There appeared no connection be

tween this case and the apparently foolish idea entertained by the pro-

hat the water taken from the spring

yould lose its virtue if removed far

rom the place where it burst from the earth. It was held in ancient

times that the famous springs of Joachimsthal were inhabited by a spirit, and that those who bathed in

the water and drank it were acted upon by this spirit, and that the water

spring of the same character, and sim

ilar stories have been told of medi cinal springs in Spain and elsewhere

springs does actually cure rheuma-tism and many other diseases, and

it is also known that the self-same

its source, and used for bathing or

drinking, has no more effect than or

dinary water would have. For a

water was due to certain chemical dissolved in it, and the same effect

ompounding the water in exactly the

On one side was science, backed up

by common sense, and on the other

passes through glass and is wholly lost in three days. So that water

ney, is no longer radio-active and ha

thoroughly scientific means of treat

ment.
The most amusing case of super

stition-turned scientific is told by

prominent St. Louis surgeon, who was

serving his term as interne in a New

fused to heal. Various dressings were ried and then skin grafting was re

sorted to. The interne had the cas-

in hand, and he was driven to the use of his utmost skill by the attitude of

the boy's mother, an ignorant old Biddy, who greeted each new effort and failure with a wise nod of her

head and the remark:
"I could 'ave told yez it 'uld do no

At last the interne gave up. He

had used every means known to science for the healing of an open

sore, and each in turn had proved of

no avail. Each time he had been in-formed by the mother:

"When yez git done, I'll heal it up

"You can try your hand at the sor

omorrow," the young doctor finally informed her. He was very sure that

the wound would never heal.

The following morning she arrived

a small cigar box she carried a hand-ful of lint which she had picked out

by hand. Beneath this lay a nut-meg grater and an old horn comb.

Several yards of linen bandage and a needle and thread composed her ser-geon's outfit. The doctor looked at

the strange assortment with undis-guised contempt. The woman said: "Some sez as how a rubber comb

is just as good, but me granny allus used a horn comb, and granny never

Thereupon she set to work. The

afflicted foot was bared and she pro-ceeded to grate over the raw surface a film of horn comb. It was evident

even layer of horn had been spread over the wound, with heaven knows

with the materials for the cure.

good at all at all."

water, bottled and shipped away from

of certain mineral spring

Miscellaneous Reading.

SCRAPS IN THE HOUSE.

Times When Representatives Lost Their Tempers and Came to Blows.

"What I Know About Pugilism, by Asher, C. Hinds, LL.D.," might have been its title, but it isn't. Instead it is was accomplished. simply Chapter LIII of Hind's Precedents of the House of Representatives, an eight-volume work of more than 7,000 pages upon which Speaker Cannon depends in his numerous occasions for properly interpreting the rules for the house. Chapter LIII is captioned "Punishment of Members for Contempt." Under this chapter Mr. Hinds in his sepulchrally staid way recounts the story of some of the most stirring scenes that have ever transpired in the national legislature, The house of representatives today is on a business basis. Under the Cannon-Fitzgerald rules the house is kept so close to business that there is small chance for a real fight on the floor. The speeches are short. Unless the orator has a brief tale to relate he has rardly time to get rid of the business portion of his talk-there is little room for the insertion of the house is the rule. It used to be the exception.

No more does the festive inkwell hurtle across the chamber with some member's devoted head its target. No longer are chairs and cuspidors forci- tions before the house. bly wrenched from their proper moorings and flung at the opposition with disdainful comment following in their a business body.

As Far Back as 1798. under the old system, had been taken it by ballot. The speaker, Representapolite remark and Mr. Lyon promptly

spat in his face. The attention of the house was called to the unpleasant occurrence as soon as the speaker had resumed his seat and while the performance was still under consideration by the house The Trick By Which He Trapped His before an adjudication had been effected. Mr. Griswold walked into the house some two weeks later just after the chaplain had called down the divine blessing on the proceedings and walloped Mr. Lyon over the head with a heavy walking stick. Mr. Lyon was weaponless. He jumped from his desk to the fireplace and seized a huge pair of tongs. With this cumbersome weapon he rushed back to the fray. Dr. Hinds states that the disorder was quelled with much difficulty, but that the motion to expel both members fail-

Wise of Virginia a Scrapper. Henry A. Wise of Virginia, grandfather of the present United States attorney for New York, was one of the his slender antagonist and chased the scrappiest men who ever occupied a weasel to a hiding place. fight on the floor with Representative seen busily digging under a lumber seat in congress. In 1841 he had a Stanley of North Carolina. Their pile near the mill. He was engaged for grievances were of a private charac- some time, but later appeared again in ter, but Mr. Stanley chose a session of the mill, seeking his old enemy. He the house in committee of the whole soon found him and at once renewed on the state of the union as the place. While the committee was busy with tussel the rat got the better of the ar-

Virginian and started a discussion. "Don't you speak to me again," bawled Mr. Wise. "I will not discuss the matter further.'

Mr. Stanley persisted. "Don't you The high words mounted higher un-

til Mr. Wise applied an indecent epithet.

"You're a liar!" shrieked Mr. Stan-

bers close to them, but not until opening to admit the rat, but had blows had been exchanged. The tariff act of 1844 furnished an until at the other end it barely allowed tient. The surgeons were not sure excuse for Representatives George his own slender body to pass. Rathbun of New York and John White

of Kentucky to get together. Dr. Hinds failed to reproduce the details he quickly slipped through, and while The revelation made by the knife conof the mix-up, which is called in the the rat was trying to squeeze his large language of the House Journal of that body into the smaller part of the hole day a recontre. The fight started as the weasel dodged in behind him, have most of the personal engage- caught him in the rear and in a place ments on the floor, while the house where he could not turn round and fin- to die. That is, they intended to send in a circle not more than three miles such times the mace of authoritythe "bird," as our latter day and disrespectful legislators are prone to term the silver effigy of the bird of freedom, which stands for the authority of the Why No One Would Think of Killing taken to the isolation ward, and her 100 yards distant from where the hun United States-had been removed from its pedestal. Into the chamber rushed the speaker, John W. Jones of Virginia. He tried to call the house to The sergeant-at-arms lugged in the "bird" and finally, after there were several bloody noses and at least one black eye, order was restored.

The Finest Bout of All. Representatives Albert G. Brown and John A. Wilson engaged in the finest one-round bouts ever pulled off on the floor of congress. Both congressmen came from Mississippi. They disagreed over so simple a matter as a discussion of the bill appropriating money for the improvement of the The altercation arose with suddenness of a mid-June thunder gust. Befere the speaker could resume his desk Mr. Brown had rained blows over the head and neck of Mr. Wilcox, who in turn had left several marks on the person of his antagonist. An attempt to stop the fight was unsuccessful and the pattle waged for several minutes, Both members were haled before the bar of the house and compelled to apclogize. This was

H. Rousseau of Kentucky. Again a war record was the cause of the disagreement. Mr. Grinnell had cast aspersions upon the bravery of Mr. tico Mr. Rousseau slapped Mr. Grinnell across the face with a short cane, and then proceeded to belabor him with the same weapon. Mr. Rousseau was accompanied by three fellow mem-

As a result of the Grinnell-Roussea sideration for more than a month the circumstances of the case and various resolutions of a punitive nature for Mr. Rousseau and his three friends.

Patrick it deserves the friendly protection it receives its quaint sociability her birthmark had wholly disappeared, and it did not return. Scientific men examined the stone that had wrought this miracle, but it told them

The members who thought that Mr. Rousseau should be expelled from the ouse were in the majority, but not in sufficient numbers to effect his expulion, which would have required a two-thirds vote. They were able to throttle the attempt to let them off with a simple reprimand, but as a result of all their deliberations nothing

Cuspidors Flew. In 1880 Representative James B. Weaver of Iowa, afterward candidate for the presidency on the Populist ticket, and William A. J. Sparks of IIlinois created what Dr. Hinds refers to as a scene of great disorder on the floor of the house. This row is not described in detail by the parliamentarian, but the newspapers of the day ran lengthy stories. In the melee which became general, cuspidors were thrown, and at one time Gen. Sparks, breathing wrath, flung a chair at Gen. Weaver. Both combatants were com-

pelled to apologize for their conduct. Within the last 30 years there have been fewer real physical encounters. The last notable instance was that between representative, now Senatorelect, John Sharp Williams of Mississippi and the late Representative David A. De Armond of Missouri. Mr. Williams was minority leader at the time, fighting words. Order today in the and Mr. De Armond was a recognized candidate for the honors which the brilliant Mississippian was soon to relinquish for the toga. In this fight blows were exchanged following high words. Both members made explana-One of the funniest scraps that ever

occurred in the house took place between former Representative Brosius wake. The house of representatives of Pennsylvania and Representative today is a different proposition. It is Charles Bartlett of Georgia. In answer to a charge by Mr. Brosius that he was hindering action on an im-According to Dr. Hinds on Fisti- portant measure through constitutioncuffs in the house of representatives al quibbling, Mr. Bartlett grew angry the first instance of a real personal encounter on the floor took place in 1798. Representative Roger Griswold of Connection had cost come again. of Connecticut had cast some aspersions upon the military record of Representative Matthew Lyon of Vermont. The Record. It represented the loquacity of half a session and contained more than 2,000 pages. Mr. Bartlett grabbed The statement of Mr. Griswold was this as the nearest as well as the heav-made while the members of the house lest thing he could throw at Mr. Broswere gathered in little groups awaiting the announcement of a vote which.

with all his force at his enemy. As it left his hands the patent binder broke and twenty pounds of words sailed through the air in separate tive Jonathan Dayton of New Jersey, sheets. Mr. Bartlett stood in a shower had left the chair for relaxation and of paper while the patent binder sailexercise. Mr. Griswold made his im-It broke into loud guffaws and, taking it as a joke, the house ignored the incident

A CUNNING WEASEL.

Big Rat Antagonist.

Once a sawmill in a western town vas infested with rats, which, being nmolested, became very numerous and bold and played round the mill among the men while they worked during the day. But one day there appeared on the scene a weasel, which immediately declared war on the ro-

One by one the rats fell victims to the weasel's superior strength, until only one very large, pugnacious rat was left of the once numerous colony. The weasel had a go at the big rat several times, but on each occasion the rodent proved more than a match for

Shortly thereafter the weasel was hostilities. As usual, after a lively the consideration of an important bill gument, and the weasel ran, pursued Mr. Stanley walked up to the peppery closely by the rat, straight to the hole under the lumber pile.

He ran in, still followed by the rat but immediately reappeared round the end of the pile and again dodged into the hole behind the rat. Neither was speak to me again," exclaimed Mr. seen again for some time, but the wea-Wise, "or I'll scale you on the floor of se finally reappeared looking no worse

being aroused, they proceeded to investigate the hole under the lumber pile. They found that the weasel had ley. They were separated by the mem- dug the hole sufficiently large at the of the new knowledge. gradually tapered it as he proceeded York a lady was received as a pa-

When the rat chased him into the large end of this underground tunnel was in committee of the whole. At shed him at his leisure.-Harper's her back to her room. It so happened Weekly.

THE ARIZONA ROAD RUNNER.

This Sociable Bird of the Desert.

ded by the dispatch from Douglas printed in yesterday's Republican descriptive of the initial failure of an peroplane from which great things are expected down Douglas way. It was the dreadful disease, was removed stated that "the aeroplane ran over the ground like a yellow road runner, but refused to fly." Outside of Arizona the inquiry will naturally be "What is wheeled from the elevator she was on was not known that the log was hol-

road runner?" The road runner is one of Arizona' distinctive ornithological institutions. It is a long legged, long billed bird, slender of build and standing some ter inches high. It is not often seen it the farming districts, but is a familiar sight on the desert.

back or wheeled conveyance, and runing swiftly or slowly as occasion recommon for it to keep in company of the traveler for several hundred vards

We don't know whether any of our readers ever saw a road runner kill a hateful mark removed. rattlesnake; If there is an authentic specialists sent in large bills, but the story of such a thing we would be glad blotch remained. One summer the story of such a thing we would be glad to publish it. But the accepted tra-dition is that the road runner and the rattlesnake are deadly enemies and that the rattlesnake fears the road local physicians advised her not to

SUPERSTITION AND SCIENCE. Things Once Foolish Now Quite Rea-

sonable.

Two decades ago the Esoteric Society issued its "color scheme" for the benefit of its members. Science laughed at the absurdity of the statement that colors could have anything to do with health, success or happiness. Nevertheless, the members of the society continued to believe that had no virtue in itself. In the New the wearing of dull brown was conthe wearing of dull brown was conducive to worry, and that the wearing of dull blue would doom the wearer to what was termed "earth It is known that the water of these work," the grinding kind of labor, of whatever nature, that had in it no nental uplift and no spiritual joy. Red was said to stimulate the system, the kind of stimulation depend-

ent upon the shade and quality of the long time the men of science said this The wearing of tender, light could not be-that the effect of the green developed the poetic nature. Clear blue, whether dark or light, had could be produced by artificially beneficent effect on the soul, and yellow was supposed to bear directly same proportions. on the intellect. The system included a parallel in musical tones, side was superstition, backed up by and, incidentally, provoked much ridicule from the learned ones. This whole doctrine of color was said to be discovery that the beneficent agent of a piece with the silly superstition in the Joachimsthal water and that of which laid its grip on some of the many other springs is radio-activity and that the emanation of radium weak-headed of the medical profession a few years before and develpoped a host of quacks. This was the "blue taken from a radio-active spring, bot glass" craze in the treatment of thed and shipped a three days' nervous disorders. The doctor had lost most of its curative power. The all the clear glass in the windows of Curries also led the way to the discovhis treatment room replaced by dark blue glass, and in the light of this that a piece of pitch blend that is cerulean window the patient must sit high in its percentage of radium is very still, not more than one patient to a window, for periods of time varying from ten minutes to an hour. There might be several patients in the room at the same time, but they were forbidden to converse or even think about each other. At first they In the charity ward was an Irish boy could not endure the treatment for whose foot had been crushed by the more than ten minutes, the most nervous of them having to be relieved most stubborn one was that sore on in five minutes. After a few days the top of his foot, which flatly rethey found that they could sit perfectly still their minds almost blank and their muscles completely relaxed. for as long a time as the doctor pre-

scribed. Primarily the treatment was of tremendous benefit to the physician who offered it. He had no capital invested beyond the rent of a suit of offices, and the initial cost of some comfortable chairs and blue glass, and his fees were enormous. But in reply to his critics, he had the testimony of women who had been hysterical and men who could neither sleep nor attend to business. These nervous wrecks had been transformed into calm, sane men and women. The regulars averred that it was the act of sitting perfectly still and not thinking that restored the frazzled nerves,

to which the quack replied: "Very true, but will you show me now you compel your nervous patients to sit perfectly still and abstain from thinking?" To which he added. "That is the function of the blue

The conservative physician or scientific man does not even now rush madly, after every new fad; but is in the mood to say:

There are more things in heaven and earth, Horatio.

Than are dreamt of in your philosophy.

The phy.

There are more things in heaven and that this was not the first time that the comb had been pressed into service in the healing of a wound, for the back showed the marks of the grater at several places. When an

He is willing to investigate those that are seemingly most absurd, especially among the new practices that are based upon the traditions that have been handed down for generations. This rich kernel of scientific bandaged and sewed up in a linen bandaged and sewed up that are seemingly most absurd, estions. This rich kernel of scientific truth is sometimes hidden beneath the most impossible-looking shell. One of the cases that shattered the faith of some of the wise ones in their own judgment and knowledge was reported in an eastern medical journal a few years ago. There was a tradition, old as the hills, that erysipelas was an antidote for cancer, just as yellow fever was an antidote for dyspepsia. Soon after the germ theory of disease was accepted the in place until it could unite with the microscopists applied the micrococcus The curiosity of the men in the mill of erysipelas to cancer and found that there was some foundation in fact for the old superstition. However, there seemed to be no practical application

In one of the best hospitals in New what the trouble was; but they hoped firmed their worst fears. She was beyond the possibility of an operation, and they merely closed the incision and sent her back to her room room there had developed a most serious case of erysipelas. As soon as the patient could be moved she was room was to have been thoroughly would be permitted to occupy it. only a few minutes before the lady, whose tissues were all permeated with from the operation room. To this hundred yards behind. The fox rar but when her ambulance cot was the floor below the one where she low. belonged. The two attendants took her to Room 10 and placed her in bed. A little while later the sterilizing force arrived, and, to their horror and consternation, they found an unconscious woman in the bed that must be teeming with erysipelas germs. A sight on the desert.

It has gained the name of road runner from its habit of taking the road in front of travelers, be they on horseas well be left where she was. She developed a perfectly terrific case of erysipelas, but she did not die. In

fact, she recovered from both dis-eases, and when the case was reported, a year later, she was in perfect Some thirty years ago, in St. Louis No resident of Arizona would kill a there lived a beautiful girl, beautiful on one side of her face only, for her left cheek was marred by a purple birthmark that spread well over the monster of the desert, the rattlesnake. rich, and he spared neither money nor trouble in his effort to have the hateful mark removed. The skin that the rattlesnake fears the road have anything to do with the old runner beyond anything else. It is told that the bird drives the snake into a coil and then darting around the serpent like lightning pecks it to death. Whatever truth there may be in the stories of the road runner's accomplishments as a disciple of St.

Witch: but she decided that she might as well be dead as distigured, and she underwent the treatment, which was certainly innocuous enough. It consisted of stroking the blemish daily with a queer, dark stone that the old woman said had been in her family, on the Indian side, for a great many generations. When the girl respectively is decreased the friendly problem.

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casing. The mother gave instructions that the casing was not to be opened for three weeks.

At the end of this time the bandage was removed and the sore was

eplaced by a perfect layer of healthy tissue. The doctors were amazed, but the old woman found just what she expected. Then the interne set himself the task of finding out why he absurd treatment was ful, and his explanation is that horn is the same substance as human skin. open surface to form new skin. The practice was not scientific, but it was based on experience, which is some-times better than science.—St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

FOXES RUN IN RELAYS.

Team Work of Cunning Animals Outwits Dogs and Hunters.

Foxes have been known to combin it was of tubercular nature and that their efforts and by their "team work" outwit a whole pack of hounds and field of hunters.

One spring in North Carolina four nunters with a pack of forty dogs were chasing a fox. The chase had been or for two hours or more, the fox running in diameter, when the hunters assemthat on the floor directly below her bled on a knoll near the center of the rircle which the fox appeared to have described for himself. The knoll overlooked a ravine abou

ters had taken their stand. Across the sterilized before any other patient ravine, which was about 75 feet wide had fallen a giant chestnut tree which This infected room had been vacated time and the elements had stripped of its bark. One of the hunters saw the fox com

into sight, with the dogs four or five day no one can tell how it happened; straight to the chestnut tree and disappeared therein. Up to this time is

In a few seconds the fox emerged from the other end of the log on the opposite side of the ravine and made off through the forest. The dogs ran hunters watched them for a few minutes, and then the master of the hunt called them across the ravine, put them on the scent and away they went again in full cry.

In about 30 minutes Reynard once more came into sight with his tail up and showing no signs of weariness The dogs were somewhat further behind than before. The hunters watched the fox. Again he ran into the log halted and were again put on the trail.

This time, also, the fox was gone about

There's nothing I can say,
Everybody knows I keep the best, ed his performance with the log for the livs so long ago since I came here, third time. Then one of the hunters Why should I go away? third time. Then one of the hunters remarked that every time the fox came out of the log he looked fresh, although the chase had been going on for five hours. The dogs, on the contrary, were

becoming wearied. To make a long story short, after the fox had made his fourth entrance into and his fourth exit from the lo entrance was quickly stopped up, the hunters cut into the log and extracted O at 10 a, m., I will offer at public three full-grown foxes.

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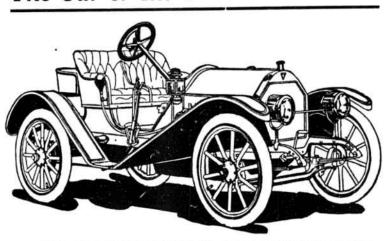
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