

herent madness, or taint in the blood, but I simply, say--as I would that I have a lock of gray hair in a bad place on my head and a mole on my neck-that I am irresistibly drawn toward tropical snakes and have a leaning in the direction of fakirs and jugglers. My friend Harcourt is as much drawn the other way, but I swear I had no notion of the probable effect on him the day I drew him into a little cross street or court, where a number of very fat, well preserved boas were lolling in the pleasant obscurity of a dark glass case on a pile of semi-white blankets.

Harcourt, something of a dreamer generally, followed me in my searchings after wonders, as amiably as a collie, with only an understanding in a tacit sort of way that I was not to introduce him to women who would fancy it an incumbent benevolence to pull him out and make him talk.

I hardly think he knew where we were until I forcibly plucked him in out of the unrestricted glare of a July day to the gaudily papered passageway to the museum.

"Harcourt, I have some lovely specimens to show you-mottled boas and cobras, and an awfully swell kind

their tall green vases for a moment turned me faint. Was it a fancy that the old musty incense of the jungle where the boa lies coiled entered the room with her, emitted by her white garments?

"She glided toward me, scarcely making a sound, and my senses seemed bound by a spell.

"There were no forbidding airs o hauteur. She coiled her arms about me, and slid her dusky cheek along until it lay against mine; yet it was cool!

"I was very nearly overcome when my aunt entered the room, bringing a current of fresh air with her. 'Is she not lovely, your little Indian savage?' pointing to Zobeide, who seemed to drift-not walk-over the floor to the piano, from which she evoked such quaint minor

chords that I begged her to come and talk to me instead of playing. "From that hour my soul passed out

of my body to the keeping of this girl She spoke to me caressingly, soothingly, as a child. When wearied of my cravings for her kisses and caresses, she would shut herself up for hours in her own apartments, or would gallop away over the downs on her black horse Selim, an

Arabian I had given her. "We had married in London one day, the old stars which had twinkled through and began life in an irregular un-Engli way, as my aunt had said. But we were always together. If we gave no balls, that was a mere matter of taste. I had to blame? once had a passion for such diversions, but it had died in me, as had most pasroom, begging me to drink of the glass sions except for my child wife. Zobeide seemed to revel in the county ball at first, should be done well. and to gloat on the homage and admira-"I drank, and, throwing myself on the tion she received. But very soon she, tired of that sort of thing, and even of dreadful maze which melted into a long her rides with Selim, the great splendid sleep. I knew in that eleep that the rooms, the library and the picture gallery." python had been strangled and the rumor the lakes, the swans, and the elm shaded] avenues, with snowy statues gleaming lead from heart disease. ghostly in the moonlight. "The end of it all came, of course, and "She had wearied of the homage of went through it properly, I heard aftermen, and the envious amazement of wards; but I think my body had acted women awe struck by her beauty, long without soul for once. ago. She locked herself up more often "I went to Switzerland-a place hapin her own wing, and always laughingly pily free from snakes, where I recovered refused to admit me. I cannot see why inv old mental poise and got back to a I did not marvel at this, but this was no more strange than that I gave up huntfearful time which had seemed a sort of ing, which had been a passionate fancy of heaven to me while it lasted-my strange mine before. My aunt had laid her hand on my brow, sayingof serpents, a ruler of men! . . "How changed you are, Henry! "Now, you know, Strahan, why I do, ' Nonsense!' I had replied. 'It is you not care to look on such sights. It un-

"'Oh, monsieur! don't go in, if you alue your life!' "I pushed her aside, and entered Lady farcourt's boudeir, hung with the pale

reen silk curtains she had chosen because it would remind her of the jungle congealing with horror.

"My wife's little gray silk bonnet and carf lay on the floor near the sofa where he reclined, her hair, unbound, streaming in disorder over the mossy green carpet. She was quite dead, but had perhaps breathed her last only a moment be-

fore I found her. head so often lay the head of a monster boa. His loathsome body wrapped tightly about the luckless girl had squeezed her to death. In a fervor of gladness over

her return or madness from hunger, he had killed the woman who fondled him when not with me. "I managed to retain my senses some

ow, and left the room, so permeated with poison. 'Down stairs once more, I reathed freer than for many days.

nerves me to look on a boa more than to

meet a wild beast face to face. Don't

Laugh! I was never further from it at

a prince serves but one year in the ranks. He is able to furnish his outfit complete is no expense to the government and has only to serve this compulsory term. The same rule applies to any young man who is able to furnish himself. The peasant where we first met. The old overpower- or working man is not able to bear this ing, indefinable odor met me at the expense, and therefore serves three years, threshold, but I stepped across her tiger the government supplying everything. kin rug and felt every vein in my body But neither rank nor wealth can inter-

pose if the young man, be he who he may, is physically capable of serving. Two sons of Prince Bismarok have served in the ranks. The two regiments of cuirassiers were

by all odds the most elegant soldiers on the field. The uniform is of white cloth, with silver cuirass, and silver helmets "On the bosom which had pillowed my having on the top the silver eagle, with ead so often lay the head of a monster wings extended. They were mounted on black horses, making the effect the more splendid. Fancy two such regiments marching 100 abreast, men and horses moving as by one impulse, and throwing across the field a broad line of light, fairly dazzling in the bright sunshine.

On the other hand, the dash of the Uhlans, with their silver spears and waving banners, rendered them quite fascinating. There were several regiments leaned out of the window and looked at of Uhlans, the First regiment mounted on black horses, the others on bay. The

and black ants, and the powdered fangs of a venomous serpent. It is then boiled over a slow fire until the liquid is brown a bandages, some plaster and a case ruments and storied to the station and of a very bitter taste, when it is . I found the fellow in bad shape, poured into a small vessel and kept in a cool, dry place. When ready for use the extract is very soluble in water, and is therefore very diffusible when introduced into a wound, being quickly dissolved by the blood and rapidly carried into the circulation, producing stupor and pa-the blood and rapidly carried into the circulation, producing stupor and pa-the blood and rapidly carried into the blood and rapidly carried into the circulation, producing stupor and pa-the blood and rapidly carried into the blood and rapidly carried into the circulation producing stupor and pa-the blood and rapidly carried into the blood and rapidly carried into no hours were broken and no vital ; was injured. I soon had him all d. except one wound in the side, Just la fore I began to dress that one of policemen whispered that he had ty of money, and that if I made him

he would have less with which to get to another row. Concequently I mildly rows at a time previous to a battle or a forty pounds more. ggested that the bill would be \$10. The hunting expedition. They are prepared for swore that he would not juy, but by dipping the point of the arrow into id it would be well to collect from the the glutinous, semi-solid poison and twisting it about until a sufficient quantity of an who had done the cutting. The ctor entered as the man declined to the extract has adhered to the tip, when uidate. He said nothing alout money, they are laid aside to dry. tasked me if I had fixed him up in Mr. Iliff, in The London Medical Gaod shape. I informed him that he was zette, states that he found the extract to right except that the stab wound retain its poisonous properties for a

twenty-five minutes from the introduc-

was dead. The flesh was eaten, but it

had acquired no peculiar flavor or odor

from the poison and gave rise to no un-

A curious fact about curara thus pre-

pared is that it is inert when swallowed

into the stomach and must be introduced

directly into the blood or circulation (hy-

podermically, as it were) in order to kill.

The reason for this is doubtless that the

fluids of digestion, particularly the acid

gastric juice, change the chemical com-

position of the poison by reaction upon it,

rendering it inert before it can become

digested and reach the circulation of the

The poison appears to have no action

on the heart, as it continues its pulsations

for a time after respiration has ceased.

From one grain and a half to two grains

suffices to kill rabbits, and a much smaller

quantity operates fatally by hypodermic

There is no known antidote to the

ffects of curara. The only hope of sav-

limb between the wound and the heart

An alkaloid called curarina has been

isolated from curara; it operates in the

If Appetites Were Normal.

tree croaks its harsh welcome. It does

not tell me what. Poe's raven told him.

but I daresay the difference is not in the

birds. Poe had a bad stomach. I have

one that I need never insure. If Poe

had been healthier he would have been

happier. An old physician said to me

once: "Hell is an eternal cout." A

witty and venerable doctor of divinity

remarked in my hearing on a certain oc-

Farming by Gaslight.

Murray's Letter.

A raven perched on the bough of

wound and ligature as possible.

pleasant symptoms.

blood.

injection.

eded dressing. With that he asked to period of twenty-seven years, but must ok at it, and taking a curved probe he be kept in a dry place. Bernard, a sorted it in the wound and remarked; traveler in British Guiana, writes that he Don't you think you had better pay the found some which had been loosely on e?" "Me no paya centa," replied the the tip of an arrow for fifteen years and an; "fella what cutta, he paya," But e doctor had not the time to find that to kill an animal in a few minutes. The llow. Instead he twisted the probe a poison begins its effect upon an animal, the and again put the question. He re- wounded with an arrow prepared as de-

the handsomest women seen at the Philadelphia celebration. Her eyes are large, brown and beautiful, and she has a pecial fancy for brown costumes, which are an admirable match for those attract-

himself to Dr. Schwaninger he weighed

J. T. Trowbridge, the author, has rown rich in an easy and pleasant way. He is one of the principal stockholders in the company which owns all the available land or cottages at Kennebecport, Me. The rapid rise in the price of land at that esort has made the stockholders wealthy.

Commander-in-Chief Fairchild, of the Grand Army of the Republic, has stopped smoking, after having been addicted to the habit from young manhood. He abandoned the fragrant weed just seven weeks ago, after he had been informed by several physicians that its continued which still retained sufficient virulence use accounted for badly inflamed tonsils, which seriously troubled him. He has noted a great improvement in the condiived the same answer as before, but it scribed, in from one to three minute tion of his throat, and says, in a which there is a slight tinge of regret, with convulsions, the animal apparently that he has undoubtedly smoked his last suffering no pain, death ensuing in four or five minutes. The poison does not cigar.

snake charmer done up in the S true Oriental flimsies-red coif, bracelets of sequins, bare ankles, and all that. The Rajah is a snake you should know. Upon my life, I think he begins to know me."

With the best intentions in the world. I gave Harcourt a little push and he stumbled against the cage with a dull thump on the glass which roused Rajah, and, rearing his head very sensibly, he gazed straight into our eyes. As pale and limp as a live man could ever become, my friend shrank baok and seemed suddenly bereft of his legs. I steadied him up, and really thought on the moment that the ministerial Harcourt had Imbibed an extra glass of some spirited American drink. He asked me to take him in the air. He was pitiably weak and as ghastly as if he had seen his grandmother's ghost in a camera obscura.

The strong, rolliching breeze brought him round, and almost quite himself he led the way to one of the little wayside Jarks so refreshingly frequent in the large cities of this country. He laid his hat on the park seat and nervously wiped his forchead, while I tried to entice a pigeon from the gravel with plum cake, seeming not to notice his strange agitation.

He reverted to the affair uppermost in my mind himself in his painfully straightforward way:

"Don't laugh, Strahan, when I tell you that I am a slave to an all pervading dominant horror. I cannot look at snakes, although once I really believed that nature intended to inspire admiration in making a brown and green boa. And women of the tropics were once my adoration, with their brown, velvety skins, black eyes and graceful movements." He skuddered. "Now I can never see the one without being reminded of the other. In fact, I think there has been a sort of sympathy between women and anakes since the conquest of Eve by the Serpent. Both are fascinating. The serpent fastens you with its gaze like a woman; the woman stings you to death like the snake. Let me tell you my story. Perhaps then you may find some excuse for me, and tolerance of something which is not superstition, heaven knows!'

" I could not think of anything to say, so I said nothing.

Harcourt, as I have explained, was painfully direct. I do not like verbiage. but I shun a man generally who dives headlong into a thing and drags you with him. Yet I liked Harcourt, as we sometimes do a chap who we fancy has suffered his full measure.

"There are pages in my life. Strahan. which you do not know; but you do know mat I was one of her majesty's commission on account of fever to De Land, of the Hawkhurst Blues, and left before my time. I was a wild fellow in those days. A few hours before my departure, while returning from a tiger hunt in which I and my followers were samuefully outwitted. I ran across the and imprecations made the twilight hid-

who are altered. Where is Zobeide?' "'Always that question!' she murmured, in a tone of distress.

worry about Zobeide, dear; I don't!'

snakes?'

laugh. "Once she pulled me into her own chamber, saying, in a way calculated to my moment of my life! startle me-but it did not-

Harcourt's experience only strength-"'' My dear boy, I want to speak to ened me in my theory about the symyou. I must speak now with you. Why pathy between anakes and-some people. do you allow Lady Favisham to amuse It is always a woman who charms herself daily with a brood of detestable snakes, you know; never a man. I won-

"'Does she?' I asked, listlessly. 'My Lippincott's Magazine. good soul, why should I interfere if the child really does amuse herself? Don't

An Ka-Confederate's Store.

"'No, poor boy! I wish you did.' "A soldier's life is hard, but he has his "Strange! I passed this conversation joys as well," said an ex-Confederate soldier, "and I can recall many amusing in- New York Sun. off as if it had related to the flannels of the rheumatic tenants. Yet ordinarily I cidents in the midst of privations and should have been paralyzed with horror anxieties. After I was taken prisoner at the idea of my wife juggling with by the Federals in Tennessee I was sent snakes. It sets my teeth on edge now with a large number of others similarly only to think of it, and it would have unfortunate on the train to Nashville. made my hair stand on end had I been They put about sixty of us in one coach and locked the doors on the outside. in my right mind. There was no danger of our attempting

"I was insane all that horrible summer when a snake charmer ruled at Favisham to escape, as we could not dpen the doors, the serpent. They had no occupation but Hall, the seat of a loyal and hot blooded and if we could we would have had to race, of which I was the last and least jump from a train running at the rate of thirty miles an hour, but they placed worthy.

"Yet any one who knew Lady Har- two guards in there with us. They sat court at that time would not have won- by the door with their backs to it. "In a few minutes one of the guards dered at her autocracy, I am sure. Even the servants were tinctured with the said to the other: 'Give me a chew of toLacco.' The man handed it to him, and poisonous atmosphere, and only my aunt. the one who received it passed back five who constantly went abroad, was able to shake off the leaden pall which had settled cents, with the remark: 'That makes five I have gotten from you: here is your down upon us at the Hall. money.' He was paving for his chews at

"Suddenly, in obedience to the wishes foot guards in India, and that I sold my | of my physician, I- made ready to run | the rate of a cent a piece. It aroused our over to my shooting box in Scotland. I indignation to see men paying each other was stubbornly firm about taking my for chews of tobacco, and we began to ridicule them. They were afraid to say wife with me, although she demurred and even wept when I presented the tour anything, for they knew we could take their guns away from them and beat to her. I carried my point, and we were away just ten days.

pected fully to be back within a week. were hungry, we determined to have a distance.-Contemporary Revi

little black and white banners, fluttering every hour of my raiserable misspent life. out from the glistening spears, distin-I realized all at once how base and inacguished them from all other cavalry, and tive I had become, a dreamer; but was I one could only liken them to the old "The old butler kindly led me to my crusaders.

The uniform of Prince William's regihe forced to my lips, saying that all ment, First Hussars, is jaunty and much trimmed. The red jacket is braided with yellow cord. The short coat is fastened bed, I lost my mind in a dreary and at the collar, and hangs loose over the left shoulder, with the arms free from the sleeves. It is of dark blue cloth, braided across the front, and bordered with astragiven forth that Lady Harcourt had fallen kan. Regiments of riflemen were in uniforms of gendarme blue, trimmed with bright scarlet. This was a decidedly handsome combination. There were other regiments in dark green, others in dark blue trimmed with bright orange, and infantry in blue coats and white trousers. The parade step of the German infantry belongs to the Germany army. It is a point where I could reflect upon all that very high step, with a quick, forward movement, or jerk of the knee. When this "goose step," as they call it, is by a irresponsible life with Zobeide, a charmer whole regiment, the effect is a trifle peculiar.

bring the German officer down from the pomp and circumstance of the review to the plane of other people with lunch cock, and quite as gamy. baskets. So the wives, sisters, cousins and aunts carry loads of luncheon and bottles of wine. The officers watch their opportunities, and the carriages get a great deal of attention, many being surrounded by the gay uniforms much of the time. Of course there were sweethearts in the carriages, but the sight of the gay officers der why?-Annie Robertson Noxon in on horseback cramming down sandwiches did not present a spectacle of sentiment or devotion. The German officer may be a man of poetry when he is not hungry, but all the bright eyes and sweet smiles in Berlin cannot turn him from his sandwich or amoked sausage.-Berlin Cor.

The Nyam Nyams.

The English mind, Zebehr said, could hardly conceive the condition of the Nyam Nyam people. They had no God. no prophet, and no law. One man worshiped a tree, another his chickens, some fire, some water, some the buffalo, some hunting and fighting one with another. and they were cannibals. Cannibalism prevailed among them to such an extent that when he first went down they ate

none but human flesh. Men, women and children were killed in the market, cut and ill behaved persons; also men who Baillie, a celebrated Scotch physician. and persons who died a natural death. A young Nyam Nyam, who was in attendance upon the pasha, explained, apropos of this, that it is not the custom to instance, is supposed to be dying you ne- trol it. gotiate with some one of a neighboring village to give a certain sum for her body. them to death, and there were boys If she recovers, the bargain falls through; "Lady Harcourt stipulated that her among us who would have done it if if she dies, the fact is notified immedi-

as delivered in a much higher key. gain the probe was turned, this time th a slight wrenching motion. Great cott! You ought to have beard that basten stupefaction in the tissues of the talian vell. The expletives which he oured out could not be reproduced. But ie last portion of his remarks were enwithout any bad effects. rely satisfactory. "Take it outa." he elled: "take it outa. Ave Maria! I paya "vthing." He paid. -Baltimore Amer-

Beauty and Pugnacity.

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ich had been made by a stiletto.

The sticklebacks are all great fighters nd it may be broadly laid down once tore as a general principle of animal life. nd at the same time a contribution to the heory of tittlebats, that all very handme and decorated creatures are naturlly pugnacious of disposition. Thus, stags ight one another with their branching some motion of the heart at intervals. In intlers for the possession of the does. almon constantly join battle and tear tion of the poisoned arrows the animal ne another to pieces savagely on the cognized spawning bed. The polygamous ruff, distinguished from his sober suited mate, the reeve, by his curious The pange of hunger will even then crest, and by the great collar of plumes from which his name is taken, is as full of the Homeric joy of battle as a game

The wild Sumatran ancestor of our own barndoor fowl "does battle in defense of his seraglio till one of the combatants drops down dead." Black cock and capercailzie assemble annually, at regular tournaments, to fight one another, and display their beauty before their expectant and undecided dames; and on such occasions Kovalevsky has seen the snow of their arenas in Russia all red with blood and covered with the torn out feathers of the champions. Most of the handsomest birds and animals, indeed, are provided with special weapons for these fierce encounters, such as the spurs of game birds, the horns of antelopes, the antiers of stags,

the tusks of the musk deer, the wing darts of the palamedia, and the fierce, spiny fins of the most decorative fishes.

up and sold as Europeans sell beef and chants as well as dectors, will appreciate in action.-Philadelphia Times. mutton. All prisoners of war were eaten, the following anecdote of Dr. Matthew

after a day of fatigue; he would hold up his hands to his family, who were preparing to welcome him, exclaiming: tent of a snake charmer-a villainously wing of the Hall was to remain untilis- given provocation. The Yankees had ately to the man who has bought her and "Don't speak to me!" and then presdirty old Hindoo, who with horrible yells turbed during her absence. But she ex- two big knapsacks of food, and, as we she is taken away to be decently eaten at ently, after taking a sip from his glass

President Carter, of Williams college, animal, as is the case with snake poison, the other day gave the members of the and its flesh is used as food by the Indians sophomore class the views of the trustees

on cane rushing and hazing. He in-A traveler in Central America de- formed them that one of the conditions scribes an experiment in which three ar- upon which they would be allowed to rerows were introduced beneath the skin of main in the baseball league was that all an ox. For four minutes there was no cane rushing and interference with the effect, then it set itself firmly on its four | freshmen must be given up. He told the legs as if to resist falling and remained class frankly that if a man were caught quite still for fourteen minutes; it then in this business he would suffer severely, attempted to walk, but stumbled and fell, and he hoped that the "canebrakes and the eyes became fixed, dim and apparentbullrushes on the banks of the Hoosao ly insensible to light: there were convulriver were cleared away." The presisions in the limbs, labored breathing and dent also gave the freshmen clace a talk frothing at the mouth. After convulsions on smoking and drinking. in the limbs had ceased there was still

When Gen. John C. Fremont walked into the rooms of the Pacific railroad commission the commissioners stood up and greeted him heartily, and the lawvers, one after another, were introduced to him and grasped him kindly by the hand. People and the newspapers have talked lately about the general being old and feeble. Old, he is; but feeble-not at all. He carries his 74 years with a step as springy and a form as straight as they were when he carved a pathway over the Rocky mountains to the new El Dorado forty years ago. His snowy white hair and whiskers are as neatly kept as were his blonde locks in the days when he stole the heart of pretty Jessie Benton, in spite of her father's protests. He is passing his autumn days quietly down at Point Pleasant, on the New Jorsey coast, and has gathered about him there the materials for a history of his life that, written by himself and his charming wife, will doubtless be a vivid pen pictture of some of the most interesting

Signor Tancredi de Savoiroux, the member of the Italian commercial expedition whose liberation from the clutcher and making free and rapid excisions of of the Abyssinian leader, Ras Alula, has the part, or, more radically, the amputa-tion of the entire limb as far above the ticularly comfortable time during his imprisonment. For seven months of the ten during which he was a captive his feet were so chained together that he could not take a single step. He was also chained by the arm to the arm of an Abyssinian soldier, the latter being changed every week. He had to sleep on the bare carth-to sleep, let it be understrychnia, but differs from it somewhat stood, only when it pleased his companion to repose. In like manner he had to

events of the last half century of this

country's history.

sit or stand or move when it suited the sweet will of the Abyssinian soldier. The few who saw him in the midst of his sufferings testify to his uncomplaining serenity. Only once did he lose his patience-and it is Salembeni who wrote it to Savoiroux's mother-and that was when, writes Salimboni: "Maj, Piano and myself, wearied out with our sufferings, discussed the commission of suicide. Then Savoiroux grew angry, and so strongly dissuaded us from that 'vila thing,' as he called it, that we never casion: "Health is heaven." He was spoke of it again."

suffering from toothache at the time. I Mortar Which Nover Hardons wonder what the effect would be, morally An intelligent and practical 'builder mean, if everybody was healthy. Supstates it as the result of his experience pose the sick should all become well, the and observation that mortar in the inweak strong, the cripples be cured, these terior of walls, especially if it be what is dying from pains be delivered therefrom, called "rich" morter, is liable never to harden, but to retain its soft consistency they without appetites become good eaters, the people with morbid testes become normal in their cravings-I woneven for centuries; but this can only be the case where the interior of the wall in der what would happen?-W. II. II. hermetically sealed against the external air, which method both arrests evaporetion and shuts off the chemical operation of the atmosphere. The fact has been stated that in England, not long age, an Howard county farmers residing in the vicinity of the great Shrader gas well. architect dug into a stone wall 300 years near Kokomo, Ind., go on record as harold and of considerable thickness, and vesting the first wheat by natural gastook from between the stones a quantity light. A dozen self binders and men of mortar as soft as it must have been the shocking wheat was truly a novel scene. day the wall was built, and discoveries of which was witnessed by hundreds of peo-ple, who surrounded the fields of grain the same character have been made in other places. It is also stated that the in carriages. The constant roar of the possibility of such an occurrence may be tested in a very easy way, namely, by putting some rich mortar into a glass bottle and hermetically sealing it-the fact being that it will never become . any harder than when it was put into it -New York Sun.

themselves are prodigious fighters, and I have seen them engaging one another in their aerial battles with the utmost pluck, vigor and endurance. Furthermore, beauty in animals is almost always accompanied, as Dr. Gunther has observed, by a very hasty and irritable temper.-Popular Science Monthly.

same way as the latter, but more powerfully; paralyzes the voluntary muscles by its effect on the anterior roots of the

spinal nerves, destroying motor power. Clearing Away the Clouds. It answers to the same chemical tests as Many overworked Americans, mer-

grew too fat to be good for anything else | #For many years he was accustomed to devote sixteen hours a day to business.'s burden of labor which necessarily told upon his health, and was the cause of a painful irritability of disposition. Coneat your relations. If your mother, for scious of this tendency, he tried to con-

> Frequently, when sitting down to table ng the cloud from his brow, h

ing life is to ligate strongly the wounded Even the dainty little humming Lirds

cous by cudgeling his daughter, as he swore she was, while she asseverated, with lifted arm to 'Allab,' that she was simply his slave. I interfered, of course. We had a free fight, leaving the old fakir hors de combat. and I bore off the child wild as a hawk.

"It was lucky that I had been fully prepared to quit the country. As it was the boys of my mess begged me to have nothing to do with Parsee, Hindoo or Arab women-to leave this dark eved houri behind. Seeing me obdurate Capt. Bellamy said:

" 'Do as you will, Harcourt; but you. may regret the day you did so foolish a thing. Kindly remember that I warned you.

"And how often I have!

ultation I admitted to myself the entire ownership of anything so untainted and so beautiful as Zobeide. She was as delicious to my senses as a pomegranate blossem, and was gratitude itself. Poor, starved, unloved little thing! She twined vulsive shudder.

"You recognize the old routine-the manner of disposing of such cases? My consented to chaperone my protege. Into her hands I gave Zobeide for a year, stipulating that she be taught all Christian graces. And so I left her to tapestries, French verbs and the piano.

"I confess I thought very little about her. The only life between me and my estates was severed by the death. while hunting, of my cousin, the young Earl of Favisham, and I was brought to realize

their provisions. The knapsecks hung on My aunt had gone to Rugby.

the wall near them. Darkness came on "I will try to describe our coming before we reached Nashville, and as the home as intelligently as possible. coach was but slightly illuminated we "I had noticed with wonderful elation managed to steal the knapsacks without that my head was clear and my whole detection and divide the food among us. mind more coherent during our absence. Lobeide-one of the loveliest creatures as if some terrible influence had been even then that I had ever seen, and as | wanting to sway and blacken my life. get hungry and turned to their knap-"On the contrary, my wife, although

so young and lovely, with all the world to fall at her feet, seemed strangely ill at ease during our trip, and grew so nervous nearing home that she actually leaped from the carriage as it drew up before the hall. She had coiled herself up in it without a word, although I talked inces-

santly of the rains and the hops. Raffroads and Newspaper Clippings. "Perkins, the butler, gravely met us, The influence of the newspapers of the saying: 'Dinner waits, my lord,' like a theatrical call boy. But my wife sprang day in shaping and controlling public out and rushed off to her apartments with opinion is shown in no more direct man-"But then-it was with a gloom of ex- her wraps on her arms, humming a little her than in the piles of clippings from strain of a Hindoo song which she knew them which are to be found in railroad offices in this city. Most of the offices made me particularly unhappy.

"I threw myself in a deep chair and assign to some clerk the duty of reading broke the seal of two or three letters, the daily papers and making newspaper running over their contents in the great clippings on all subjects of special interstarved, unloved little thing! She twined banquet room, where the tall wax lights est to the octupany, posting these, duly about me like a vine." Again that con-flared in their sconces, trying to be dated and a chenficated, in a scrap book patient until Lady Harcourt came. The and stowing them away for reference. the continents was 1,000 feet, -Arkan- of eglantine.-Wide Awake. flowers wilted in their blue and gold In this manner the newspaper becomes to vases, the clock ticked on ominously; many railroad officials, the chronicle of maiden annt declared it scandalous, but still Lady Harcourt did not appear. I events, the repository of information, think a sort of paralysis must have seized which may prove valuable at any mome; yet I remember that I felt satisfied ment and which must be kept for conthat the end had come. I knew by some venient reference .- New York Tribune. strange foresight that the curtain had

Sir John Lubbock says that among a fallen on the tragic little comedy I had played at the old hall, with the woman certain hill tribe of India it is a mark of who society had declared would one day respect and gratitude to put the thumb te and space at advertising rates .- The shock or startle every one. I knew that the nose.

The Latest Vegetable Fat. The latest vegetable fat to attract commercial attention is an extract of the

myristica sebitera, a so called Lean, but really a species of nutineg, which grows We then hung the knapsacks back. wild in Guatemala, where the natives Shortly afterward the fellows began to gather it and obtain the oil from it for scap and candles. The "beans" are in sacks. You should have heard them abundant supply, growing in bunches on curse when they found that they were the bushes, and they can be had at the empty. We openly avowed the stealing. small expense of paying Indians to gather and said we had done it because they them. A consular representative of Guawere mean enough to sell chews of totemsla is of opinion that there is a great bacco. They growled, but they were future in store for the fat of this vegetaafraid to do anything."-Courier-Journal. ble, which, he thinks, would be a "good substitute" for lard or butter. Machinery

for crushing sesame seed, which is extensively cultivated in Guatemala, is now being sent into that country .- Chicage Times.

Average Height of Land.

Dr. Murray, of the Royal Society of where it is not welcome; barberries they Edinburgh, estimates the mean height of have scattered broadcast about their here. The estimated flow of gas from the land of the globe to be between 1,000 neighborhood (that to be set down in this well is 15,000,000 cubic feet every and 2,100 feet, the latter limit being their favor), and I suspect them of the twenty-four hours.-Indianapolis Jourprobably the more nearly correct. Hum- lovely service of increasing the number of nal. boldt's estimate of the mean height of bushes of wild brier rose-the sweet brier saw Traveler.

The Superfluous Letter "u." A little pamphlet advocating a new system of condensed printing states that it costs the London Times \$2,500 a year

to use the superfluous "u" in the English spelling of such words as favour, colour, endeavour, etc., counting material, labor, Epoch.

would look round with a loving smile and say: "You may speak to me now. He was usually very courteous and indulgent to his patients, but his irritability sometimes got the better of him. -Youth's Companion.

Birds as Soud Distributers.

It is almost incredible the number of times a robin redbreast will come and go after berries, always with a great rustling of leaves, and his alighting and departing usually followed by a liberal scattering of fruit on the ground, which he never seems to think of picking up-wasteful marauder-not only taking all he wants, but actually spoiling as much as he takes away. Birds are probably responsible for the existence of many of the seed bearing shrubs and herbs. They are seed distrib-

utors, conveying seeds further than the wind can, that is, of the kinds that form Shrader well can be distinctly heard eight their favorite food. They sow garget miles away, while the light can be plainly seen at Burlington, fifteen miles west of

Safety on the Cars.

It is said that one's turn to be killed on the English railways does not come till dressed in drab for generations and thus 7,367,730 journeys have been made. disused the color sense. That is to say, that that proportion of journeys has been made during the past year to each person who has been killed; 725,584,390 journeys were made last year | of winter, but are never seen on the reand only ninety-five passengers were turn flight, though found again in the killed -- Chicago Times.

Probably an Exaggeration. Color blindness is twice as common among Quakers as it is among the rest of the community, gwing to their having

north when the winter is past.

An Owner Wanted.

A recent bulletin of the United States fish commission reports the capture of a codfish at Gloucester. Mass., in Septem-ber, 1886, which contained a pocketknife of curious workmanship imbedded in its fiesh. The knife has a brass handle curved and tapering, with a slit in the hollow side for the blade, which is of lance shape. It is said that hawks are frequently seen flying southward on the approach It is six and one-quarter inches long, and it is thought the owner must have been some aborigine, or perhaps a sailor. The knife was discovered by rocident in handling the cod.-Cassell's Family Lingan