School Commencement --- Address by Prof. Hartzog, Sermon by Dr. Wilson---Building Notes.

Our graded school is closing these days The first event on the programme was a picnic at James' Mill on Lyuches River, 22 miles | night. The entertainment from first to last from the village, which was very enjoyable was a most enjoyable affair, and those who and profitable in that it revived a fellow feeling among these who work and grow the graduating exercises, which were the last hard.

That evening (Friday) a select company of amateurs gave a pay performance at the P. B. Stohl, and his four competent assistant

Saturday was given over to rest and business On Sunday morning the school children marched in a body to the Presbyterian Church and listened to a sermon by Dr. B F. Wilson President of Converse College. I am sure those who feel a pride in the deportment and appearance of our community in assemthe complete success of the occasion from all of Lynches River view points The congregation numbered about a thousand and was all attention truth and we think he measured up to the occasion, and succeeded admirably in 1mpressing on all some of his reasonings and based his remarks on the will of man. utterances

The graduating class occupied seats of honor and is composed of Misses L Goff, C. Reid, G Reid, S Walker, D. Barrett, R DesChamps, B Dixon, J Livingston, M. Tsam, L Reams, & Carnes, eleven in namber and not a male

On Monday the school assembled at the Presbyterian Church to listen to an address by President Hartzog, of Clemson College, which was instructive and entertaining from expec ed from one whose reputation for eloquence is so great

O the evening of the same day the school and its friends held a ses-ion at the school bouse to hear the essays of the graduating class read and medal awarded All came off smoothly according to the plan. The essays and the music were fine

Miss Banche Dixon received the medal, because she earned it

The town has broken ground for an opera house, popularly called town ball.

The only frogs serenade us every night. Mr J L Parrott is building a store on Main Street

Dr B oth's residence is nearing completion The Back is hauging fire-whatever that

Mr H W Car es is finishing up a commodious stable on Main Street.

Miss Pannie Williams goes bome this a m

Richland county this morning, having attend. "Sanders' Ferry" and leading westward, or

ed the school here for the full session. Dr. Wilkinson, of the U S army stationed in the Phillippines, is here on a visit to his the residence of Henry V Anderson Thence uncle, Re W A Gregg.

Thousands Sent Into Exile.

Eve y year a large number of poor sufferers when Dr King's New Discovery for Consumption will cure you at home It's the most infallible medicine for coughs, colds, and ell throat and lung diseases on earth. The first the new district will be known as Magnolia dose brings relief. Astounding cures result School District No. 22. from persistent use. Trial bottles free at J F W DeLorme's, Price 50c and \$1. Every bottle

WEDGEFI SLD NEWS

Wedgefield, May 7 -A few evenings ago one of our reliable citizens killed a turile, hang it up in a tree for the night, or I should G ave said, cut his head off When the string was cut the Dext morning he waiked all around He was then put in boiling water for victory for the Telephone shop team, the 20 minutes to remove his shell. Turtle soup score being 6 to 3. Only eight innings were was then made of him. Late in the evening the cook brought in his beart which was still beatto ! Tois sounds unreasonable, but it is

Cotton planted since the rain is coming up, but rain is needed very much Corn is small er than in years for this season of the year. Mr Thomas A Lathrop, of Long Island,

N Y who has been spending the winter with Mrs R. R Si gleton, will return to New York on Thursday

Miss forrine Parler, of Parler's, Orangeburg County, sister of Or M. L. Parler, spent Saturday and Sunday in town

great sufferer from muscular rheumatism, pears are easily cured. Chamberlain's Cough says Champerlain's Pain Balm is the only Remedy has proven wonderfully successful; remedy that affords her relief. Miss Newman | and gained its wide reputation and extensive is a much respected resident of the village of sale by its success in curing the diseases Gray, N Y, and makes this statement for which cause coughing. If it is not beneficial the benefit of others similarly efflicted. This it will not cost you a cent. For sale by Dr liniment is for sale by A J China.

Requiescat in Pace.

The Mayesville Times, a promising infant of j urnalism, is dead. It made its final appearance on Frida, last and at that time was apparently in its usual health, but the insidiou- for of all infants, the lack of proper have been secured : nutrition, was getting in its deadly work and it expired without a struggle a few days

Picnics.

Last Friday was the day of picnics and hundreds of children and not a few older folks spent the day in the woods having fun gathering spring flowers red bugs and things of like character, without which a piccic would be robeed of more than half its pleasure and the keenest of its remembrances The the canvass at once Graded School gave holiday and the more than three hundred pupils were free to j to the pie ic parties For several days they had thought more about the picoics than of lessons and had made more plans than could be carried out in one day, but nevertheless they were out for a good time

The Presbyterian Sunday School picnicked at Providence. The crowd going to Dalzell on the Northwestern R R The Baptist Sanday School picnicked at

OPVILLE.

the Graded School.

Bishopville, S. C , Muy 7 - The commencement exercises of the Bishopville Graded School which has been in progress here for the past few days, was brought to a close last were fortunate enough to attend from the beginning to the end were only sorry when on the program, were finished last night The school closed one of its most successful terms last Thursday. The Principal, Prof. teachers, Misses Jennie Muldrow, Beck Dennis Lida Scarborough and Sue Stohl have taken great interest in the school, and the general attendance during the past session was very

good, probably larger than at former sessions. The first on the program was a picnic, given for the entire school at James' Mill last Fri day. The woods were full of children and many grown up ones who had gone from far and near to spend one pleasant day fishing. bly have full cause for feeling gratified over | bunting and rosming on the brastiful banks

Sunday at 11 o'clock Rev. B. F. Wilson, President of Converse College, preached the baccalaureate sermon at the Presbyterian Dr. Wilson had a great opportunity to plant | Church. The church was packed to its atmost capacity, and many stood in the gallery to hear Dr. Wilson's eloquent address. He read the third chapter of John, and

> Monday morning at 11 o'clock the church was again packed to hear Prof Hartzog, President of Clemson College. He made a most excellent address, having taken for his subject, Education from an Agricultural standpoint. He emphasized the fact that it was necessary, in order to make a good farmer, to study farming.

> The last but not the least on the program was the graduating exercises at the academy last night, in which eleven pretty young girls received their diplomas as graduates

The graduating class was composed of the following young ladies: Misses Lottie Goff, a practical standpoint but was not what was | Mamie Teams, Louise Reames, Blanche Dixon, Ethel Carnes, Jennie Livingston, Rea Des-Champs, Sallie Walker, Goldie Reid, Connie ing, to act as our sponsor at the reunion of Reid, and Dora Barrett.

At the beginning of the school Prof Stobl offered a gold medal to the one that made the highest average, and last night be presented the medal to Miss Blanche Dixon.

MAGNOLIA SCHOOL DISTRICT and Miss Adele Moses, Maid of Honor to

NO. 22.

New Special District Set Off by and the camp then anjourned County Board of Education.

Col J. A Rhame and Mr. T N. Griffin, of Magnolia, appeared before the County Board of Education Monday and presented a petition signed by a large majority of the tax | els, gently, easily but surely, curing constipapayers of the territory in and around Magnolia tion, billiousness, sick headache, fevers, all and Lynchburg, asking that a special school district be set off to include the villages of Magnolia and Lynchburg and contiguous territory, said district to be known as Magand takes ber sister, M so Bertha, with her, as | nolis School District. The boundaries are given as follows :

"The northern boundary line to begin at Miss Lizzie Stack returns to her home in a point on Lynches river formerly known as | We have a function in our town nearly so, along the highway from said ferry by "Sanders' Cross Roads" to a point on said highway at and immediately in front of in a direct line to the W. C & A Railroad at a point west of and two miles distant from Magnolia. Thence in a direct line to the point where Douglas branch crosses the public road leading from Lynchburg to Shilon Thence in a direct line to a point whose lungs are sore and racked with coughs immediately in front of the "Jesse Smith" are urged to go to another climate. But this is residence on the highway leading from costly and not always sure Don't be an exile Lynchburg to Lake City. Thence in a direct line north of Hinson's residence back to Lynche's river; and up said river to the starting point."

The petition was granted by the hourd and

A petition will now be gotten up for permission to hold an election in the district to impose an extra levy of 3 mills for school purposes This will be done at once, and the election will be held at an early day. The people of Magnolia and Lynchburg with the extra taxes thus obtained will be able to or genize and maintain a Graded School, which they have long wanted.

The ball game Monday afternoon at the old bicycle park between the Sumter club and a team from the Sumter Telephone Manufacturing Company's shop resulted in a played, as darkness prevented the playing of the ninth.

A severe rain and bail storm passed across the country from Providence to Bishopville Monday afternoon. A great deal of bail fell, but no damage was done to the young crops as both cotton and corn are yet too small to be seriously injured. Hail is also reported to have fallen in Clarendon County in the vicinity of Summerton.

Beware of a Cough.

A cough is not a disease but a symptom Consumption and bronchitis, which are the most dangerous and fatal diseases, have for their first indication a persistent cough, and ed the lilies of the field and even Solomon's Miss Florence Newman, who has been a | if properly treated as soon as this cough ap-

The Associated Charities.

After several days effort the Ward Com mittees created by the constitution have been of canvassing the city for additional members. The following excellent committees

Ward No. 1-Miss Lucia Roach, Chairman Mrs. E H. Moses and Miss Louis Hayne

Ward No. 2-Mrs Marion Moise, Chairman, Miss Marie Lee and Miss Mary f.ugh- Laughlin, Hammie Boykin, A H Sanders, R Ward No. 3-Miss Annie Grabam Chair-

man, Mrs. H C Moses and Miss Julia Cuttino. DuBose, Scott DuBose, JE Gaillard, Illiam a broken string .- Prentice. Ward No 4-Mrs Geo W. Dick, Chairman, Mrs J. F. Laughery and Mrs. R. K.

It is suggested that the four Chairmen agree on a definite system of work and make Mr. J H Myers of Camden, with Miss Leia

C. M. Horst, Jr.

Don't Let Them Suffer.

burning eczema and other skin diseases, but field Graded School, W P Wyer, of Virgin-Bucklen's Arnica Salve heals the raw sores, expels imflammation, leaves the skin without a the night of May 22d. The exercises will far enough along to find out what the scar. Clean, fragrant, cheap, there's no salve consist of charades, drills, recitations and names by which they are called actual-Sumter Junction on the Sumter and Waterce on earth as good. Try it. Cure guaranteed. delivering of medais Ray J C. Bailey ly mean."-Washington Star. Only 25c at J F W DeLorme's.

NEWS FROM BISHOPVILLE. COMMENCEMENT AT BISH- MEETING OF CAMP DI K AN-DERSON

> Interesting Exercises at Closing of New Members Enrolled-Officers, Delegates and Sponsors Elected.

Pursuant to call, Camp Dick Anderson, No 334, U C V, met in the Court House at 12 m May 6th, Commander J Harvey Wilson,

presiding. As the annual meeting hed been postponed until this date, the first business transacted was the election of officers. The following officers were elected :

Capt P P Gaillard, Commander. J D Wilder 1st Lieutenant W D Scarborough, 2d Lieutenant. Perry Moses, 3d Lieutenant.

H C Moses, Adjutant R J Brownfield, Historian Dr Jno S Hughson, Surgeon.

The other officers are to be appointed by the commander. The following new members were elected, all being properly vouched for : Matthew C Havnsworth, Rev Geo H Pooser, S J McFaddin, B M Powell, D C Anderson, E W Par-

ker, E H Garrett, W L Burke, E G Brown The following resolution was adopted : "Resolved, That the adjutant erase from | Bennettsville, Darlington and way stations the roll of membership of the camp the names of all who fail to pay their duee by

June 1st, 1901 " An election was held and the following delegates and alternates were chosen to represent the camp at the reunions in Columbia and Memphis:

Columbia : Delegates-P P Gaillard, Thos V Walsh, B F Wilson and John H Terry. Alternates-E W Moise, W M Graham, T D DuRose, E F Barrows Memphis: Delegates-J Harvey Wilson, A

J Moses, Jas D Blanding W C D Stiles. Alternates-E W Moise, P P Gaillard, R J Brownfield, H C Moses The commander was given power to fill any

vacancy in either delegation

The following resolution was adopted: Resolved, That our camp request Miss Laonora Blanding, the granddaughter of him whose name every South Carolinian loves and every Sumter County boy reveres, Lieut. | ting class at Bethel Church on the night of General Richard H. Anderson, and also the grand daughter of our loved comrade, the survivor of two wars, Col James D Blandthe United Confederate Veterans to be held at Memphis Tenn.

Resolved 2d, That the Commander of our camp be requested to appoint, at his conven ience, one or more Maids of Honor to represent us at said reunion

Miss Sadie Burrows was chosen Sponsor represent the camp in Columbia. Col. J D Blanding asked the privilege of

presenting a banner to the camp The banner was accepted by a rising vote

Food Changed to Poison.

Putrefying food in the intestines produces offects like those of arsenic, but Dr King's New Life Pills expel the poisons from clogged bow. J F W DeLorme's.

THE CONCERT ON THE GREEN

Neither quiet nor serene, Which tends to cheer us after work : 'Tis the Concert on the Green.

It gives somewhere to roll the babes To imbibe the ev'ning air, To croon and crow and chuckle loud, While their fathers gaze and stare.

The little boys and girls are here In shirt-waists, red caps and blue; 'Tis fun to see their antics queer, And the many things they do

The big boys come, and perchance, they Bring some blue eyed lass along; They find a seat somewhere remote And forget what's going on

Old folks too, come for the ado : Look and listen with delight: It kinder brings back mem'ries dear Of days more bappy and bright.

But to the "boys in blue" we owe For all we have beard and seen : Good fellows! those boys of ours Who give Concerts on the Green.

DAN EAT HAGOOD.

A Very Enjoyable and Largely

Attended Affair.

Providence, S. C., May 4 .- We feel it incumbant upon us to write you of our dance at Hagood, on the night of the 3d inst. The Sanders ball, where the dance was held, as the merry makers drove up presented the appearance of an enchanted castle with flashing lights and sweet strains of music We entered to behold the lovely decorations that seemed to carry out the above illusion until it was almost a certainty For although some fair band, bad bung the bright banners and lovely flowers in the tasty and neaut ful decorations; yet our eyes were immediately claim-d by the vision of the fairest of all God's works on earth-South Carolina's lovely daughters Here they were assembled in array, which to our susceptible eves rival glory We came down to earth long enough to note some of the costumes-and on the morn following our rotes tell us that per haps the most striking costume was that of silver gray faille france, with pas-mentrie of a darker shade of steel, made accordion plais ed skirt, with sleeves to the baddice Another was of a glossy silk, called peau de so r, of a lovely shade of cream This was trimmed with a live shade of cherry colored velvet, with what seemed to be silk tuile in the neck made so lovely a suit as to be commented apon by all who were privileged to enjoy the sight -- and its wearer! how can my pen express my approval but in a long drawn ob The notable's present were: Mr and Mrs selected, and will promptly begin the work T O Sanders, Sr, Dr and Mrs M S Kick Mr and Mrs W M Lenoir, Mr and Mrs Tuos O Sanders, Jr, Mrs ER Alston Misses Lein Boykin, Sidie Burrows, Theresa James, Charlotte Boykin, Addie DuBase, Lizzie Borkin, Eiese Sanders, Bortie Sanders, Marie Sandere, Emma Haile, Mattie Love Mesers J H Myers, A F Neyle, Dr B Mc-

A Love, W A Alston, J E Sanders, Eugene James, Robt Graham, W M Lenoir, Laurance Burrows, R C Folk, C E Sanders, and many others too numerous to mention. The best and most enjoyable event of the evening wathe german which was most efficie the led by

Commencement at Wedgefield.

Often children are tortured with itching and | The commencement exercises of the Wedge-4 will deliver the address to the students.

OFF FOR THE REUNION

Sumter Sends a Very Large Delegation of Veterans to Columbia.

The Confederate Veterans moved on Co lumbia in force this morning and if the cap ital city is not crowded the next few date it will not be the fault of Sumter A large crowd left for Columbia on the Southe n train at 6 50 this morning and many more went on the 9 35 A C L passenger This train carried five coaches crowded until standing room was at a premium. The train was well filled when it arrived at the depot and the Sumter delegation of Veterans and Sons of Veterans and the large number of ladies who accompanied them had to crowd in as best they could.

The Bennettsville train came in with five coaches crowded, and it went through to Columbia, running as the second section of the regular train. Capt. Lucius said be bad 375 passengers on board. This crowd came from

A number who expect to attend the reunion could not get off this morning, and they will go over tonight or tomorrow morning.

RESOLUTION OF THANKS

Adopted by the Faculty the Charleston Medical College.

At the first meeting of the faculty of the Charleston Medical College be d after the recent annual commencement the following

resolution was adopted : "Resolved, That the Dean be requested to return to Rev J A Clifton, of Sumter, the Faculty's thanks for the .more than interest ing sermon that he preached to the gradua Sunday, March 31st, 19 1"

P Gourdin DeSaussure, Secretary. Charleston, & C

Killed by a Mule.

On Thursday last a negro plow hand working for Mr J M Richardson, of Clarendon, met with a violent death. Just after suprise he started from the lot for the field riding his mule, but before he had reached the field the coule became frightened and threw him He was caught in the plow gear and was dragged several hundred yazds, the mule kicking and pawing him He was so badly injured that be died within two hours after the accident.

FOUND DEAD.

Pisgab, May 1 -Oilver Hawkins, colored. was found dead near his home this morning He had been sick with consumption a long time, and could hardly get about Last night liver, kidney and bowel troubles. Only 25c at | he went fishing by himself, and on returning home some time before day was taken with a nemorrhage and bled to death. There was no sign of any struggle in death. He put his bat and fish out of reach of the blood. He was about 10 years old, and lived in Kershaw county

HUMOR OF THE HOUR.

It came to the Englishman's turn. "That reminds me," he said, "of a feathers and stands on one leg and

barks like a dog?" one leg and barks like a dog, eh? Give | the one just mentioned.

it up. What is it?" "A stork, of course-ha, ha!" laughed of the institute were embodied in one the Englishman.

His companions were silent for a moment. One of them scratched his cheek and looked puzzled.

"I'm sorry," he said at last, apologetically, "but I don't quite tumble. The feathers and the standing on one leg are all right-but how about barking like a dog?"

The Englishman smiled and stroked his mustache.

"Well, to tell you the truth," he said, "that was my own idea-to-a-make the answer more difficult, don't you know."-New York Sun.

In Former Days.

Tears clung to the long lashes of Egypt's queen, to say nothing of the headless slave who weltered in his blood at the foot of her gorgeous divan. pharaohs had received evil tidings.

In the streets the newsboys could be heard hawking The Evening Monolith. "All about the football game! Corinth Latin school, 10; Alexandria Polytechnic, 8?" they were shouting.

"Now, wouldn't that scald you!" faltered the queen and burst into tears .-Detroit Journal.

APHORISMS.

Brutes leave ingratitude to man .-

The root of all discontent is self love. -J. F. Clarke. Discretion in speech is more than elo-

quence.-Bacon. They that know no evil will suspect none.-Ben Jonson.

No man is happy who does not think himself so .- Marcus Antonnius. Delicacy is to the affections what grace is to beauty.-Degerando.

He that takes time to resolve gives leisure to deny and warning to prepare. When desperate ills demand a speedy

cure, distress is cowardice and prudence folly.-Samuel Johnson. A word of kindness is seldom spoken in vain, while witty sayings are as easily lost as the pearls slipping from

There is a department which suits the figure and talents of each person; it is always lost when we quit it to assume that of another .- Rousseau.

Discouraged. "You used to be something of an

altruist," said the friend. "Yes," answered Willie Wishington.

"I was a theosophist for awhile too. But I had to give up. I've tried being PANAMA CANAL IDEA IS OLD.

Early Spanish Navigators Saw and

Talked of Its Advantages. The advantage of a canal or navigable channel through the isthmus of Panama is so obvious that it is not surprising to find the idea of such a waterway was seriously considered in the early days of Spanish conquest in the new world, says a writer in the

Newcastle (England) Chronicle.

In the year 1527 the famous Cortes. being then in Mexico (or New Spain), sent three ships on a voyage to the Moluccas in charge of Alvaro de Saavedra. The expedition was an unfortunate one as two of the ships were lost on the outward voyage, and Saavedra did not like to carry out his intention of returning by way of the city of Panama on the Pacific side and thence across the isthmus. His view was that at Panama he "might unlade the cloves and merchandise that he had, that so in cartes it might be carried across the plains fouer leagues to the river Chagre, which they say is navigable, running out into the North sea not far from Nombre de Dios, where the ships ride which come out of Spaine."

In his "Discoveries of the World" (published in 1555 and translated by Hakluyt and published in England in 1601), Antonio Galvano, governor of Ternate, in the Moluccas, says of Saavedra:

"If he had lived he meant to have opened the land of Sastilia de Oro and New Spain from sea to sea, which might have been done in four placesnamely, from the Gulfe of St. Michael to Usaba, which is 25 leagues, or from Panama to Nombre de Dios, being 17 leagues distance; or through Zaquator, a river of Nicaragua which springeth out of a lake three or fouer leagues from the South sea and falleth into the North sea; whereupon doe saile great barks and crayers. The other place is from Tecoantepec, the river of Vera Cruz in the bay of Honduras, which also might be opened in a straight, which, if it were done, then they might saile from the Canaries into the Malucos under the zodiake in a temperate climate in lesse time and with much lesse danger than to saile about the cape of Bona Speranza or by the straight of Magalan or by the northwest."

The Greatest Electricians.

A vote was recently taken by The Electrical World and Engineer on the 25 greatest names in electrical science during the last century. The participants in the ballot were 277 members of the American Institute of Electrical Engineers, who were requested to arrange the names in the order of supposed excellence.

not only the men who were chosen, but | stored to the den, both the other snakes also their standing in the esteem of the institute: Faraday, Kelvin, Edison, Bell, Morse, Henry, Tesla, Elihu Thomson, Maxwell, Ampere, Siemens, Ohm, deuced clever conundrum. Ah, let me | Hertz. Davy. Brush, Wheatstone, see. What is that that is covered with | Helmholtz, Gramme, Steinmetz, Rontgen. Sprague, Plante, Marconi, Oersted and Joule. However, two other "Covered with feathers, stands on ballots were taken for comparison with

The opinions of 25 eminent members and those of 25 professors of electricity in colleges in another. The former group placed Maxwell second and Henry fourth, showed an equal preference for Bell and Edison for fifth and gave | Tesla the fifteenth. The college professors put Maxwell third and Edison fourth, were equally divided between Hertz, Henry and Elihu Thomson for honor and ranked Tesla fifteenth.

A Snug Fortune.

From the whirl of gossip in the financial center, says the Philadelphia Record, comes a little story of the contents of the strong tin box belonging to William L. Elkins. Away down in the bottom of it, according to the story, there is a single certificate of stock of the Standard Oil company which has not been touched for years. The certificate It was plain that the daughter of the calls for 10,000 shares, which at the present market figure represents a face value of more than \$8,000,000. The head of one of the large trust companies practically admitted the other day that the story was true. Twenty-five years ago the Belmont Oil works, which belonged to Mr. Elkins, were absorbed by the Standard Oil company, and the 10,000 share certificate formed a part of the price paid.

Why 1901 Seems Familiar to Him. "It may sound odd to you," said a bookkeeper, "but the date 1901 seems | salesmen in a Chestnut street jewelry already more familiar to me than 1900 store yesterday A girl with an ugly ever did. You see, we don't get a cipher at the end of a year date but once in ten years, and we get two ciphers there only once in a hundred years. Practically no man ever sees more than once in his lifetime a year with two ciphers in it, and as a matter of fact it never gets to be familiar to him, and so 1900 seemed just about as strange at the end of the year as it did at the beginning, whereas a year running out with figures, to which we are accustomed, does seem familiar. Actually 1901 seems like an old friend, and I'm glad to see it."-New York Sun.

San Francisco's Libraries.

A movement is on foot in San Francisco for the gathering under one roof of all the special, technical and general subscription libraries in that city. There are in the California metropolis a dozen scientific societies which are struggling against the odds of rent. taxes and other inevitable expenditures and which would welcome any reasonable proposition for a consolidation of their collections of books.

Routine.

Dr. Schweninger, Bismarck's famous physician, bids us "beware of routine." which he evidently holds to be harmful

This squarely challenges the old notion that regular habits conserve the vital forces and prolong life.-New York World.



FEEDING A PYTHON.

The Biggest Snake In Captivity Had to Be Forced to Eat.

The East Indian python, 27 feet 6 inches long, the biggest captive snake in the world, was fed at the zoological gardens of the Bronx last Friday after a hard fight. The snake, a female, has refused to eat voluntarily. In the den with her are two other pythogs, one 26 feet 4 inches and the other 23 feet 6 inches long. Any one of these snakes could crush and kill an ox.

Into this den Chief Keeper Snyder entered, accompanied by two assistants. The smallest python, which was in a water tank, was covered by boards, and the other was covered after dangerous maneuvers by blankets to prevent it from seeing the fight with its huge companion.

Keeper Snyder threw a blanket over the head of the biggest python and retreated to the small door. There, awaiting his chance, he grabbed the hooded monster just behind the head and jerked it through the opening. Other keepers were waiting outside, and as each foot or two of the serpent was pulled forth they grabbed it in turn and pulled it farther out of the

While this was being done the two keepers still in the cage threw themselves upon the massive moving coils of the great constrictor, and, though im peril of being inwrapped and crushed,. they successify guided the squirming. folds toward the exit. When finally outside in the corridor behind the cages, it took the utmost strength of 11 men to hold the snake, which weighs over 200 pounds, in a comparatively straight line, though aided by pressing it against the wall.

Another keeper by the aid of a long. bamboo pole pushed four freshly killed rabbits down the python's throat, and the serpent was safely put back in the. cage tail first. A stream of water from a hose was at once directed foto its: mouth to prevent the snake from disgorging its meal, but to no avail, for the rabbits were cast forth again. It was decided to repeat the opera-

tion, for snakes of such size are too valuable to be allowed to commit suicide by starvation. Again did the keepers enter the cage, and after another struggle worse than the first the operation was repeated.

This time, with four fresh rabbits, it was successful, for the python con-The following list, therefore, shows | cluded to retain her repast. When rewere in a nervous, ugly mood, and policemen kept visitors away from the glass front of the cage.

The 23½ foot python, after being fed in like manner for nearly a year, now readily eats its semimonthly meals of chickens without persuasion and is growing in length, girth and avoirdupois. The 26 foot 4 inch snake, which is a male 10 inches in diameter and 225 pounds in weight, will be fed in a few days. He is the worst customer of all to handle.-New York Times.

Esterhazy In Misery.

Major Count Ferdinand von Walsin. Esterhazy, who figured so prominently in the Dreyfus case and who was denounced by Mathieu Dreyfus as being the writer of the famous bordereau which brought about the two convicfifth, accorded Bell and Morse equal | tions of Captain Alfred Dreyfus on the charge of treason, has sunk into utter misery. His divorced wife's suit against her mother, the Marquise de Betancourt, for an allowance on the grounds that she is in profound distress and unable to support or educate her young daughters has brought forth the following letter, written by the major to his wife and dated London, Nov. 1: "I have been unable to write to my children recently, not having the money to buy a postage stamp. I am at the last extremity of strength, courage and resources. I have not eaten for two days until this morning in the workhouse. I have no clothes, am shivering with cold and am compelled to warm myself by entering churches and mu-

> "A woman with a pet dog can make more kinds of a fool of herself than any other human being under the sun," savagely remarked one of the brute of bull dog came in this morning and said she wanted to look at garters. I showed her several very handsome pairs, but she wanted three all alike. I thought she meant three pairs, but it turned out she wanted three garters, two for herself and one to match them for her dog. A friend of hers who had just returned from abroad had told her it was quite the thing in Paris and London for dogs to wear garters on the left fore legs to match those worn by their owners. Did you ever hear of such idiocy. Of course the garters were much too large for this grl's pet, and she decided that she would have one made to order. She felt herself very much aggrieved because we wouldn't undertake the commission for her and she flounced out of the store in appretty rage." Philadelphia Record.



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