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ARSENIC FIENDS.

Deadly Drug.

The Fenriul Revelations of a Druggist Concerning the Habits of the Victime of the Fatal Nerve Tonic.

I had often met her, this pale nymph of the sidewalk, and offentimes when the electric light fell full upon her face she had seemed so frail and white that my imagination had pictured her to be some ghostly visitant of the great city, coming back with a morbid pleasure to The Many Advantages of an Alloy of the Rivints of her wretched life in the Nickel and Steel. way as we visit places where we have wept our bitterest tears. A strange vigor seemed to animate that form, for it sped swiftly along. and often, when I had resolved to folbe it, fifted from my sight as if it had Popular Science Monthly.

Tests of this alloy have it there and become a very part of the the night the pale nymph suddenly

the dand entered a drug store, where mili she had taken her leave and then made haste to ask the elerk who she

"An arsenic eater," he replied in a signature of one of our well-known

Well, my advice to you is not to let your dimensions." imagination encircle her head with what is called the halo of romance. She is just a plain arsenic eater, which

A TEXAN'S PET CENTIPEDES. After They Got Loose Their Owner Had

the Car to Himself. "I was going to New York some time said a traveler to a St. Louis e-Democrat man. "At a way staflow in Indiana a little old man cutered the sleeper, carrying a wooden box bored full of small holes. The car was erowded, and nearly everybody had gone to bed. The newcomer ordered his berth made up, and retired to the smoking compartment car for a few whiffs on a black brierwood pipe that was strong enough to curl the hair on a wooden Indian. When he started to rethre he picked up his perforated box. The cover had come off, and the little man stood staring at it with such a look of hopeless, helpless despair that I ven-

tured to ask him what was the matter. " Matter? 'he shrieked in his thin falsetto that went through the car like the note of a bagpipe, 'matter? I had six centipedes in that box which I was -taking home from Texas, and the last mother's son of 'em has got eout!'

"Well, sir, if you had exploded a pound of dynamite in that car you would not have created greater con-sternation. Men and women came tumbling out of their therths in their nighteaps and shortstop clothes. One woman scratched herself on a pin, declared that a centipede was in her clothes and got rid of her scant habiliments in one time and two motions. A fat man, who was a victim of prickly hest, imagined that he could feel a centipede making its way down his spinal column and could with difficulty be restrained from jumping out of the car fied into deadly wounds and the whole ored porter stood on the rear platform planted there by the immortal Shakeand shook as though afflicted with the pa.sy. Everybody crowded into the next ear, shook out their clothes gingerly and made hasty but fearful toilhis beart."

DRIVEN OUT BY THE FIRE.

Thousands of Spakes Forced to Move by deer together, and the dog's owner was I One of the interesting features of re was equal to the emergency. He rose beards, shaved their faces and kept cent fires caused by long-contin- and delivered in full the classical their hair cropped close. In the time Leave Florence..... ned drought in the mountains of east- declamation: "My name is Norval," of Tertullian this was a mark of the Ar've Sumter...... ern Pennsylvania has been the revealing and disloging of undreamed-of had many times given it at school. as St. Peter's, of Rome, had the entire numbers of snakes which infest the mountain fastnesses. Thousands of nattlers, ecoperheads, vipers, blacksnakes: and other sorts, ranging from of the venison rode away. one foot to seven feet long, have been driven from their haunts and forced to fee for life before the advancing flames. One day recently a surveying party. while at work on Second mountain, mear Lorberry, were compelled to drop their instruments and run precipitately down the mountain side because of an encoming host of snakes. The woods on the mountains epposite were blazing furiously and, a correspondent of the New York Times says, the reptiles in a fright came swarming over on Second mountain for refuge. On they moved in conutless numbers, like a vast army, all kinds intermingled, and swept down apon the surveyors without warning. The men stood their ground in astonishrent for a time, but soon seeing the host steadily multiply as it drew near, "those most virtuous and goodly young they incontinently abandoned camp and ran away in terror, closely followed in their flight by the snaky multitude. At the foot of the mountain is a road,

and there the corps halted to await developments: Standing there they saw thousands: of snakes glide down through the grass and across the road. disappearing in the tangled brush on the lower side. As the corps were about leaving they witnessed a quick and deesive combat between a giant blacksnake and a rattler en route to the

The rattler was five and one-half feet A GUESS AT THE GREEK ROOM. long and the blacksnake fully seven feet. The rattler was cutting across the road diagonally just as the blacksnake went across straight from the same side. In a moment they collided and then clinched. The blacksnake with a sudden twist of his body caught Women Who Are Sleves to the the rattler tightly in his coils. Then he gave another twist and the game was up for the rattler. The blacksnake quickly uncoiled himself and darted into the bushes. On examination of the dead rattler it was found that his body was crushed into a pulp. In fifteen minutes more the procession of squirming, wriggling, gliding reptiles had passed and the surveyors were able to return to the mountain and secure their lastruments.

NICKEL AND ITS USES.

For a long time nature's hints were neglected or disregarded, but in 1888 patents were taken out in England and France by different individuals for the preparation of nickel steel, says the

Tests of this alloy have been made by

competent authorities and the effect of city's unwholesome breath, says the addition of small percentages of nickel to steel is seen in greatly reduced tendency to exidization and increased strength. As-an example of the superiority of this nickel steel the following results of one of the tests may be given: A steel containing four and seven-tenths per cent. of nickel "showed an ultimate strength of thirty chalant tone. "The name on her per cent. and elastic limit of sixty to prescription is 'Mrs. Devere;' but no seventy per cent. higher than those of could that is an assumed name. She mild steel, with a nearly equal ductility, somes once a week to renew her pre- and the valuable quality added of less existion, which, by the way, bears the liability to corrosion." The authority who obtained these remarkable results physicians.

adds: "Think for a moment of this in connection with the erection of the Forth bridge or of the Eiffel tower. If adds: "Think for a moment of this in the grow whiter and whiter until I the engineers of those stupendous the engineers of those stapendous structures had had at their disposal a dispensing a death-dealing drug to metal of forty tons strength and twenty-eight tons elastic limit instead of thirty tons strength and seventeen tons elastic limit in the one case, and say for wrong to sell such a virulent poison. twenty-two tons strength and fourteen to this woman. Well, possibly so; and to sixteen tons elastic limit in the yet by coming to us she prolongs her other, how many difficulties would have life for if we refused to fill the prescripbeen r. aced in magnitude as the for the would simply have resource to weight of materials was reduced! The consone of the arsenical prepa: tions Forth bridge would have become even more light and airy and the tower more light and airy and the tower are hundreds of 'pick-me-ups' sold in more netlike and graceful than they this city which contain arsenic, and are at present." And Sir Frederick while it is a fact that this poison is Abel, in his presidential address at the used in different parts of the Leeds meeting of the British associaearth as a skin beautifier, yet that is tion, remarked: "It has been shown not what this woman is after. She uses | by Riley that a particular variety of It me nerve tonic it being one of the nickel steel presents to the engineer processes known to the medical farulty. the means of nearly doubling boiler

A Medical Father's Fad.

The Baltimore American says that flavescens, which abounds in some of the drug she probably uses to get relief the indignation of the passengers on a from some nervous ailment of the na- Western Maryland train was aroused ture of chores or St. Vitus' dance. If the other day by the unusual spectacle you could see her in the daytime your of a richly clad boy of five or six years, 'pale nymph of the sidewalk' would not whose legs and feet were perfectly attract you so strongly. Nay, I war- bare, although the day was a cold one. rant you would be repelled by her The child was accompanied by his heavy, dull eyes, her colorless lips, her mother and sister, who were evidently perchment-like skin, her general look people of wealth and refinement. On of utter weariness and subdued suffer inquiry it was learned that the boy was the son of a prominent physician, who had lost several children with throat diseases, until he hit on the idea of turning his children out barefooted. The experiment proved to be a perfect success. The barefooted boy was the picture of health. At the union station in Baltimore he ran around on the cold bricks totally unaware of any discomfort. People are constantly shocked and amazed at seeing the children of this gentleman going about barefooted, winter and summer, but inasmuch as it saves their lives, in his opinion, he is indifferent to criticism.

Marketing in Spain.

It is not the custom for ladies to go to market in Madrid and even the first cook in the great houses disdains to expose herself to the jokes of the market women. It falls to the place of the second cook to do the marketing and she prefers to pass her life in the position, for it has many perquisites. It is understood that she expects her commission on all she buys and as prices vary this is easy without detection. "She is too dear" is sometimes said when a servant is discharged, but no imputation is made against her character.

An Old Mulberry Tree. It may be interesting to know that there is still an old mulberry tree, a cutting from Shakespeare's tree, planted by Garrick in the garden of the house occupied by the late Mr. Fisk, at the corner of All Saints' street, Hastings, says a correspondent of the London Notes and Queries. I clipped the inclosed announcement from the Manchester Mercury of October, 1799: "Died, a few days since, in his seventy-fifth window. Mosquitolous were magni- year, Mr. Thomas Sharp, clock and watchmaker, of Stratford-upon-Avon, train ransacked for doctors. The col- and sole purchaser of the mulberry tree

A Friendly Settlement. Maj. Campion, in his book "On the ets in the presence of half a hundred Frontier," describes a deer hunt, in the howrified passengers. There was no course of which he found his dog more sleep that night. I had forgotten astride the dead body of a deer, while my meerschaum pipe, and in fear and an Indian stood a little way off, bow trembling went back to recover it. I and arrow in hand. By signs he made sound the westered author of all our the white man understand that he had misery poking around with his box, wounded the deer and the dog pulled it looking for his lost pets and mourning down. Then he cut up the deer, tied because he found them not. He said the fore half of it up in the skin and be paid two dollars apiece for them placed it on one side. The other half in Cisco, Tex., and the very thought of he laid at Maj. Campion's feet, deliverbeing twelve dollars loser nearly broke ing himself of a speech in the Ute language. The white man understood his meaning, but not a word of his address. history of the church. The early Chris-The Indian and the dog had killed the entitled to half the game. The major

> Queer History of Some Words. Speaking of the strange, eventful his tory of words, the Hartford Courant Glenn Springs Water and you will feel better. notes that "queen" originally meant simply a woman, but now designates the most glittering place which the earth can bestow, while with the slightly different spelling of "quean" it stands for a woman of a different sort; so, too, "krave" at the start meant only a boy, as in the German form, "knabe:" but as boys go wrong sometimes the word in time obtained an unpleasant meaning. The word "imp" might have been added as having very much the same history of "knave," for, meaning, first, a scion or shoot, it next stood for a child, and now it means an inferior devil. Lord Bacon spoke of imps, the duke of Suffolk and his

> > Jay Gould's Retort.

The day after Block Friday Mr. Gould's old partner, Henry N. Smith, shaking his finger in Mr. Gould's face, shouted: "I'll live to see the day, sir, when you have to earn a living by going around this street with a handorgan and a monkey." "Maybe you will, Henry; maybe you will," was the soothing response: "and when I want a monkey, Remy, I'll send for you."

Why a Green Cloth Was Laid in British

Tragedies.

When I was a lad in the paintingroom of the old Princess theater, A. D. 1846, says a writer in the London Times, whenever a tragedy was performed there used to be laid down on the stage a huge carpet of green baize. Often and often have I asked the stage carpenters, the property men, and even the mighty proprietor himself what was the meaning of this theatrical board of green cloth. But I could never obtain a satisfactory solution of the

Long years afterward I was enabled to solve the riddle. The meaning of the green cloth was simply this: In the English tragic drama the heroes and heroines are mournfully addicted to dying in sight of the audience.

Now, in the latter part of the seventeenth century, and during the first fifty years of the present one, the nobility and gentry were in the generous habit of presenting their cast-off drawing-room and birthnight dresses, often made of the richest silks, satins and brocades, profusely embroidered with gold and silver, to the most conspicuous among the players; and the dramatic artists, when it was their business to give up the ghost in presence of the audience, very sensibly objected to having their fine clothes spoiled by coming in contact with the not always clean boards of the stage.

So it occurred to some thoughtful manager to lay down a green cloth on which kings and queens could expire with due dignity, but without soiling their gay apparel. I have a theory-only a theory-that

the "green room" at a playhouse derived its name from the tragedy, green cloth being kept there rolled in case of

Real English Mistletoe Soldom Finds Ita Way to This Country. "But mistletoe-English mistletoe! Surely that will never lose its hold!"

some reader may exclaim. Not in name, perhaps, but in substance, says Agnes Carr Sage in Harper's Bazar, for you must know real English mistletoe is as rare in this country as a white blackbird; and that so called by florists, and supposed to possess all the properties with which the black art of the middle ages endowed the mystic parasite, because grown on British soil, comes principally from Normandy, where it flourishes in such mad profusion as to be a veritable nuisance. while it has so embraced and strangled the roadside poplar trees that the French government has ordered it to be entirely destroyed. If this edict is car-Interested in this woman, are you? pressures without increasing weight or ried into effect, we shall see very little of the true mistletoe, viscum album, but will have to content ourselves with its American cousin, the phoradendron southern states, is really far prettier and bears more berries, but lacks the romantic associations clustered about the "Allheal" of the Druids. We may venture to predict, however, that so long as there are merry hearts and fond lovers on the earth, some sort of mistletoe, ancient or modern, will be hung up each recurring December, for, as & sweet poetess of England sings: Under the mistletoe peace and good will

Mingle the spirits that long have been twain; Leaves of the olive branch twine with it still, While breathings of hope fill the long carol Yet, why should this holy and festival mirth

In the reign of old Christmas tide only be Hang up love's mistletoe over the earth,

And let us kiss under it all the year round. DIPLOMACY DOES NOT PAY.

Some of England's Most Distinguished Ambassadors Can't Save Money. So great is Lord Dufferin's poverty that during the time which intervened between his vice-royalty of India and his appointment as ambassador at St. Petersburg, both he and Lady Dufferin were forced for the sake of economy to live at Paris under the name of Mr. and Mrs. Temple on the fifth floor of the Hotel Windsor on the Rue de Rivoli. The economies which this charming couple were then forced to exercise, were a painful and even pitiful sight to those who, like myself, had had the privilege of enjoying their gracious hos-

pitality at Rideau hall, Ottawa. Lord Dufferin's case, I may add, is not the exception, but rather the rule. in the English government service, and | Le Lanes the most of the holders of lucrative Ar. Ch'n posts quit office in debt. Among the many instances thereof I need only cite those of Lord Augustus Loftus, who became bankrupt after retiring from fifty years' of diplomatic service, and the late earl of Granville and of Lord Lytton, who have left their families in a very impoverished condition, although during their entire lifetime they had held one or another of the highest offices in the gift of the crown.

Oddities About Man's Weight. Prof. Huxley declares that the proper weight of man is 154 pounds, made up as follows: Muscles and their appurtenances, 68 pounds; skeleton, 24 pounds; skin, 101/4 pounds; fat, 28 pounds; brain, 3 pounds; abdominal viscera, 11 pounds; blood (that which would drain from the body), 7 pounds. The heart of such a man should beat 75 times in a minute and he should breathe 15 times during each minute. At that rate, in 24 hours he would vitlate 1,750 cubic feet of pure air to the extent of 1 per cent. In the same length of time he should throw off through the skin 18 ounces of water, 300 grains of solid matter and 400 grains of carbonic acid.

Hair in Church History. The custom of clerics of the Roman Catholic church not wearing a beard is supposed to date from the earliest tians, to manifest their dislike of pagan vanity in the effeminacy of long and curling hair and carefully cultivated with appropriate gestures, just as he Christian. The early tonsure, known

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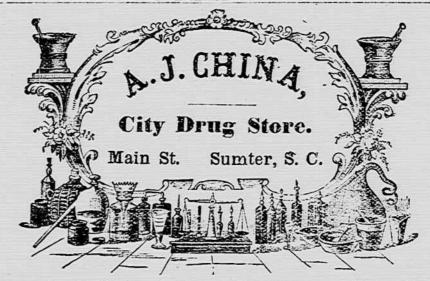
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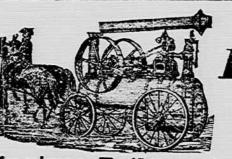
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