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### THE "KING" SNAKE STORY.

It Came from Morgan County, Ga., and It Takes the Prize.

A special from Crawfordville, Ga., says that about one month ago, in Morgan county, while a man and his wife were sitting out on the veranda late one afternoon, their attention was attracted by the appearance of a large king snake on the steps a few feet away. They were perfectly quiet; and the snake crawled up the steps until it reached the top; then it held its head up, as much as to say: "Can I come in?"

They were perfectly still, and the snake took it for granted that the silence gave consent, so it proceeded to enter the hall and crawled leisurely along until it reached a bedroom where the door stood open. It entered the door, making its way under the bed. Here the king snake pounced on a large rattle snake that had coiled itself around the bed-springs. After a deadly struggle with this monster rattle the king snake went out in the yard and got some kind of weed to kill the poisonous bites. After taking the medicine the king snake returned to the house and continued the battle until the rattle snake was killed. It was five feet in length and had nine rattles.

### Of Feminine Interest.

A commendable tendency to lighten the weight of wool fabrics is noticed in the early importations of autumn and winter dress goods.

For walking dresses dark chestnut brown cloths, various chrysanthemum shades of purple and red and gray blue also black woolsens plaided with purple red, are the favorites.

Plain colors remain, as always, the safest choice both for service and refined effect, but figured goods abound in pastels, in F stripes, in crossbars, and in marbled designs.

Ribbed goods, after the manner of Bedford cord, are among the handsomest woolsens, and will rival the finest habit cloth.

English suitings for traveling dresses and morning wear repeat the small, broken checks and irregular stripes of last winter.

Broche and damasse designs are also largely imported in rough finished woolsens.

### Didn't Fool Him.

Evidently Mr. Jeremiah Simpson has no intention of being confounded by his gross ignorance. While delivering one of his unique speeches the other day at St. Joseph he took occasion to eulogize Daniel Webster and referred in complimentary terms to his dictionary. A friend on the stage gently suggested at the orator's coat-tail and whispered, "Noah was the man who made the dictionary." Simpson could scarcely conceal his disgust, and frowning upon the man, he whispered back: "Noah built the ark," and calmly proceeded with his oration.

### A Ghastly Find.

NEW YORK, Sept. 17.—The workmen engaged in clearing away the debris of the Commercial Advertiser building unearthed the charred remains of a human body shortly after midnight. Four hours later another charred trunk was found. These were identified this morning as the remains of John Adelman and Frederick his son. These men were jewelers and had a workshop in the burned building. The police believe the other bodies will be unearthed. It will take a day or two more to complete the removal of the debris.

### Down on Talmage.

A writer in the State Chronicle is evidently no great admirer of Dr. Talmage. He says: "I believe Talmage is the most over-rated man in America. I know the estimate placed upon him as a gospel minister is far above the man. Many of his so-called sermons have not one whit of gospel in them. As a word painter, flashy transcendentalist, or booster of what Talmage has seen and done, he is a success. I can name one hundred preachers in our State with whom it would be slander to compare Talmage. We have had too much of 'boasting' men into greatness by newspaper 'puffs'."

The average Englishman would live twenty years longer in England than in Africa.

One-third of the crime committed in London is perpetrated on Saturday nights.

### Mrs. Jefferson Davis will Sue Her Publishers.

NEW YORK, Sept. 15.—Suit will be begun by Mrs. Jefferson Davis against Robert Belford, of the Belford Publishing Co., and Edward Lange, for alleged violation of contract with Mrs. Davis to publish her Memoirs of Jefferson Davis. The contract provided that the publishers should bear all expenses and pay Mrs. Davis a royalty of 12 1/2 per cent. Prior to the time for the first settlement Belford transferred the contract to the Belford Company. The accounting then showed Mrs. Davis' percentage to be \$4,000, which, as she claims, has not been paid. The publishers claim inability to pay at present. It is understood that Mrs. Davis, who has been depending, with confidence, on a considerable income from the book, is in straightened circumstances. Ex-Gov. Hoadley will personally represent Mrs. Davis in the suit.

### The Candidate Season.

There is a time for all things and some things all the time. Emphatically this is the candidate season, the time when incubation has reached its final state and the bird of political promise is pecking vigorously at his shell. Soon he comes forth a full-fledged candidate for office, takes naturally to the buttonholes of his fellow citizens and he is placed in the hands of his friends who soon inaugurate a boom and set it afloat with the hundreds of other big and little booms that flicker the horizon and obscure the vision.

The candidate season comes before elections, no postponement on account of weather and always a prolific crop whether the atmospheric conditions be good, bad or merely indifferent. Previous to the time of a national and State election coming together the candidate season falls earlier and the crop is wonderfully exuberant, cumbering the highways and byways of the country and the alleyways of the cities. One of the prerogatives of American citizenship which is most scrupulously guarded and devoutly exercised by every free born and emancipated citizen is that he may aspire quietly or vociferously to any office within the gift of the nation. When one of these free born or emancipated citizens places himself in the hands of his friends it is an infallible sign of the pure patriot permitting the office to seek the man while his friends are insisting that he is the man.

### A Confederate Breastplate.

Leonard R. Turner, of Sing Sing, who has recently been making a tour of the Southern States, has secured a number of interesting war relics, which he has presented to Morrell Post, G. A. R., of his village. Among them is a breastplate made in Fort Delaware by a Confederate prisoner of war. It is made from a rubber comb, and has in its surface a Confederate flag. The stripes are little blocks of pearl and the staff and stars are of silver. Under the flag is an inscribed heart.—New York Times.

### Recalls Guitau's Case.

Robert H. Humphreys, better known as "Bob" Humphreys, died in St. Louis recently. He hunched but one month of being fifty-five years old and was never sick before in his life until stricken down with paralysis of the spinal chord. For the past fifteen years he has made all the ropes used for hanging in St. Louis and the surrounding country and superintended most of the executions. He made the rope with which Guitau, who killed President Garfield, was hanged, and was also the manufacturer of the ropes which sent Maxwell and other noted murderers into eternity. Humphreys' death recalls the case of Guitau on all connected with his execution.

A 110-ton gun can fire two shots a minute, each discharge costing \$1,200.

Consumption is more prevalent in Ireland than in either England or Wales.

Nearly fifty per cent. of the property of England is insured.

### Held by a Brittle Thread.

Men plan and work for the future with the confident expectation of enjoying the results of their labor.

It is passing strange—this confidence men feel in themselves and their work. They look around them and see sudden and continuous changes in the status of everything animate and inanimate. And yet the average man says to himself that he is an exception to the rule, and that his secure hold upon his life, his faculties and his property makes it safe for him to risk the uncertainty of the next day or the next year.

This is folly. Men hold everything by a brittle thread, liable to be snapped at any time without a moment's warning.

Many years ago an eloquent orator in the southwest was addressing an enthusiastic meeting. Suddenly he paused, and put his hand to his forehead in a dazed way. Then after a painful silence he said: "My friends, the Lord has wiped out my mind as with a sponge!"

The tears streamed down his face as he walked from the platform, a helpless imbecile with his proud intellect shattered forever.

### This Incident has been recalled by the sad experience of Judge West, of Ohio, at Pittsburg, the other day. The venerable judge has long been known as the eloquent blind orator. When he opened his Pittsburg speech there was nothing to warn him or others of what was coming. He uttered a few words, and sat down in despair. His memory in an instant completely deserted him, and left his mind a perfect blank. He found himself unable to frame a sentence bearing upon the question he had attempted to discuss.

### In the case of Judge West this sudden mental collapse is attributed to a strain upon his faculties caused by a family affliction and hard brain-work. But the explanation is of slight interest. The appalling part of it is that just such a lightning-like disaster may befall any man at any time. The strong man holds life, limb, property and faculties by the merest thread. He laughs at the tottering infant, but he is every bit as helpless. He schemes and builds for tomorrow, when the next moment may see him a lump of clay, a pauper or an idiot. "What fools these mortals be!"

### An Ancient Pensioner.

The Chicago Pension office has on its rolls the oldest pensioner in the United States. He is one hundred and three years of age and was a sailor of the navy of 1812. Drawing a Government pension always promotes longevity. In the natural order of things death should reduce the number of pensioners on the rolls of the Pension Bureau. Instead of that they are constantly increasing, and about all of the old soldiers bid fair to live longer than the veteran sailor.

### The visitors who attend the Southern Exposition will have the pleasure of seeing Uncle Jeremiah Rusk, the practical Secretary of Agriculture for the United States. He has consented to be present during the Exposition and deliver an address. Every one in the South has heard of Uncle Jeremiah and the seeds he sends out, and they have become so fond of him that they know him almost as well as they do neighbor Jones.

In Persia the Shah has government embazlers boiled to death in water. A man was so executed a few days ago. In America, for the same offense, we "roast" the man in the newspapers and boast of our civilization.

The sun gives 600,000 times the light that the full moon does.

### What a Jelly-Cake Did.

We read an amusing account in the New York Advertiser of what that paper styles a jelly-cake war, at Springfield, Ill. The account goes on to state, upon its advices, that a boot and shoe firm offered a five-hundred-dollar piano as a special premium for the best jelly cake, and 600 Sangamon County women entered cakes in the contest.

After sitting on the jelly cakes—in a strictly judicial sense, of course—the Committee, with an injudiciousness which could only have been superinduced by indigestion, awarded the piano to Mrs. Sam Willet, whose cake was chiefly composed of angels' food, and, therefore, open to the charge of not being strictly in the jelly-cake class. But what did the Committee, full of jelly and angel cake, know or care about this? The angel cake, with its layers of jelly alternating from turret to foundation stone, so to speak, was fair to look upon, and the Committee fell a victim to its wiles. The 699 women who had constructed real jelly cakes were loud in their protest. They denounced the angel-food cake, despite its celestial name, as a deceitful and devilish device. One lady, well up on topics of the track, denounced it as a "ringer," and entered, with the others, a formal protest against the decision of the Jelly Cake Committee, the members of which had by this time won the title of the "Jelly-headed Jays."

Thus the matter rests, if the word "rests" is not wholly out of place in describing a situation where excitement and unrest hold sway from one end of Sangamon County to the other. The whole country is being scoured for expert evidence as to what constitutes a jelly cake. Delmonico's testimony has been sought by telegraph, and as it has a leaning toward the Mrs. Sam Willet cake, some Springfield man may again be obliged to call out the troops.

Don't shake a hornet's nest to see if any of the family are at home. Don't try to take the right of way from an express train at a railway crossing. Don't go near a draft; if a draft comes towards you, run away; a slight draft is the most dangerous. Don't blow in the gun your grandfather carried in the war of 1812; it is more dangerous now than it was then. Don't hold a wasp by the other end while you thaw it out in front of a stove to see if it is alive. Don't try to persuade a bull dog to give up the yard of which he is in possession; possession to a dog is ten points of the law.

### Chicago To Ask For \$5,000,000.

As was anticipated at the time the Chicagoans so confidently promised to furnish the money for the World's Fair if Chicago were selected as the site, Congress is to be appealed to help the enterprise out of its pecuniary embarrassment. The fair commissioners have indorsed the action of the exposition company in deciding to apply to Congress for a "loan" of \$5,000,000. The "loan" in all probability, will finally assume the form of a gift, as the country is now fully committed to the fair Congress may be expected not to be too exacting as to the character of the appropriation. Its amount will depend upon the size of the treasury surplus, if any surplus remains when action comes to be taken.

### Sound Talk.

The Reform Press and the apostles of the new crusade have been teaching the people that the currency has been so contracted that the per capita circulation is not in excess of \$5. And now comes along the Secretary of the Treasury and shows that it is over \$23—greater than ever before in the history of the country. The conductors of the Reform Press and the apostles of the new crusade know about as much about finance as they do about farming.—Statesville Landmark.

The Chilean silver brought from Montevideo by the steamship Moselle, consigned by ex-President Balmaceda to various firms in England, was delivered to the Bank of England, where it will remain by order of the courts until the legal questions which have arisen in connection with it have been decided.

The average weight of a man's skeleton is fourteen pounds.

### Out in the Cold.

The Legislature of Georgia having refused to accept the home for disabled confederate soldiers which the citizens of Atlanta had provided at a cost of \$100,000, the directors of that institution have determined to close its doors, and the poor old maimed veterans will have to stay out in the cold until another legislature meets. It is charged, with what truth we cannot say, that the members of the Georgia legislature refused to make the appropriation that would have been necessary to meet the running expenses of the home for disabled Confederates because they thought that their action would be criticised by some of the Alliance leaders in the Northwest. If this is true, the spectacle is one which we never expected to see in the South,—a Southern legislature afraid to provide for a few maimed soldiers who fought for the South because they did not want to wound the feelings of the Northern soldiers in Kansas and other Northern and Western States on whom the government is spending more than \$100,000,000 a year in pensions. Whether this was the cause of the action of the Georgia legislature or whether they turned the old veterans out in cold on account of a sudden spasm of economy, it is very likely that the people of Georgia will send to the next legislature men of different views. The people of the North will despise the cowardice or the niggardliness of the Georgia legislature in this matter just as thoroughly as will the people of the South.—Morganton Herald.

### The Boy that Advertised.

About the year 1850, a rough looking, gawky country boy, who thought there was something better to do than plod along between the plow handles, left his home and in his home spun clothes wended his way to the city of Winchester, Va., and sought employment. He roughed it around a store for awhile, in the days when it was uncommon to ask people to buy and almost a sin to advertise one's business. The boy chafed under restraint and determined to do something for himself and in his own way. He scraped together a few dollars, rented a small room and placed in it such a stock of odds and ends, as his money would purchase. Everybody laughed and said the boy was crazy. But Charley did not stop to listen to the croakers—he rushed to the printing office, and caused the editor to elevate his spectacles and take the second look, when he demanded a half column space—then 1,000 posters and 5,000 dodgers. But he got them and turned them loose, and he went back to his store and began business, first with an auction every night—later on day and night, and the printer was kept busy till Charley Roush was heard of and known everywhere as the man who was almost giving goods away. For years this business went on, increasing and prospering, till the young man made a fortune.

Last year the Winchester papers had a glowing account of the banquet given by the city dignitaries in honor of their visitor, "Charley Roush, a New York millionaire, who had done so much for the upbuilding of their city."

This was the boy that advertised.—Greensboro Patriot.

Don't Hurry the Funerals.

A current item states that street cars in Mexico are used for funerals. If the plan should be adopted in Boston to-day and the Tremont street lines brought into requisition, the departed would have time to become reincarnated before the cemetery was reached.—Boston News.

### Vote-Buying Schemes.

The tariff is nothing in the world but a stupendous and all-conquering bribe: ditto pensions, ship subsidies and the various forms of financial legislation enacted from time to time as the behest of Wall street.—Fort Worth Gazette.

### A Sweetened Tax on Sugar.

Sugar is supposed to have been made free, but the bounty the American people are likely to be called upon to pay during the present year for encouraging its production will amount to between twelve and fifteen million dollars. If they are not taxed in one way they will be in another.—New York News.