve, with orders to move up and every day and has a room at his mothdown the battery for the sole purpose er's too. of running out and firing the guns as ventional way of fighting; continuou ndependent fire was the last thing the Spaniards expected, and it threw them nto as much confusion as did the disaster which overtook them within few minutes of the opening of the fight. A mass of mats and hammocks in the netting of the galleon caught fire, burning flercely and blazing up nearly as high as the mizzen top. The two ships were practically within pistol shot, and t was probably some gunwads from the Centurion which started the blaze ish seamen some time to cut the net mass overboard, and in the mean while

Anson's marksmen in the tops were to an incessant fusillade. Walter describes the effect as "prodigious hav construction" mule is 15 to 161 hands oc," and adds that the marksmen succeeded in "killing or wounding every officer but one that appeared on the ed singly to two-wheeled carts, and a quarter deck, and wounding in particuar the general of the galleon himself." The fight raged on for two hours, Anson changing from round shot t grape in the second part of the engage-

ment with deadly effect. The ships were so near that some of the Spanish officers were seen running about with much assiduity to prevent the desertion joy the most. of their men from their quarters, but all their endeavors were in vain. After having as a last effort fired five or six guns "with more judgment than usual," they yielded up the contest; and the galleon's colors being burned off the ensign staff at the beginning of the engagement, she struck the standard at her main top-gallant masthead. The Centurion did not escape undamaged at the moment the galleon struck Anson was informed quietly that his ship was on fire near the powder room. He received the news without apparent emotion, and taking care not to alarm the servant to put coal in the fire? his people, gave the necessary orders

for extinguishing the fire. The specie in the Nuestra Senora de Prince of Wales and a bombshell? Cabadonga included 1,313,843 pieces of eight, and 35,682 ounces of virgin sil- other is thrown to the air. ver, and the total value of the prize was assessed at £313,000. And in this connection it is interesting to note that two other Spanish treasure ships cap- It Didn't Have the Intended Effect Uptured by English commanders bore names similar to that of Anson's prize. Rosario, which Drake took, "and in it before the collection was taken up: of Spanish seamen, Don Pedro de Val- and well to do, who went to church is not style, but ruggedness. When the laden by the Royal hamily privateer off box. Cape St. Mary's, three years after Anson's great capture.—London Globe.

TRICKS OF MEMORY.

Some Remarkable Instances of Pho nomenal Powers. The average person does not us

speaking, and the professional wri- grip like a vise. ter's supply seldom exceeds 5,000, yet will often outbid the representative of Victor Hugo commanded 8,000 at will, nate man was unable to move hand or the hands of the great users of the cording to careful estimates, of over collection box that day, and it made Gray, the great botanist at Harvard, any further trouble. sight, and the late Dr. Joseph Leidy, in a shower and be obliged to take refor many years president of the Acad- fuge in a hollow log on the way home, emy of Natural Sciences of Philadel- by all means put a cent in the contriphia, was able to use at will 25,000 bution basket! If you don't anticipate cluding English, medicine, geography, passed." geology and a general science, togeth-

If we investigate and compare certain feats of memory, we are tempted to be- head, it suddenly began to sprinkle, After hard work he will not eat or lieve what has often been averred that and the pennies fairly rained into the while memory may be, as Dr. Johnson puts it, "the primary and fundamental power without which there could overwork him. He is not of a nervous be no other intellectual operation," they got in before the shower began. An element of fear runs through fense. He acknowledged his fault, temperament, and loses no energy wor- yet it does not belong to the higher mental processes, is a faculty rather vices to the country, on the field and mule, the ideal beast of draught and ery book in his great collection; and a lady in front of her. The man on Judging from his language, he does in the cabinet. When the govern- burden for the south.—Kansas City It is further related that a gentleman to test his memory, lent him a manuscript and, after its return pretended might hear: it was lost, whereupon Magliabechi repeated its entire contents. A modern instance in kind is that of Mr. brarian of congress, whose familiarity plied with a sweet smile: Spofford, for so many years the liwith the contents of the great library

A Cruel Process. Very few of the people who are the proud possessors of belts, pocketbooks, card cases and numerous other articles of snake skin realize the long suffering. agony that the demand of civilization In youth or age, languor, back agony that the demand of civilization for fads has meant to the original owners of the material from which these articles are made.

It is difficult to skip a dead snake

It is difficult to skin a dead snake and the skin is often spoiled in the operation, while on the other hand, operation, while on the other hand, manently. Follow the example of this it is a simple matter to skin a live Yorkville citizen and you will be consnake and the skin thus gained is vinced that this is so. worth more. Dead snakes bring 2 to live ones from 25 cents to \$1. One of the largest snake skin com-

panies has factories in Sumatra. When a snake is received from a tions were unnatural. At times I was hunter it is seized adroitly by an op- in such a bad condition that I could When a snake is received from a erator, one hand squeezing the neck hardly get about. Finally I procured erator, one hand squeezing the neck Doan's Kidney Pills and the use of two and the other holding the tail. It is or three boxes cured me. I now feel then attached by the neck to the trunk of a palm tree, an assistant holding it by the tail. With the point of a knife the operator cuts the skin just below the head and pulling with Fort sale by all dealers. Price 50 all his strength peels it from the writhing reptile, in the same manne that a woman peels a pair of gloves from her hand. While this is taking place the assistant holds the body as with Anson and the Centurion, and

CONUNDRUMS.

Why do most of the Chinese peop Because there is only one Cochi

Why do birds in their little nests agree? Because they'd fall out if they didn't Why is a night key like a full moon?

Because there's a b in both. What is the difference between a man who lives at a hotel and his occasional twinges of rheumatism and a mar

What made the fly fly? Because the spider spied her. What made the quail quail? For fear the woodpecker would pec

What made the tart tart? Because she didn't want to let th baker bake her. What herb is most injurious to ladies

beauty? Why is the letter A like a honey-

Why is a woman's age like a floral redding bell? It is never told. When is a note of hand like a r

Because B follows it

When it is matured by falling due. What did Jack Frost say when h bigged the rose? Wilt thou? and it wilted. Why is a widow like a gardener?

Because she tries to get rid of her They shoot before they have pistils

What trade does the sun follow in the nonth of May? The trade of mason (May sun). Why is asparagus like many ser-

mons? The end is the part the people en At what age may a man be said to

pelong to the vegetable kingdom?

When long experience has made him What is the difference between dog's tail and a rich man? One keeps a-wagging and the other keeps a carriage.

r men as a suitor? He married his wives first and ther exed them afterwards. The name of what chapter in history does a person mention when asking

How did Henry VIII differ from oth-

Philip the Great. What is the difference between the One is heir to the throne and the

A MINISTER'S STORY.

on the Congregation. said that a New England minis-There was the Nuestra Senora del ter once told the following story just "I have heard of a man, prosperous dez; and the Nuestra Senora de los one Sunday and put a cent-just a

> "On the way home he was overtaken by a sudden heavy shower, and having no umbrella, crawled into a hollow log by the roadside to keep himself dry until the downpour was over.

"Soon the log began to swell, and the wetter it got the more it swelled until the sides finally closed in on the more than 3,000 words in writing and prosperous citizen and held him in a

"The rain ceased, but the unfortusays William Larned in Lippincott's. foot. He shouted for help, but no one Cuvier, the French naturalist, and heard him. He was about to give up could promptly give the names, ac- of the cent he had dropped into the 5,000 animals in addition to the or- him feel so mean and small that he dinary words they knew. Dr. Asa crawled right out of the log without

"Now, if you expect to get caught words—this vocabulary embracing a crisis of that sort—well, you will what he knew of four languages, in- know what to do when the basket is

The minister expected a shower of silver and bills to follow this story, but unfortunately just as the collection began a black cloud passed over ter, a solitary dime and a lone nickle were found among the coppers, and The congregation, it seemed, had left their umbrellas at home, and they were not taking any chances.

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