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HOW HIDES ARE TANNED.

Process of Leather Making From the

Fresh ikin to the Finished Article.

The leather man was busy hoisting

bundles of leather up from the cellar

by means of a pulley rope, weighing it

and loading it on the cart which stood

at the door ready to carry the load to

the shoe manufacturers. He looked

up, however, at a question and paused

to wipe the perspiration from his brow.

"Tell you about leather? Well, that's

long story. You see, there are 50

different kinds of leather if there is

one, and the processes through which

the hides go between the time they

leave the stockyards and the time

when the shoe man gets them are

many and varied. There are steer

hides, calf skins, goat skins and oth-

ers, which are prepared each in one

"The green skins come from the

great stockyards in Chicago and Kan-

sas City to the tannery, which is gen-

erally built on the bank of a pure

tannery the hides are at once placed in

reat vats filled with fresh, cold water

days. The water tends to soften them.

Then the skins are put in a long trough

and run through a sort of slide, while

heavy hammers pound them to a great-

"When the work in the trough is fin-

vats, and they soak there a little more

keep them four or five days in the

dangerous for a man to stay in one of

these pits, owing to the fumes of am-

monia which issue from the hides

after they have been confined for a lit-

tle while. They are powerful enough

the workmen know what they are

about and do not imperil their lives by

"After the turn in the swent pits the

hides are ready for scraping. It takes

a trained tanner to know just how

long to keep them in the sweat pits.

When the thing is done right, the hides

should be just about at the point of

decomposition before they are taken

they work over the skins with both

hands, removing all the hair and the

small particles of flesh so that there is

which there are small strips of hem-

"Tanners have an instrument they

call a barkometer with which they test

skins would be burned. So they are

generally put first into a weak solu-

tion. The bark juice, or whatever

is that of drying. Then the dry hide is

rolled and a coating of fish oil spread

over it to give it the peculiar gloss

which you notice in leather. The skins

are next stored in a loft for two or

three days and afterward shipped to

the leather sellers in New York and

other cities. We have nothing to do

here but weigh them and send them

off to the shoemen. That is the way

"What is the best kind of leather?"

"The best quality of leather is made

from hides that come from South

America, mostly from Buenos Ayres.

A great deal of these hides we get

from the big western cattle states.

The thicker a skin is the better for us.

An old cow has a thick skin, but a calf

skin is thin and only used for making

uppers of shoes. Some hides are very

expensive. It would not be possible

monkeys make clever comedians, but it

is only the beaver parent that educates

Its children to take up several trades.

In a single colony among them you will

find civil and maride engineers, wood

choppers, raftsmen, laborers, quarry-

men, miners, plasterers, masons, car

penters, hod carriers and fishermen

All beavers take contracts for building

dams, but when the work is under-

taken the task is so divided that each

member of the colony has its own par-

ticular work to look after, In this way

they make some wonderful excava-

tions and construct their dams in an

incredibly short time,-Pittsburg Dis-

that sole leather is prepared,"

at times to overcome a person

remaining too long in the place.

played on them in a steady stream.

certain way.

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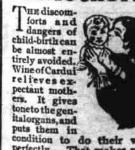
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THE PROMISE OF THE PAST.

'Tis but of fleeting years a score Since father used to call:

"My son, 'tis time you got to bed.
Come, asy good night to all."
Ah, how unwelcome were the words,
And how they spoiled the fun!
I wasn't tired, why, not a bit!
Our game was not half done.

Somehow the thought occurs to me That this same rule may hold When I shall find my ruce is run And life's bright fires grow cold; May not the somber measurer,
Whose call I now would dread,
Come at the last, a welcome friend,
To bid me to my bed?

—Kansas City Independent.

******** THE SECRET OF THE ABANDONED SHIP

****** He was the smallest man I ever saw in my life. He paced the floor quickly with a short lookout step, his hands deep buried in his little pockets.

He was a dry and harsh old man, like to a parched pea, with 50 years of seafaring. I called upon this sailor, believing that he alone could solve the mystery, and he answered the instant I inquired if he could do so: "Yes, sir," and pulled a piece of worn

newspaper out of his side pocket. "This is the piece," he began, "they put in about it. They make her an American. Lie number one. They call her a brig. Lie number two. ought to know, for I was her second mate.

"She was a black bark of 700 tons belonging to Liverpool, and the piece they put into the papers about her was this," said the little sailor man, putting on a pair of glasses. "Ten years ago a British merchant-

man saw a vessel with all sails set, yet something was wrong. They boarded her. Everything was in order, fire burning in the galley, dinner untasted and scarcely cold, cargo intact, the stream and near woodland. At the well dry, no one living or dead was on board. The log had been written up to within a short time of the period of and left there to soak for two or three her being boarded. There was not a drop of blood, a lock of hair, a disordered cabin or anything to show the sign of a struggle. From that day not the slightest clew has been obtained. er softness and pliability. Water is Yet she has been a lucky ship ever

"Now." said the little sailor with exished, the hides are placed back in the citement, slapping the sheet of paper, "I have contradicted this yarn over -for a day or so. The next move is to and over again. I have given the public the truth, and still the papers will sweat pits. The sweat pits are dug out insist upon inserting this piece just as in the sides of the hills and the skins if I didn't exist or had no right to are hung up in rooms inside. It is speak.

"We had been out a fortnight home ward bound, when a man in the morn ing watch, coming aft to me, says: "There's a queer sight to be seen in

the fok-sle, sir.

"'Rats on the booze." "The weather was quiet, and thought I could safely leave the deck for a few minutes, and, going forward, stepped as requested into the topgallant forecastle and saw two rats mov ing about in a strange fashion. "They seemed to grope and reel, and

even as I watched another huge black rat came out from somewhere in the Then bare armed men stand dusk, and this beast moved, swayed ready with long, sharp knives, which and clutched at the deck as it crawled "The morning light had broken, a

good light was made by the forecastle not a shread of it left. Each skin is lights, and the rats were distinctly vis-Several of the watch on deck gone over thoroughly and tossed into lible.

still another vat filled with a liquid in stood looking on. "They appear to me to be blind,"

lock bark. The hemlock bark has a "'That's just it, sir,' said the man hardening tendency on the skins. In who had called me forward, and, stepsome cases acids are used in addition plng up to the nearest rat, he passed his hand over its eyes, and this he did to the other and to the third rat, but none showed signs of fear. the strength of the liquid. It would "They were blind. not do to have it too strong or the

"'Very queer-all three of them. too. Must have poisoned themselves somehow,' said I. 'Better catch and fling you want to call it, permeates the skin the beasts overboard,' and with that I

through every pore. The next process returned to the poop. "The name of the ship was the Mid-

> "We were a company of 15 men forward. The master was Captain Martin; James Fnirman, first mate, and Alfred Tarbush is my name, second of

> her, as I think I told you. "About a week after this incident of the rats the mate said to me, when I came on deck to relieve him:

"The carpenter and the cook both complaining of their sight." The disease was wonderfully rapid with the poor fellows, for putting it that they complained on the Monday they were helplessly blind on the fol-

lowing Friday, sitting and crying, unable to move without being led. "Now began the truly awful part of this tremendous incident of the ocean. It was not enough that Captain Martin should go dark that night, losing his sight till, as he told me, he see the flame of the cabin lamp as it

But is it so had with you, captain,' said I, as I led him to the rail according to his request, 'that you can see nothing? "I'm blind," he gasped. 'I'm blind look after the ship, sir. I'll call you

when I wish to return below." "I never suspected his intention, and et in a seaman. I had no soon enched the weather side of the deck

than the man at the wheel yelled out: "He's jumped?" and I heard a liash sound clear through the supoth lining of the foam alongside. The aptain had sprung overboard.

was as much lost to us as nch' he had been a thousand miles

off, and with a sick heart I kept the ship sailing on her course.

"The news had gone quickly enough in the past days that the captain was

"But the suicide-for the giving up of a captain is like the giving up of a ship-was such a message of utter despair to them, with four or five already stone blind in the forecastle, fed and helped by their mates who could see, that some five or six of the men, dreadful eagerness. with the boatswain at their head, came aft, seeing the mate and me talking as I looked. together, and, after a deliberate, most earnest stare round the sea line, step-

"'Mr. Fairman,' said the boatswain respectfully, 'we're for asking of your leave to go away from this ship in that there longboat while we've got our sight.'

'it's natural-it's natural,' said the chief mate with a sort of generous the main body of us who can see. If you go away in that longboat and those you leave behind you turn blind. what's to become of us if nothing heaves in sight to take us off?' 'But we shall be turning blind

along with the rest,' said the boat-"if we stay. It's only a question of more or less blind men washing about in a ship." "'Could we stop the disease by jet-

tisoning the cargo? said I. "'It would be sending the men,' an swered the mate, 'into the thickness of the poisonous steam itself -no.' Then, working his hands with strange me tions of agitation, he muttered, 'My lads, it's an awful situation."

'Come along with us, sir,' said one of the men, 'you and Mr. Tarbush.' " 'And leave those who are blind?

"I hate the thought of it myself," shouted the boatswain, but if I go blind my wife and children will starve. and I must sit in the workhouse and be led around as if I was an old village ldiot, and curse me if that thought ain't more frightful than the cruelty of leaving one's mates to perish." "Go," said the mate, turning his

back upon them. I followed, and to gether we slowly swept the ocean for a sail. "That same day of the threat of the men to leave in the boat they went.

They provisioned her handsomely, watered her almost to the wash strake so careful were they. "I think it was about 2 o'clock when they holsted their lug and sailed away

from the ship's side in a silence that

seemed like the blindness that was in

and upon the ship.

"I forget how many left the vessel in her, but I can recollect that when she was gone all that were left with the power of vision remaining in their eyeballs were Mr. Fairman, myself and three honest, stout hearted English segmen, who said: 'Blast them if they of starvation through blindness. It might come to them; be it so, it should dooty anyhow.

"I shook hands with those three men They were seamen to sail round the and the gills open. world with-princes of their species. I don't say they are growing fewer. I do say they were always scarce.

"It was very light, fine weather. We kept the ship under small sail ready | as every one knows who has had for a shift, troubled as we were and very short banded, and the lie comes sallor, tapping his heart where he had stowed the newspaper, "when they speak of the vessel with all plain sail set having been fallen in with.

"We took turn and turn about to wait upon the poor blind men in the forecastle, and we fed them and led them about the decks, and we cut up tobacco it regularly; so do cattle. This fact is for their pipes. "Lord!" said be, "it was shocking

to watch them staring at you with stretch herself it is a sign she is ill. their eyes wide open, seeing nothing. then to feel that you might be the next!

"It was a dreadful shock to me four days after the longboat had left us, iner. when, at about five bells in the first watch, a quiet night and the ship clothed in white stealing very softly through the gloom, the mate came to my cabin and said to me in a low voice of horror:

Tarbush, I am getting the blindness-It is coming on me."
"'Oh, don't say it." I cried, spring-

ing out of my bunk. "I turned up the lamp. 'Look at that, is it clear?

"'No, it is a wavering, bluish flame. We ought to have left the ship,' he said, 'and taken the blind men with

"He quitted my cabin in the groping way which was now familiar to me, and when I had dressed myself I went out expecting to find him on deck; instead, behold the poor man sat with his face lost in his arm upon the cuddy

"I touched him and told him to cheer up his heart.

"He never looked up. He just grouned as though he was dying of a broken heart and I passed up the steps to look after the vessel.

"The hush of the darkness was upon the ship, and I felt the blindness of the men in her, too, when I saw that the helmsman had let go of the wheel, letting the ship come to, so that she lay aback without way, with a little silky whispering of waters alongside.

sight, but I will not be sure-did not show themselves that I might half them and lavite them to keep me com-

"However, it turned out as I had dreaded, for when at sunrise I went down on to the deck I found that the oan who was stricken at the wheel had made his way to the forecastle and sight whole were seeing things through that same swimming, dusky, fluidlike

quired to be fed. "The men forward needed food.

turned to and lighted the galley fire A VERY HOT PATIENT. and cooked a plentiful breakfast and distributed the food so that the men could easily come at it, and then as stricken with the disease of the eyes. speedly as I might, with my own share of breakfast in my pocket, I sprang again into the main shrouds for the safety of the top and had scarce arrived there when afar I beheld the

> "I watched that black film with "I thought I might turn blind even

smoke of a steamer.

"Then, recollecting that no color was at our peak, I sank to the deck on a stay, rushed to the flag locker, sent aloft our biggest ensign inverted and made again, with the swiftness of the fear of the blindness and of death in my heart, for the maintop.

"The steamer was alongside of us to little more than an hour. "She ranged close, imagining us dere-

warmth. 'But consider, men, you are liet. I balled her from the maintop and gave the captain our yarn, and he at once sent boats and took all hands of us off. "That steamer's name," said the lit-

tle sailor, "was the Engle of Middles brough. "And this is the sequel of this ex-

traordinary story. Scarcely had the Eagle sunk the bull of the Middlesex out of sight, leaving her lying just as she had been left throughout the night from the moment when the helmsman lost his grip of the spokes, when another steamer called the Sea Oueen of Newcastle-on-Tyne, heading in the wake of the Eagle, fell in with the bark and boarded her.

"Here, then, came in the mystery, "A fine ship was found deserted in midocean, signs of breakfast recently cooked in the galley, and eaten by men in the forecastle and by one or two aft, the galley fire still alight and making a good smoke in the mouth of its chimney, but not a soul aboard.

"Not a stain of blood to supply the riddle with a tragic solution. Her hold was tight.

"Her mate went aloft and hunted about the ocean everywhere in search of a boat. But nothing was visible save the fading trace of a steamer's light smoke or some delicate streak of cloud in the northeast.

"The galley are burning was the puzzler. They took the bark in tow and carried her to a port, but the story," said the little sailor passionate-"is always wrongly told when it's written about. "And now I hope, since you've taken

it in hand, that the public will stick to my version of the puzzle, seeing that I was second mate of the bark and had to bess the blooming show at the end." New York World.

Resting Their Muscles.

When a man is tired, he stretches his arms and legs and yawns. Birds and was going to leave their mates to die animals, so far as possible, follow his example. Birds spread their feathers and also yawn, or gape. Fowls often come a finding of 'em doing of their do this. Fish yawn; they open their mouths slowly until they are round, the bones of the head seem to loosen

> stretchers, but seldom sneeze unless they have a cold. Cats are always stretching their bodies, legs and claws, for a pet. Horses stretch violently when and

Dogs are inveterate yawners and

in here again and again," said the little after indulging in a roll, but not as a rule on all fours, as stags do. A stag when stretching sticks out his bead, stratelies bis fore feet out and hollows his back and neck as though trying to creep under a bar. Most ruminaut animals stretch when

they rise up after lying down. Deer do so well known that if a cow when arising from lying down does not The reason for this is plain-the stretch moves every muscle of the body, and if there is an injury anywhere it hurts. -San Francisco Exam-

Fooling the Public. "I'm about bushed in the matter of curiosities." mused the owner of a small store, "It's a bad habit-this idea of drawing trade by making a museum of the window, but I can't top now-business won't allow it."

A few hours later the soda water trade was rushing. The crowd outside the window gazed until it was thirsty of the remarkable bird that hung in a big cage. The card attached bore a handful of the alphabet bysterically put together and designed for a scientific name. After it were the words, "From Samon."

A few days later the "curiosity" was feeding in the back yard with the rest of the bantam bens.-Detroit Free Press.

A Diving Bell Crushed. A crushed mass of Iron in a Pittsburg scrappard demonstrates the tre-

mendous pressure of water at a great depth. for use in Lake Michigan. As originally constructed it was about 6 feet square, and tapered slightly at both will bring out the red and white tints bronze, more than balf an inch thick.

Each plate was cast with a flange, and they were bolted together, the bolts being placed as closely as was consistent with strength. The side plates were further strengthened by fron ribs an inch thick and two inches In fact, the entire structure was strongly braced. The windows to be

that he wanted to go down in it. He is giad now that he didn't. When the bell reached the depth of about 100 feet, strong timbers attached to it came to the surface in a splintered Suspecting an arcident, the bell was

banled up and found to be crushed into a shapeless mass. The inch thick plate glass bullseyes were shattered. The pressure that crushed this seem ingly invulnerable structure amounted to a total of 2,723,548 pounds, or 1,302 tons.-Pittsburg Chronicle.

HE LIKEWISE WAS A MAN WITH A VERY QUEER TASTE.

The Singular Case of a Gentus Who Was In Good Health Apparently While the Thermometer Registered His Temperature at 125,

"There are any number of malingerers in town," began the attending physician at an east side hospital. "They have the ability to feign diseases, throw fits on the street, get picked up by the ambulance and sometimes they impose upon the house physician and the nurses and are allowed to stay a little while in a hospital. I knew of one man who was really an expert at the business. He puzzled the doctors and lived for the greater part of three years we various hospitals. I was one

of his dupes. "I had a burry call to a house on Second avenue. On the second floor 1 found my man lying unconscious, with blood upon his mouth. I felt his pulse and found there wasn't anything unusual about that. Then, in tearing off his clothes to make a hurried examina-tion, I found that his ribs on the left side were all pasted up with court plaster, in strips, just as any doctor his clothes to make a hurried examina-

would fix up broken ribs. "'That's where the blood comes from.' I said at once. 'One of the fractured ribs has slipped and punc-

"I gave him something to stop the "I gave him something to stop the bleeding and a hypodermic injection to bring him out, and then I bound up an open bruise I discovered on his elbow. While he was recovering consciousness I took his temperature and I found it away up—108 and 109. Now, the normal temperature of a human being is In the worse cases of pneu monia we don't expect to find it over

"Just then the man came to and tried to make me understand what had bappened to him. I got a German in from across the hall to interpret. The patient said he had fallen through an open hatch on a schooner bound from Baltimore to New York about a month ago; that he had been attended by a physician on his arrival here and had got along all right until now when be had suddenly collapsed. His temperature showed me that I had a seri ous case on my hands, though I couldn't tell for the life of me what was the matter with him.

"I hurried him into the hospital, put him to bed and explained the extraordinary feature of his case to the 'house.' The 'house' took his temperature again, and it was 111! Then we drugged him and drugged him and This place, you will remember, is a that age are addressed as "son," gave his feet cold baths and took his 113. And there didn't seem to be ance ry Mountain. The next witness, temperature again. It had run up to thing the matter with him outside of will be Jesse Wells, of Puzzle "Everybody in the hospital got to

He didn't want to confess that he was staggered. The patient didn't grow for a living. any worse. He maintained a constant-ly high temperature anywhere between and the cold foot baths

"One day the 'attending' noticed the a Baptist and goes Democratic. case and asked bow long that man was going to be kept in bed to cure a sore elbow. Then the nurse told him. Take rides wild mules and bucking bronhis temperature,' said the 'attending.'

"The nurse put the thermometer in the man's mouth under the tongue and the doctor watched narrowly. All of a and goes Democratic early and sudden he walked up to the bed. 'Get out of here! Get up and dress and don't let me see you again,' he said sternly to the patient.

"And in half an hour the man was out on the sidewalk. You see that doctor was an older man than any of us. He saw the man was faking, that he manipulated the thermometer in his mouth so that by friction he could run

it up as high as he pleased. The next day this same man was picked up on the street and taken to another hospital, and the same doctor who was attending at both places For three years I heard of that German, off and on, always with the same patched ribs, sore elbow and extraordinary temperature. Why, one doctor up in Connecticut wrote a paper for a medical review in which he said he had found a man apparently in normal health with a temperature of 137! It was our malingerer.

"It couldn't have been any fun el ther. The doctors were always at him with hypodermies, cold water and so on. He had a queer taste."- New York Commercial Advertiser.

Nature's Color Box. Onlons, from leeks to Bermudas, are bleaching to the skin, and so are lemons, asparagus and celery. Spinach is the broom of the stomach, as the French say, and sorrel, in soup of puree, as they cook it in the provinces and at the students' restaurants in the Latin quarter, is a great beautifier. Dandelion, lettuce and all the salads

of the skin. Beets, carrots, tomatoes, strawberries, raspberries, cherries and blackberries are red and bloodmaking, de veloping infantile loveliness in cheeks and lips if eaten, not now and then, but three times a day. This is the fruit cure or garden of Eden breakfast, and it will be remembered that Eve had no patent medicines, cosmet

Pincapple is good for the stomach and air passages. Itice, all cereals and white vegetables, such as cauliflower and parsnips, are whilesome. But pickles and ple crust, hot cakes and too many sweets will make one lool pasty, because they lack the acids and salts which nature needs to cleanse ber machinery. Oil she must have, too, from the olive and nut, to keep the internal wheels revolving.

Marine Corps Chevrons.

ed States service where the chevrons

of sergeants and corporals are worn as

There is only one branch of the Unit-

they were a century ago and as they are still worn in a very large portion of the English service. This is in the Unifed States marine corps, and here they are inverted, the point of the chevron being toward the shoulder instead of toward the wrist, as in all branches of the service. The other curious feature of the service is that the colors of the corps are red and yellow, those of cavalry and artillery, while

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Old Folks in Rutherford County.

"Corn Cracker," writing from Cherry Mountain on 2nd inst., gives the following in regard to old people in his section :

I wish to state right here that I trot out as many old inhabitants as many years of life. Uncle Andy was place, we will call "Granny" Hollifield to the stand. She has cord-antlers, bear skins and other ed up a record of 118 years, and is trophies of the chase. Eighty-seven still living, near Ellenboro, N. C. is old for Cleveland, but men of province, or "walled town" of Cher-Crock, at the head of navigation talking about the case. When the 'at- thereof, near Bostic. He is 94, tending went through the ward the hale and well preserved. He is a of view. In Rutherford, when a 'house' hurried him by that German. Baptist and a Democrat, and farms man is too old to work the road or

ly high temperature anywhere between and his mind and body are vigor- known I have not exhausted the ous enough for a man of 60. He is list, but regard this as sufficient till

> Sheriff Andrew Long is 91. He chos, albeit they now and then down him. He is a Presbyterian often, and still hoes his crop and guides the plow-not because he gripe. Simmons, the druggist. has to, but, Cincinnatus-like, he

wants to. Next, John A. Long is aged 89 and still does some farm work. He is a Baptist and Republican.

Preston Long is over 90, and still farms. Thes three old Longs are all related, and the old sheriff is the father of Lox Long, of Long, Tate & caught him there the very first thing. Co., of Charlotte, Preston Long told me on Thursday last that he read the book of Ezekiel through within the week. He is a Repub lican and Methodist.

William Wade, aged 90, is a citizen of Duncan crook, and has plowed every summer until this last and works at the blacksmith trade. He would have plowed this summer, but sprained his ankle. He hears very well and reads a great deal. He was an old Whig and is now a Republican, but belongs to no

Now, like the report from the traditional back-counties that never fail to trot out the necessary majority, we call "Granny" Lisk to the stand. 'Granny' Lisk is very numerous and one of her species 1 flourishes in South Carolina. But, pshaw! the South Carolina "Granny" Lisk i only 75, and would hardly he regarded as an old maid at Cherry Mountain, and had she lost her husband at that age, would merely be regarded as a charming young widow. The ancient and original "Granny" Lisk, of Cherry Mountain, lives on the line of Rutherford and McDowell, but, thank the Lord, she was born in Rutherford. She takes in washing, smokes a clay pipe, walks two miles to preaching; don't read with glasses nor without them, either, and is just 100 years old. I have never met the ancient maiden, but people of her region swear she is no myth. Leaving her out of the question, I can vouch for the others, for I have met and interviewed

Cleveland county has old Aunt Nancy Philbeck, aged 86, who was thought a week since to be in a dying condition and was so reported

in The Observer's columns. She has to the surprise of everybody taken a turn for the better. She lives near the Rutherford line, eight miles from Cherry Mountain proper. Near her, lives "old Uncle Andy Crowder" and his wife, "old challenge any State in the Union or Aunt Sallie," both aged 87. Both any other county in this State, to are well preserved and bid fair for are in Rutherford. In the first a mighty hunter in the earth, even as Nimrod of old, and he has deer.

> like we speak to boys of 7 to 8. Uncle Billy Wade referred to me as a "boy," when the people of Charlotte wanted to call me "uncle." A great deal depends on the point pay poll tax, his parents' refer to him as "that boy," and his aunts

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on account of their scarcity, to get a buffalo hide for less than \$200. These "The man sat on the grating, and swung in the little cuddy. hides here," said the dealer, pushing held his hands to his face. I grasped "At two tells in the middle some with his foot, "we sell for 23 or his shoulder, and he looked up and two nights after, it being my lookout, 24 cents a pound, and they range in moaned almost just as the mate had. the poor unfortunate man came on les or doctors. weight from 12 to 14 pounds."-New "'Gracious powers!" thought 1, 'anused as outlooks by the divers were deck and stood in the companionway, three inches square, fortified with other visitation. It will be my turn York Sun. calling for the officer of the watch. fron bars and set with glass plates an ren to him and asked him what I could Beavers Train Their Young. "Terror possessed me, and I ran forinch thick. The weight of the bell was Naturalists have placed the beaver a do. He said: ward to get into the main shrouds and 23,000 pounds. "'Give me your hand, Tarbush, and long way down in the list of vertecompleted, it was sent to Milclimbed as high as the maintop, which When brates, but it undoubtedly stands next lead me to the ship's side abaft and wankee and towed out into the lake believed would be out of the reach to man in the variety of occupations in clear of the missen channels. of the fumes, and I lay in that top till about 12 miles, where there were over which it engages. All cats are hunters, the vessel's rate of going? daybreak, looking down upon the glim-200 feet of water, and was sent down 'About seven, sir. A han while foxes that are not thieves may for a test. The manufacturer was so mering decks, wondering that the othregular sea, and the main royal on too be included also among the Nimrods confident of the strength of the bell three-three, I Clieve, kept their All canaries are prima donnas, and

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