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The Lost Child.

two lost a child-O, tell me, did you meet My lattle daring in the sunny street, With wind blown ha r, bright eyes and flying

Like swift winged bird 1 How large was she?' Why, just a tiny

Taste in a short time since I used to sing low, sleepy songs, and feel her soft arms

About my neck,

How did is she?" Why, really I forget; had old stough to love and kiss and pet, only a nevry little maid, and yet Not quite a child.

by section in yesterday I saw her go, Leading list playmates in a laughing row; tron and met her you would surely know tier smiling face.

You thought her older, more than twelve.

That can lot be until another May opens the bads and brings the har py day That give her life.

"is that the ch ld? Almost a woman grown She helds her girlish head nigh as your own; Some one will find her though she goes alone; You need not fear."

I know she's tall and cares no more for toys-

That's Harry with her making all this noise; Why don't he go and play with other boys, I'd like to know!

Tis five years since her twelfth birthday was green

With tender leaves, and all the months be

Have slipped away t'll she is seventeen-The child is lost!

His Chance Acquaintance.

"Piease let me assist you?"

There was no response to my request, ut I know that in this case silence gave consent.

The words were addressed to a preo seessing young woman as I was about taget aboard a west bound train at Binghampton one morning. Her satchel had slipped from her hand while she was waiting to be helped up the car steps by the attending porter. Its overgive way and out rolled a half dozen and such things as ladies invariably carry with them when traveling, and which no unmarried man will attempt to remember.

She scrambled after the things herself, and I did my share in a race after a round box of tooth powder that rolled along the platform like a steam unievele. It did not get away, however, and I got back with it in time to pick up a gilt-edged volume of Whittier, which, with the somewhat soiled box of tooth polish. I pre ented to the fair lady with my most graceful bow. Of course she said, "Thank you!" I can see her now-a handsome brunette, in plain but tasteful attire. She did not shoot me with that cold, heartless, al breviated and expressionless expression, "Thanks!" Her reward was a modest look of the eyes, a faint blush on the cheeks, and in a sweet voice, "Thank

yan!" She packed the riotous articles back into her satchel, and I relieved the small hands that endeavored to bring the two sides together, grappling the bag with sufficient mu cle to close it and fasten

the clasps firmly. "Won't you let me carry it into the car for you? It is very heavy."

There was another modest look, blush! "Thank you," When does a man feel happier that when contributing to the comfort of an appreciative woman? If it is right in his way to be of assistance, and the woman is young and more than ordinarily attractive, so much the happier is he. Have you not seen a man carry a woman's weighty satchel a half dozen blocks when if it had been his own an expressman would have received a quarter for the service? There is a deal of importance in the owner-hip of a satchel. The big in my hand seemed then as light as a toy balloon, but now in my thoughtful moments I am sure that there were in it several changes of attire in addition to the traveling outfit already mentioned.

I confess that I was pleased to find the far well occupied and only one seat entirely vacant. The experiences had made acquaintance easy, and after giving her the place next to the window and depositing the bulky satchel at her feet, I made inquiry if I would be intruding if I took the remainder of the

"Oh, no sir. I am all alone. I shall net need it at all. You have been very kind.

"How beautiful the September mornin s are! I said by way of opening a

"Aren't they lovely! After the sun his sweptaway the fog the Su quehanna valley is as picturesque as one could wish to have it. I do dislike fogs. I think when I find a place where there are no logs I shall engage a building lot. How far is it from Elmira to Buffalof' she added.

"A hundred and forty-six miles," I plied with the celerity of a schoolboy who had learned it in his lesson. "Are

"Yes," she replied, "I am going to ing to the most recent survey 10,000,000 visit a friend. And you?"

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WATERSPOUTS.

The Tornadoes and Whirlwinds people to have more mercy on the

> Theory Concerning the Formation of these Phenomena.

Such an unusually large number of waterspouts has been reported off this coast and in the western part of the north Atlantic ocean during the last two months, says the New York Commercial Advertiser, that the government hy hographic service has taken advantage of the data furni had by ship captains to compile some interesting information about them. Several theories are supported as the result of these compilations. Up to within a comparatively few years little was scientifically devouring insects, mice and rats, that known regarding these marine pheare the pest of the farmer. A few, in- nomens. Sometimes these waterspouts deed, :r: dangereu; but it is worth any | were observed to move along the ocean person's while to stuly our repwith immense rapility and at other tiles, if for no other reason than to be times to remain almost stationary. They freed from constant fear of them. Of have been shattered by a gun shot, and nearly a hundred species of amphibians at other times they have disappeared of

the tips of their tails, and snakes that face of the occan happens to have above live for weeks in people's stomachs are it a layer of cooler, drier air; this concreatures of the imagination. Therefore, dition of things is one of unstable considering their usefulness as destroyequilibrium, and sooner or later the ers of vermin, no amphibian or reptile warm, light air at the surface rises ought to be killed, unless it is to be through the coo'er and heavier air employed for practical uses or preserved above. This process sometimes takes as a specimen for scientific purposes. If place gradually over large ar ars, but at the boys of the country are to be alother times it is more local, and there seems to be formed in the upper layer a break or opening through which the air of the lower layer begins to drain upward, as through a funnel. Under favorable conditions, that is when the differences of temperature and moisttheory that most people are crazy at at the surface are great, this actimes, and facts seem to support their tion becomes intense, and this inbelief. The following, from a source tensity is still further increased by the unknown to the writer, will likely re- condensation of the rising air and the mind a number of our readers of some liberation of the latent heat, which incident in their experience, which at drives it upward. As this su-face air the time of its occurrence seemed to rushes in and escapes through the openthem most unaccountable: "A wise ing thus formed in the upper layer, it man will step backward off a porch or takes up a rotary or whirling motion, into a mud-puddle, a great philosopher the velocity of which increases toward will hunt for the specks that are in his the centre or axis of the furnel, and a hand or on his forehead, a hunter will suction or partial vacuum is created, as sometime; shoot himself or his dog. A is indicated by the low reading of the working girl had been feeding a great barometer at the centre of a cyclone or clothing knife for fen years. One day whirlwind. In the case of a great cyshe watched the knife come down clone or hurricane, the direction of roslowly upon her hand. Too late, she tation is determined by the revolation woke out of her stupor with one hand of the earth about it; axis, and the wellgone. For a few seconds her mind had known law of storms is founded on the failed, and she sat by her machine, a fact that this rotation is, in the noethern temporary lunatic, and hal watched hemisphere invariably against, and in the knife approach her own the southern hemisphere with, the hands hand. A distinguished professor of a watch as you look at it when was teaching near a canal. Walk- laid down with the face up. In the ing along one evening in summer he case of tornadoes and waterspoats this walked as deliberately into the canal as direction of rotation is not so uniform, although the same law holds good in most cases. When a whirlwind is thus formed over the ocean water is often drawn up the certre of the whirl for some distance, owing to the suction created, and at the same time the moisture of the air is condensed as it rises, so that the name "waterspout" is very applicable. When a spout is forming, its upper portion is often visible first, seeming to grow dow war 1 from the clouds. By observing carefully with a telescope, however, it has been seen

> That portion of the north Atlantic from the northern coast of Cuba to the fortieth parallel, and from the Atlantic coast of the United States to the where water pouts are liable to occur owing largely to the warm, moist air which hangs over the Galf stream and the cool, dry air brought over it by the northwesterly winds from off the coast.

you must remember that coal is also carbon. That was taught in the last

"Ask the price!' piped up a small

Tramp-"Will the gentleman give a | ing -[Harper's Bazur,

of the Sea.

and reptites to be found within Indians | themselves. The general theory regarding the character and formatio; of water spout; which these latest reports bear out, is that they are simply spicial cases of tornadoes and whirlwinds, but on a do little hurt. Snakes that roll along much smaller scale. These are princilike hoops, snakes that blow poison, ples underlying all these phenomenas: snakes that sting with their tongues or A layer of warm, moist air at the sur-

> air which is rising is condensed lower and lower down, thus rendering the whirl visible lower down continually and making it appear to be actually descending.

that the motion in the column itself is

upward, although the moi-ture in the

Easily Told.

"What is a diamond?" asked a Record.

"Carbon," replied the class,

"Yes, a diamond is pure carbon: but

"Now, how could you be sure to tell the difference between the two kinds of

Judging from the Outside.

trifle to a poor mun?" Gentleman-"How do I know you are

"How do I know you are a gentleman? It is only by the outside that

tracts will be made. The Old Clock.

For larger advertisements liberal con-

Oh! the old, old clock, of the household

Was the brightest thing and neatest; Its hands, though old, had a touch of gold, And its chime rang still the sweetest; Twas a monitor, too, though its words were

Yet they live, though nations altered; And its voice, still strong, warned old and

When the voice of friendship faltered: 'Tick! tick!' it said-'quick, quick to bed, For ten I've given a warning; Up! up! and go, or else you know

You'll never rise soon in the morning!

A friendly voice was that old, old clock, As it stood in the corner smiling, And blessed the time with a merry chime, The wintry hours beguiling; But a cross old voice was that tiresome clock,

As it called at daybreak boldly,

When the dawn looked gray o'er the misty And the early air blew coldly; 'Tick! tick!' it said-'quick out of bed, For five I've given warning;

You'll never have health, you'll never have wealth. Unless you're up soon in the morning!"

"Still hourly the sound goes round and round

With a tone that ceases never; While tears are shed for bright days fled, And the old friends lost forever! Its heart beats on-though hearts are gone,

Its hands still move—though hands we love Are clasp d on earth no longer! 'Tick! tick!' it said-'to the churchyard bed, The grave hath given warning: Up! u; ! and rise, at d look at the skies,

HUMOROUS.

And prepare for a heavenly morning."

The crack club-The policeman's

Song for the farm hand-The spring time has come, oh, hoe! oh, hoe! R fled cannon are considered great

bores by those who have to face them. The boy who was kept after school for bad orthography said he was spell-

Why are fishermen and shepherds like beggars?-Because they live by hook

Nice life a married man leads when every time he asks his wife for a cup of tea he knows she'll make it hot for him.

"Tommy, my son, what is longitude?" "A telegraph wire, papa." "Why so, my son?" "Because it stretches from pole to pole."

Young Wife-"John, mother says she wants to be cremated." Young Husband-"Tell her if she'll get on her things I'll take her down this morning."

The reason why Englishmen are redfaced is due to the fact that the sun never sets on the British empire, and the Briton never gets a chance to remove the tan.

"A foul tip!" was the exclamation of the base-ball-loving waiter, as he mournfully examined the counterfeit quarter given him a few minutes before by one of the restaurant's patrons,

Mi a Gushington-Do you not find Dr. Smalltalk entertaining? He is such a mimic. M . Sneerington (who detests the doctor)-I have often noticed that the doctor takes people off very

Young Mr. Wabash (to Miss Waido of Biston at a dancing party)-"Will you favor me with two or three rounds. Miss Waldo?' Miss Waldo (an admirer of John L., of course) - "Certainly, Mr. Wabash, with pleasure. Or, if you like, we will continue it to a finish."

A Child's Victory. A child was more fond of candy than

her mother thought good for her. What was thought a proper share was doted out to her one day, and the rest put away on the high shelf of a cupboard beyond the child's reach. Her mother cautioned her not to attempt reaching it, then left the room.

Returning after a while, she looked i to the room, standing where the child could not see her, and surveyed the scene. There stood the child, her feet on the first shelf, to which she had climbed by ail of a chair, and her hand grasping the candy, which she had reached to her lips. There it paused Bermudas, is pre-eminently a region for a moment, the little face bent in earnest thought. Suddenly the candy flew from her lips and into the bag again as the child leaped from the shelf on to the chair and thence to the floor, where the struck an attitude and shouted exultantly: "There, God! I diln't eat it after all!"-[Boston

He Was Full of Life.

"Your money or you: life!" demanded a footpad of a pedestrian who at a late hour one night was threading his way along a dark and narrow street.

"I've more life than money," replied the pedestrian, and proceeded to demon trate his possession of the former in such a manner that, an hour later, when the would-be robber gathered himself up from the dust, he felt of his body all over to assure himself that he was something more than a suit of cast-off cloth-

Friendship.

A friendship is a precious gift But friends are very rare, Who, when you chance to need a lift Have got a five to spare.

- [Merchant Traveler.

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ladies are stupi I traveling companions?"

I expressed myself much hurt by the

intimation that such a thought had ever

entered my mind, I talked till my

throat became dry, then rested and re-

peated the experience. In the course

the names of my ancestors as far back

as the third and fourth generations un-

that she was the daughter of an old

resident of the place who had been a

banker. Having amassed a satisfactory

fortune, he had retired from active

business life, living with his family in a

spacious old-fashioned house on one of

by the young lady impressed me. Thal

lovely eyes, and if any one had told me

laughed at his idiocy. We are all phy-

siognomists, but there are people whom

we meet closely and forget to stuly or

would have been b. fil: 1 in this case,

I think. If anything in her appear-

two sides to her tile?

my name and ad ir-si.

watch with you yet?"

get off the train with you?"

ocket) Why?"

"How so?"

'carnings.' "

In the city after a six-hour ride, I

e came across the street to walk down

"Well, you ran a rather big risk

vesterday with that pretty girl I saw

"What? Didn't you know her?

thought perhaps she was a client o

yours. That was Sally Fitz Williams,

the shoplifter and jewelry thief of Bal-

timore. I'll bet that the satchel you

"Aren't you mistaken about that?"

'I may be mistaken about the satch-

el's contents, but not about the girl.

Come over to my office and I'll show

you her photograph. She knows better

She usually works large villages in the

I was thunderstruck, but concluded

to keep my counse!. I was positive

that the detective was wrong. I found

that afternoon, however, that the Main

street number my friend had given me

was a church. I recalled the name of

a friend who lived in Midlletown and

wrote him. The reply was that Ella

Thorpe was a name quite unknown

there. Could it be true that I had been

I met my detective friend a few days

afterwards and referred to the young

woman. I did not tell him that I had

lost three \$10 bills that were folled to

gether in my left vest pocket, and

which I supposed, I had pulled out ac-

cidentally with my watch on the day

falo with the coy damsel. I walked

with the detective to his office, and

there, sure enough, in the toughest

possible company, was the very face

that I had been so enchanted with.

What did you say about studying

physiognomy? I have never seen my

fair friend since, nor am I anxious to

Land in India,

The results of the survey and last

ceasus of India are that the area of the

Peninsula of Hindostan is 1.382,624

squ re miles, and the population 253,-

891,821. Although immense tracts of

country are annually cultivated, accord-

acres of land, suitable for cultivation,

meet her. - | Inter-Ocean.

that I rode from Bin hampton to Buf-

so easily deceived?

the principal streets of the village.

"Oh, yes, but do you not think young CAPTIVE SOLDIERS.

> How They Are Punished For Desertion and Other Crimes.

of the conversation she had gathered A Prison With Considerable Freedom for the Prisoners.

doubtedly, and I had not been wanting Situated on the highest point in Fort in respectful inquisi iveness concerning Leavenworth, Kin., and overlookher own home and family. I learned ing the Missouri river is the United from her mo lest and enchanting lips Stat s military prison-the bottom to that her home was in Middletown, and which the dregs of the army settle. The law says the prison is "for the confinenent and reformation of offenders ignisst the rules, regulations and laws for the government of the army of the United States, in which shall be securely confined and employed at labor, and governed in the manner hereinafter di-We ate together with the familiarity rected, all offenders convicted before of brother and si ter th; luncheon I had any court martial or military commisprocured during the five-minute stop at sion in the United States and rentenced Bath. The refined manners and unusuaccording to the law to imprisonment

al knowledge of the cou try possessed therein." Unlike institutions of similar characlooked many times into her dark and ter, all possible liberty is allowed the convicts. The "silent system" is not they were not honest ones I should have in vogue except in working hours, and even then speech is allowed between the men on matters pertaining to their tasks. The use of newspapers criticise. A skilful physiognomist and books is not denied at times when prisoners are not employed and unofficial visitors are admitted to the prison ance had mystified me, her ready contwo days a week. The prison r may versation and frank manners dispelled communicate with his friends on the unfavorable thoughts. Sometimes she outside by letter and receive mail subhal spoken with slight hesitation, but ject to inspection by the chaplain. seemingly it was for a choice of Once a week the convicts must bathe, words rather than of theughts. A and they are supplied with an unlimityoung woman, with a taste for the re- ed quantity of clean clothing. This fined Whittier, who talked knowingly clothing is a uniform of gray, the dis of poetry and poets, and was familiar | tinctive marks being a large red num-

with the events of the d y - who ber placed on the b.cs. would have suspected that there were When a convict enters the prison he is treated much in the way usual to A sheep that had its head fast in the such institutions. His face is shaved fence and a bony horse laboring with a and hair cut; he is bathed and given a crowded condition caused its clasps to load of heavy stones were of jects of her number, which, while he is confired, is ently he was overhauling the past, and pity as the train whirled by them, and his only cognomen. Henceforward he thisking of the many glorious feats of articles, combs, brush, drinking cup her heart went out towarl the poor is no longer Smith or Jones, but (say) | valor he had long ago performed by people that were compelled to live in "No. 360" The prison physician then the mud-surrounded and uncomfortable takes him in hand, and even the most lofty hills, and of how different a good

looking dwellings in the eastern suburbs minute personalities are noted. of Buffalo. Her name she gave me on Oace in the prison the convict is in a delicate card - E la Thorpe. Of course charge of the provost guard, a party of had sneaked in and gobbled up the I reciprocated and presented her both men assigned by the secretary of war or poor Piu'e's birthright. en'isted under his direction, and selected with a special eye to their fitness helped her to a street car, and at Niag- for the duty. Few of them are under ara street regretfully left her to walk six feet in height and a majority are men who have seen years of hard service. to my office, promising to call on her he next day if time would possibly al. These are the subordinate officers, and the only ones, excepting the chaplain, "Helle, Sam," shouted my friend, surgeon and commandant. The latter

is Captain James W. Pope. Detective Langspine, next morning as - Despite the easy discipline there are own with me. 'Have you got your few escapes from the prison. Perhaps the law has something to do with the "I guess so (celling for left vest vigilance of the guards, as it makes the escape of the prisoner a penal offers : for

Although there are 496 prisoners confined, there are but thirty-six cells, two of these being dark. These dark cells are the only punishment inflicted on the prisoners, further than the cutting off

of "good time." New men are first placed in the cells. If, after a while they merit the favor, carried for her contained some of her they are sent to the dormitories, where greater freedom is allowed them. Prisoners are divided into three classes, each class being designated by a di-tinctive badge attached to some conspicuous part of the outer garment of the prison dress. On being assigned to a class than to try to work Buffalo, but we the prisoner is made acquainted with the keep an eye on her while she is here. | rules relating to the conduct and treatment of prisoners. Prisoners of the third class whose conduct may warrant it are promoted after ten days to the second class. Prisoners of the first class are those whose quiet, orderly habits and general good conduct in class second has gained them the confidence of the offi-

> cers. Promotions are made by the com The dormitories differ little from the quarters of common soldiers. A row of iron cots, around which a broad aisle | prise. runs, and separated from each other by a space of two feet, constitutes the furniture. During the day the beds are made up. Each prisoner is allowed to keep a box, provided by himself, in which he places such mementoes from the outer world as he chooses, besides some articles of apparel other than those furnished by the prison. A grating cuts off the guard room from the sleepers, and at the same time furnishes an

easy view of the whole sleeping room. During the day the prisoners are emploved as the commandant may elect. but the greatest number at one employment are in the shoe shop. This is in a long room in the third story of a building two hundred feet long. There is made all the footwear for an army of fifteen thousand men. The enormous number of shoes consumed may be seen from the number made last year, when 11,700 pairs of boots and 65,421 pairs of shoes were turned out. A pair of cavalry boots costs the government about \$3.70, and a pair of brass screwed calf-

Next in order comes the harness shop, where Uncle Sam's ambulances, riding "To Buffalo also. Do you think to be not as yet been plowed. At the same time, 120,000,000 of acres are related as waste land. — [Public Opinion plates, cups and all the ware needed by last oneshing."—[Life.]

Where there same a mountaines, riding lipingly repeated his stanza, the old kindly; "and here are a couple of saddles, wagon saidles, and incidentals lipingly repeated his stanza, the old kindly; "and here are a couple of saddles, wagon saidles, and incidentals lipingly repeated his stanza, the old kindly; "and here are a couple of saddles, wagon saidles, and incidentals lipingly repeated his stanza, the old kindly; "and here are a couple of saddles, wagon saidles, and incidentals lipingly repeated his stanza, the old kindly; "and here are a couple of saddles, wagon saidles, and incidentals lipingly repeated his stanza, the old kindly; "and here are a couple of saddles, wagon saidles, wagon saidles, and incidentals lipingly repeated his stanza, the old kindly; "and here are a couple of saddles, wagon saidles, wagon saidles, and incidentals lipingly repeated his stanza, the old kindly; "and here are a couple of saddles, wagon saidles, wagon saidles, and incidentals lipingly repeated his stanza, the old kindly; "and here are a couple of saddles, wagon saidles, wagon saidles, and incidentals lipingly repeated his stanza, the old kindly; "and here are a couple of saddles, wagon saidles, wagon saidles, and incidentals lipingly repeated his stanza, the old kindly; "and here are a couple of saddles, wagon saidles, and incidentals lipingly repeated his stanza, the old kindly; "and here are a couple of saddles, wagon saidles, wagon saidles, and incidentals lipingly repeated his stanza, the old kindly; "and here are a couple of saddles, wagon saidles, wagon saidles

skin shoes \$2.72

the many, including copper boilers and kettles. It is all hand work, except a power cutting and stamping muchine. The broom shop manufacture, these u eful articles, and no less than 23,000 brooms are turned out per annum. The prison carpenters manufacture barrack chairs, mess tables, benches, company desks, cart saddles, supporting sticks and battens of aparejos. The blacksmith shop irons the wood work from the carpenters, makes bolts and such other iron work as may be necessary about the prison and post. In the tailor shop is made the prison clothing.

Besides these modes of disposing of their labor the prisoners quarry rock, burn lime, erect the prison building, and are loaned to the depot quartermaster for work on the roads, being charged up to that department at so

much per day. Prisoners do the cooking, baking and washing, all done with special and new style machinery. The dining room will accommodate half the prisoners at one time and everything moves like clockwork. At a signal the prisoners scat themselves and rise after eating. The diet is the army ration, supplemented by the prison farm products-more than two-thirds of the vegetables consumed coming from this source. The time allowed for each meal is twenty-five minutes, and the prison records show that the alimentation of prisoners is adequate to maintain them in their normal status throughout their imprisonment. Working hours range from seven and a half to nine hours per day, varying with the

shirk their tasks .- [Globe-Democrat.

season, and there seems to be no especial

tendency on the part of the men to

The Tutored and Philosophic Piute, A prematurely old and shrivellel Piute was sunning himself on a rock near his wickiup, below the Ophir dump. With motionless form and grim, sober visage, he sat pensively eyeing the distant, snow-capped mountains. Apparwood and stream among those same many things are now from what they were then, before the tricky pale face

A San Francisco la ly and gentleman were walking by the campoodie on their way to inspect the California mill. Af ter they had passed about a rod beyond the dusky old muser he suldenly recalled himself, and vociferated ahearty,

rousing "Good morning, madam!" The startled lady turned around and sail: "Why, how do you do, sir?" and evidently much astonished, then blurted out: "Who are you anyhow?" "I am Lo." said the indian.

"Low-Mr. Low? Why, you are an Indian, aren't vou?" "Yes, madam, a man of 'untutored

"You astonish me! What are you doing here?" "Here-scated here. I see God in the cloud and hear Him in the wind."

"And, looking as you do, you quote "Aye, looking as I do," said the old Pinte, and he turned and walked away,

leaving the lady to stare after him and The old Piute was one who was sent East about thirty years ago to be educated, and who spent three or four ve: rs a Oberlin College, Ohio, When he came back to Nevada he at once settled down again into the shiftless ways of his people. His home is at or near Wadsworth, but he occasionally strays up this way for a change of cold grub. The incident related above was witnessed by two or three employes of the Con. al, and Virginia, who greatly enjoyed the surprise of the lady from the Bay. She will doubtless return to San Francisco with high notions of the mental acquirements of our rugged "Children of the Deserts." -- | Virginia City Enter-

The First Phonograph. A gentleman recently repeated to me n account given him by Thomas Edison of the making of the first phonograph. Busily engaged in incurrerable things, Mr. Edison carried in his mind for a long time the idea of the phonegraph, turning it over and over, and from time to time jotting down sketches and memoranda concerning its construction. At length he said to an old German machinist, who made models for him, that he wanted a machine constructed in a certain manner, but for the use of it he gave no hint. Now and then, as the work went on without seeing the model, Mr. Edison ordered certain changes, which, of course, were

Finally the German was told to bring the machine for examination. Mr. Edison fitted into it the sheet of tinfoil, and turning the crank spoke into the funnel he semewhat familiar voice about Marv d her little lamb. The German re-

orded him as if he thought he had ne mad; but when Mr. Elison rersed the motion and the phonograpa

lowed to shoot all the birds and stone to death all the reptiles, we may yet be compel ed to surrender to the vermin." -| Popular Science Monthly.

Useful Reptiles.

the birds, it will be time to teach the

reptiles. The popular, almost uncon-

q erable prejudices against this class of

animals are regarded by science as mis-

taken, except as to a very few kinds;

but the public still need enlightenment

on the subject. Professor O. P. Hay

has embodied a popular lesson on the

innocence and even value of most rep-

tiles in his paper on "The Amphibians

and Reptiles of Indiana," which, being

comprised in the State Agricultural Re-

port, will reach all the inhabitants of at

least our commonwealth. "Many am-

phibians and reptiles," he says, "are of

direct value to man. Many, as various

kinds of turtles and trogs are used as

food, and such might even be profitably

bred for that purpose. Many others are

useful because of their propensity for

not more than three or four are poison-

ous, and these are of rare occurrence.

Some others may strike, or bite a lit-

tle, or constrict, as they have a right to

do, but they are not venomous, and can

When we have secure i protection to

Who is Never Crazy. There are many firm believers in the ure and the supp'y of warm he had been walking along the path a second before. He was brought to his senses by the water and mud and the absurdity of the situation. He had on a new suit of clothes and a new silk hat, but, though the damage was thus great, he still laughs over the adventure. Our mail collectors find in the iron boxes along the street all sorts of papers and articles which have been put in by some hand from whose motions the mind has become detached for a second, A glove, a pair of spectacles, a deed, a mortgage, a theatre ticket, goes in, and on goes the person, holding on to the

edness, but is a brief lunacy,"---[Public |

regular letter which should have been

deposited. This is called absent-mind-

A Venerable Pair of Pistols. Mr. D. T. Sheriff of Prince George's county, Mary and, has sent to the Baltimore American office an interesting pair of flint-lock pistols manufactured by Moore of London about 176). They are perfectly preserved. They were formerly the property of Washington Warring of Baltimore county and were used by some of his ancestors in the revolutionary war. They are about six inches long with brass breeches. In order to fire them a duplex slide on top is pulled back, releasing the pan cover and allowing room to cock the hammer, the cocking of which discovers the trigger, which lies concealed until prepared to fire. When the trigger is sparks are directed by the impetus of the hammer into the powder pan below boy. and ignites the charge.

A Night's Rest.

"Will you allow me to sleep in the ten-acre lot back of the barn, ma'am?" pleaded the tramp.

"Certainly," responded the woman,

pulled, the hammer holding a piece of flint stone about one half of an inch source and one eighth thick, tapered to a wedge shaped point, comes in contact with the perpendicular portion of the pan cover, throws it forward and the