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THE SERPENT THAT CHARMS.

Unlike Other Poisonous Reptiles, It Does Not Produce Immediate Death; But the Victim Lingers Along, It May be For Years.

There is a certain species of reptile found in all parts of the known world; its home is not so much in the jungles and wilderness, as one might suppose. This serpent frequents the haunts of men, showing by this that it is of a sociable character: cities, villages, and the sparsely populated neighborhood, each and all claim its attention.

Its form is often so beautiful that it becomes a household pet; it is flattered and caressed as much as the most honored guest. It is found among the first circles of society, dazzling all with its music, and alluring with its specious wiles the most unwary; the fairest forms, the purest characters are chosen to satisfy its craven and demoralized appetite. While it seeks out the homes of the honored and refined, and glides into the hearts of the most confiding, it is not the least partial in its choice of associates, for the haunts of the vicious are not unfrequently visited by this wiley serpent.

It certainly does "hiss" long and loud; but never until after it has struck its poisonous fangs to the utmost vital part. The very best physicians have failed to find an antidote for its venomous bite. Unlike other poisonous reptiles, it does not produce immediate death; but the victim lingers along, it may be for years. One is never free from the fear of receiving another attack from some unknown quarter. Although the reptiles are very numerous, and constantly venting their spite upon some one, yet they may be in one's own dwelling for years and not be recognized.

They have often been known to sting their best friends; even the hands that feed them are not always exempt. For thousands of years this species of serpent has been nurtured and cherished with almost unbounded admiration; but its affections are not bound to any one, and no laws of the land are strong enough to free us from this terrible scourge.

Would you see this serpent in its worst forms? Visit the knots of men that are gathered on the street corners. It is always there. If you wish to behold it in its elegance and beauty, go to the sewing circle, to the afternoon tea-party, to the evening social, and see what a smooth, soft voice it has, to attract attention. Ah! did you notice that sharp, forked tongue as it uttered that last beautiful phrased sentence, that closed sentence, that closed abruptly with, "but—I was going to tell something, but I guess I'll wait until another time."

The name of this serpent is slander. We hope it has no abiding place in the home of any of our readers.

Lip salve and court plaster ought to be good to patch up a lover's quarrel.

Probably even our population in nut worries for fear the government is going to the bow-wows.

If You Read This

It will be to learn that the leading medical writers and teachers of all the several schools of practice recommend, in the strongest terms possible, each and every ingredient entering into the composition of Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery for the cure of weak stomach, dyspepsia, catarrh of stomach, "liver complaint," torpid liver, or biliousness, chronic bowel affections, and all catarrhal diseases of whatever region, name or nature. It is also a specific remedy for all such chronic or long standing cases of catarrhal affections and their resultants, as bronchial, throat and lung disease (except consumption) accompanied with severe coughs. It is not so good for acute colds and coughs, but for lingering, or chronic cases it is especially efficacious in producing perfect cures. It contains Black Cherrybark, Golden Seal root, Bloodroot, Stone root, Mandrake root and Queen's root—all of which are highly praised as remedies for all the above mentioned affections by such eminent medical writers and teachers as Prof. Bartholow, of Jefferson Med. College; Prof. Hare, of the Univ. of Pa.; Prof. Finley Ellingwood, M. D., of Bennett Med. College, Chicago; Prof. John King, M. D., of Cincinnati; Prof. John M. Scudder, M. D., of Cincinnati; Prof. Edwin M. Hale, M. D., of Hahnemann Med. College, Chicago, and scores of others equally eminent in their several schools of practice.

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THE GOLDEN CITY.

From the days of St. John's Revelation
The marvelous story is told.
And down thro' the ages has come the song,
The song of the City of Gold.

To the innocent heart of the children,
To the toilers who tread neath earth's sun,
To the old who have fought out its problems,
To the dying whose journey is done,

Comes the dream of the mystical City,
With color and loveliness rife,
Iridescent its jewelled foundations,
Flower-bordered its River of Life.

And the streets of the City are golden,
And the sea as of crystal appears,
And the sound of the harpers is in it
And it knows not of sorrow or tears.

Like a mirage far out in the desert,
Like the fabric that fashions our dreams,
Like some many-hued mirrored reflection
The heavenly Jerusalem seems.

We grope 'mid the types and the shadows,
We fret at its veiling disguise;
But our hearts cannot grasp nor conceive it—
Its glory is hid from our eyes.

We catch but a note of the music,
A glimpse swiftly passing and faint,
A hint of its wondrous perfection,
Low whispered to seer and to saint.

Yet the glow of it shortens the journey,
And our feet tread more bravely the road
Which leads to the sorrowless City
Whose Builder and Maker is God.

And thus as a gift to the ages
The marvelous story flows on,
And heart of man rests on the vision
That illumined the eyes of St. John.

CHRISTIAN BURKE.

THE WAYWARD SON.

In the land of golden sunshine,
Down on the Southern shore,
There awaits a dear old mother
To see her son once more.

A year ago they parted
He to lead a gayer life,
Amid the scenes and pleasure,
Away from toil and strife.

His letters have been fewer,
His life is filled with joy;
But the mother's heart is broken,
How she loved her wayward boy!

Yestermorn he sent a message,
It read, "Expect me home,
For I'm coming, dear old mother,
Never more to roam."

So her sweet, old face is brighter,
And her eyes of heaven's blue
Are like they were in younger days,
And perhaps as winsome, too.

As she sees him coming
And hears the song of birds,
Her tender heart is much too full
Of love, beyond mere words.

She smiles and greets him gladly,
But his handsome face is sad,
And the mother longs to see the look
That long ago it had.

"I've come to you and daddy,
To stay forever, dear,
For my heart was with you always,
Although I was not near.

"I've been in trouble, mother,
And my sins are not a few;
But my heart is not too hard for love
For daddy or for you."

The mother kissed him fondly,
And a sad, sweet smile she wore,
"Remember, son, the One who said
'Go and sin no more.'

"If perhaps in other days
You go again to roam,
There's a mother waiting always
In your childhood's happy home."

BEYOND THE SHADOWS.

Blessed Are the Meek, For They Shall Inherit The Earth.

THERE seems to be a sort of speculative theology abroad which teaches that there is a time coming when all things except spiritual things will totally disappear, be consumed, dissolved, and the whole solar and sidereal system will collapse and that the entire physical universe will vanish, although sense, reason and revelation are opposed to it. There is indeed to be a new heaven and a new earth, wherein dwelleth righteousness, but this does not involve the destruction of the earth as a planet or in fact any of the planets. It will not be another, but the earth with the curse lifted, the same earth under new conditions. It is now under the dominion of Satan "the god of this world," the prince of the power of the air, "the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience. It is now the home of violence and oppression, of injustice and greed. It will then be under the rule of the "Wonderful Counsellor, the mighty God, the everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace. Of the increase of his government and peace there shall be no end, upon the throne of David and upon his Kingdom, to order it, and to establish it with judgment and with justice from henceforth even forever. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will perform this." Isa. 9:5-8.

When that primeval sentence, still outstanding, which called forth thorns and thistles from the soil accursed is removed, "The wilderness and the solitary place shall be glad—the desert shall rejoice and blossom as the rose—it shall blossom abundantly—the glory of Lebanon shall be given unto it—and an highway shall be there—and it shall be called the way of holiness—the unclean shall not pass over it—no lion shall be there, nor any ravenous beast go up thereon but the redeemed shall walk there, and the ransomed of the Lord shall return and come to Zion with songs and everlasting joy upon their heads; they shall obtain joy and gladness and sorrow and sighing shall flee away. Isa. 3:5.

And I, John, saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, Behold the tabernacle of God is with men, and he will dwell with them and they shall be his people and God himself shall be with them and be their God. And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes and there shall be no more death neither sorrow nor crying neither shall there be any more pain; for former things have passed away. Rev. 21:2-5. Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth. Matt. 5:5, see also Gen. 23; 11-16; John 1:51.—Word and Works.

Fast people are often slow to make friends.

It bankrupts no man to pay his respects.

QUEEREST MEN ON EARTH.

Wear No Clothes, While a Few Leaves Satisfy Their Women.

Earth's oddest and oldest race of men has been brought prominently into notice again through the wide special interest aroused by sending a long-lost Indian political [illegible] to the penal settlement on the Andaman Islands, that beautiful [illegible] archipelago in the Bay of Bengal. This remnant of this most primitive humanity [illegible] in evidence will soon be nothing but an ethnological memory, says a Calcutta Correspondent. Contact with advanced civilization has been followed, as usual, with a train of infectious diseases which are steadily thinning the ranks.

Owing to the ancient course of trade, the Andamanese have been known about from the earliest times. Ptolemy's Aguthou Daimonos Nesos probably preserves the misunderstanding of some term applied by sailors to a place in or near the modern Andamans. Notices of them by travelers, Asiatic and European, are continuous from the seventh century, and the islands regularly appear in some shape on maps of those regions from the Middle Ages down.

The Adamanese live in a Hesperides garden, where they toil not, neither do they spin. For the product of the spinner they have no use, as the men go stark naked and the women wear one or more leaves in front and a bunch of leaves tied round the waist behind.

The average height of the men is 58 inches; that of the women 54 inches.

They appear to dwell free from care in a country that is everywhere beautiful and varied.

In the ordinary attainments of human beings, however, unenlightened, the Andamanese are amazingly deficient. During all the ages of their intercourse by word of mouth they have not developed a medium worthy of the name of language. Before the arrival of the British the tribes, except actual neighbors, had no intercourse. Even clans of the same tribe found difficulty in the details of dialogue with one another. There is a change of jargon along about every twenty miles of the coast. They have no words for ordinary greetings, salutations, or expression of thanks.

Such language as they have, however, is exceedingly interesting from the philological point of view. It possesses a quality which would be invaluable were the Adamanese a business people. In their speech only what is absolutely necessary is usually expressed. These mites of humanity could do just as well probably without any words at all. They have an expressive sign language, which they employ almost as much as the spoken words. Their speech is jerky, disjointed, and helped out often by a grimace, a gesture, or a sudden change in tone.

The Adamanese know scarcely anything and has no desire to increase his stock of knowledge. He has never learned any sort of agriculture. Until the English taught him to keep dogs he did not know how to domesticate any animal or bird. He cannot count even with his fingers, and doesn't see the need of counting. All his ideas are hazy and inaccurate. On one point, however, he is levelheaded. He belongs to a race of fighters, knows it and will never attack unless certain of success.

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A Richmond lawyer was consulted not long since by a colored man who complained that another negro owed him $1, a debt which he obstinately refused to discharge. The creditor had dunned and dunned him, but all to no purpose. He had finally come to the lawyer in the hope that he would give him some good advice.

"What reason does he give for refusing to pay you?" asked the legal man.

"Why, boss," said the darkey, "he said he done owed me dat money for so long that de interest has eat it all up, an' he didn't owe me a cent."

GIVE YOUR BOY A CHANCE.

Did you live a hard life when you were a boy? Were you denied the common pleasures due every healthy boy and to which he is entitled? Then all the more reason why your own boy should be given those things by you. It may be that your spirit was not broken or dwarfed by such neglect and injustice, but your own boy may not possess the will power and courage that you did at his age and you should run no risk in denying him the healthy amusements denied you in your youth. Give the boys a fair proportion of the things that go to make them happy and they will work all the better and be all the better men in every way.

AN AUTUMN PRAYER.

In the quiet hours of the Sabbath it is a good time to pray the following prayer: Grant that these autumn days may be our harvest season, prayed Edwin Osgood Grover; that our lives may reap the fruitage of a well spent year. Let us be happy with the ecstacy of the ripening grain; happy in the harvest of our hopes, in the garner of sweet memories, in the ripening of true friendships, in the reaping of bounteous blessings of the buoyant spring and the brimming summer; happy in the knowledge of some little kindness done, some great good gained; happy in our new strength, our surer hope, our wider lives and loftier vision. Let these be our jubilant days, the days of our rejoicing.

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