

SNAKES' EGG HATCHING.

Tip on Reptile's Snout With Which It Breaks Its Way Out.

Because of the popular aversion to the serpent family there is a surprising amount of ignorance about even the simplest of snake habits.

It is doubtful if many correct answers could be given to the question whether snakes lay eggs or bear their young alive.

The European ring snake is closely allied to our common water snake and goes by the scientific name Tropidonotus natrix.

The eggs are laid in July or August in a soft bed of loam or decaying vegetation or in a heap of manure.

The young hatch in late summer or autumn. Before hatching they develop a sharp calcareous growth on the tip of the snout, known as the egg tooth.

At first the young live on insects and worms, but within a few weeks they are strong enough to attack and devour young frogs.

As soon as the apartment house was ready for occupancy the janitor placed a "rented" sign in several of the second and third story windows.

"What did you stick all those notices up for?" he asked. "Because the apartments are really rented," was the reply.

"That is all right in principle," said the agent, somewhat mollified, "but you didn't go about it in the right way."

"A pleasant little surprise for you," responded the lady. "You know, dear, you said this morning that we ought to study astronomy, and so I went to the bookseller's and bought everything I could on the subject."

"My dear," he then said slowly, his voice husky with emotion, "I never said we must study astronomy. I said we must study economy."

Bible at Fault.

Little Helen, who had but recently mastered her catechism, confessed her disappointment with it thus: "Now, I obey the Fifth Commandment and honor my papa and mamma, yet my days are not a bit longer in the land, for I'm put to bed every night at 7 o'clock, just the same."

Tickling, tight Coughs, can be surely and quickly loosened with a prescription Druggists are dispensing everywhere as Dr. Shoop's Cough Remedy.

A BUSINESS TEST.

Experience of a Man as a Guest at His Own Hotel.

Once upon a time, as the fairy story opens, there lived in Connecticut an old hotel man who seems to have been gifted with an insight into human nature to a degree seldom vouchsafed to mundane mortals.

So he announced a long trip, a journey abroad, proceeded to a barber shop, had his long beard removed and his hair cut short.

A few weeks' experience as a guest in his own hotel, was a revelation. With the head, the ruling power, supposed to be thousands of miles away, the employees, from the manager down, took on greater license, neglect and indifference.

The successful proprietor of experience will say that there was something radically at fault with the organization in this instance. Yet, if we grant all that, can or will any business stand such a test?

The Bachelors' Exchange. At a wedding breakfast the bachelors were called upon to give their reasons for remaining single.

"I am like the frog in the fable, who, though he loved the water, would not jump into the well because he could not jump out again."

"I am too selfish and honest enough to admit it." "I prefer, on the one hand, liberty, refreshing sleep, the opera, midnight suppers, quiet seclusion, dreams, cigars, a bank account and club to, on the other hand, disturbed rest, cold meat, baby linen, soothing sirup, rocking horses, bread pudding and empty pockets."

"I have a twin brother, and we have never had a secret from one another. He is married."—Atlanta Constitution.

It was at dinner and there had been chicken, of which the little daughter of the house had partaken with great freedom.

"I think you have had as much as is good for you, dear," replied Frances' mamma. "You can't have more now, but here is a wishbone that you and mamma can pull. That will be fun! You pull one side, and I'll pull the other, and whoever gets the longer end can have her wish come true. Why, baby, you've got it! What was your wish, Frances?"

"I wish for some more chicken," said Frances promptly.

Did you know that in the temple of Actium the Greeks used to sacrifice annually an ox to the god of flies? Fact. At Rome a similar sacrifice was offered in the temple of Hercules Victor.

"What is that?" said his captor, expecting to hear a confession. "I had my hair out last night," said the prisoner in a dejected tone. "I might have saved that three-pence. It's just my luck."—London Mail.

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have the power to calm the most distressing Cough and to soothe and heal the most sensitive bronchial membrane. Mothers should, for safety's sake alone, always demand Dr. Shoop's.

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CABLEGRAMS.

How Messages Are Recorded by the Siphon Receiver.

Although an ocean cable is in fact a telegraph line, it is so differently constructed that the rules for working land lines are almost entirely dissimilar.

Keys which when pressed transmit positive and negative currents are employed at the sending station in connection with the regulation battery.

This greatly increases the force of the current used and serves to cut off interfering ground currents.

As there was no camera that could be used for this purpose, Mybridge placed twenty-four cameras side by side at the edge of a racing track, parallel with a wall facing the sun.

Revolutionary as this experiment was from a scientific point of view, the practicable results were anything but satisfactory.

Moths are really very beautiful little insects in spite of their dingy coloring. Somber though their hues may be, one has only to place a clothes moth under the microscope in order to perceive its beauty.

The Gulf Stream. The gulf stream, the great "river of the sea," flows from the gulf of Mexico (hence its name) through the Florida strait, along the eastern coast of the United States and is then deflected near the banks of Newfoundland diagonally across the Atlantic.

Balloons For the Dead. In his capacity of high priest the Chinese emperor has to offer at least forty-six sacrifices to different gods in the course of a year, and as to each sacrifice is dedicated one or more holidays, which must be passed by him in complete solitude.

Needless Expense. A prisoner was charged with felony at Bow street police court. On his way to the police station he became quite confidential with his captor and remarked:

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MOVING PICTURES.

The Idea on Which They Are Based Is Older Than Christianity.

Although it is true that the moving picture machines are of decidedly modern invention, the idea, or discovery, upon which motion photography is based is older than Christianity.

While the importance of this discovery is now recognized, it was the middle of the eighteenth century before further investigations were made along these lines.

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Women of a Dutch Village. The village women of Holland take special care to keep the tips of their white lace hoods stiff with starch, which is as necessary a perfection in their toilet as polished linen and spotless collars with ours.

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THE EASY CHAIR.

Reason For English Optimism Discovers at Last.

Only the Englishman knows the science of sitting down. He alone, declares a writer in the London Saturday Review, has evolved the chair which recovers for its student all the comfort that has been lost in the day.

Had Schopenhauer lived in England and been instructed in the art of sitting down he would have written dainty testimonials to the charm of human nature.

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MT. PLEASANT.

November 2.—The young ladies of Mont Amena Seminary had a Halloween party Saturday night, October 31, 1908.

We have been having plenty of rain and frost during the past week.

Miss Anna Foile gave a Halloween party to her friends last Saturday night, October 31. All present report a fine time.

A certain young man was invited to a Halloween party who had never been to one before and did not know anything about such a party, so he inquired of some of the other young men concerning the mode of the party.

Arthur Thomas, of Granite Quarry, visited his brother Sunday night.

Miss Beulah Lysterly visited her sister, at the seminary, Sunday night.

The empty houses belonging to the Kindley mill here are being occupied since the mill has begun more regular work.

There was a speaking in the auditorium here Saturday night, October 31, Mr. Gardner being the speaker. Mr. Gardner is a fine speaker and did much good for the cause of Democracy.

Late Saturday evening a man was driving into town, when a second man came out of the beef market and told him to stop and get out of his buggy, he did so and a little scratching and knocking took place.

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Mortgage Sale. Default having been made in the payment of the indebtedness to J. A. Miller secured by a certain mortgage deed of trust executed by D. W. Montgomery and wife, Fannie E. Montgomery, to B. B. Miller, trustee, on the 8th day of June, 1907, and duly registered in Book 81, page 184, of Rowan County Record of Mortgages, pursuant to the provisions of said mortgage the undersigned will sell at public sale to the highest bidder, for cash, at the court house door in Salisbury, North Carolina, on

Monday, the 7th day of December, 1908, at 12 o'clock M., the following property: Beginning at the East corner of the intersection of Shaver and Elm streets in the Great South Ward of the city of Salisbury, and running thence in a Southeasterly direction with Elm street 150 feet to a stake, thence in a Northeasterly direction parallel with Shaver street, and with the line of lot No. 38, 50 feet to a stake in line of lot No. 20, thence with the line of No. 20 and parallel with Elm street in a Northwesterly direction 150 feet to Shaver street, thence with Shaver in a Southwesterly direction 50 feet to the beginning; Same being lot No. 19 on Southern Life & Trust Company's map of property near National Cemetery, Salisbury, North Carolina. This the 2nd day of November, 1908. B. B. MILLER, trustee.

Monday, November the 16th, 1908, at 12 o'clock m., sell to the highest bidder for the city of Salisbury, the following described real estate, lying and being near Gay's chapel, in Franklin township, 7 miles from Salisbury, county of Rowan and bounded as follows: Beginning at a hickory 110 chains south of the beginning corner (a post oak) of the 104-acre tract in the subdivision of the Hillary Elliott estate, and running N. 85 W., 69.50 chains to a white oak; thence S. 23 1/2 W., 15.90 chains to a post oak; thence south 88 east, 7.75 chains to a maple in the branch; thence south 3 west, 18.28 chains to a black oak; thence north 70 1/2 east, 24.57 chains to a hickory; thence north 54 east, 5.50 chains to a dog wood; thence south 71 east, 7.50 chains to a pine, lower corner; thence south 28 east, 10 chains to a pine; thence north 41 1/2 east, 20.60 chains to the beginning, containing 132 acres, more or less, deed for which is registered in Book 72 page 270 in the Register's office of Rowan county.

This is a valuable tract of land in a good neighborhood, and title to the same is perfect, and whoever buys will get a court deed. The sale will be left open 10 days for a 10 per cent. bid, and the purchaser will be required to pay 10 per cent. of the purchase money on day of sale. This October 15, 1908. Bidding to begin at 81, 115 1/2. JAMES A. RITCHIE, Adm'r and Com'r., rural route No. 3, Salisbury, N. C. R. LEE WRIGHT, Att'y.

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Re Sale of Land.

Pursuant to a decree of the Superior Court of Rowan County rendered in the special proceeding entitled: "Jas. A. Ritchie, Adm'r of Peter A. Ritchie, et al vs. Wiley W. Ritchie, Daniel Peeler, Mary Peeler, W. Ernest Ritchie and others, authorizing, empowering and directing the undersigned, as commissioner and administrator to expose to public sale the land hereinafter described, at the Court House in the city of Salisbury, the undersigned will, on

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