

A NOTED BUT UNREVEALED WOMAN.
(From the Boston Globe)



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A BIG SNAKE STORY. The Philadelphia Times comes to the front with the very biggest snake story of the season. A Pennsylvania minister saw a snake between thirty and forty feet in length and as large as a man's body. His name is Rev. Alfred R. Rossiter. It was followed by a train of snakes. It lives in an abandoned colliery. We quote: "The monster moved very leisurely and stopped every few minutes to raise its head several feet above the ground and utter a peculiar whirring sound. As Mr. Rossiter was on the opposite side of the ravine and within three hundred yards of the snakes he had an excellent view of them. The snakes disappeared in the black mouth of the Mayflower tunnel, and the astonished witness drove here with all speed to tell his remarkable story. His hearers were inclined to be skeptical at first, but his manner was so earnest that an armed party, headed by Captain Daniel Derr, went to Carey's patch in search of evidence corroborative of Mr. Rossiter's statement. All their doubts vanished when they crossed the ravine below Carey's patch and in the mud found the trail of the huge reptile. The trail was a trifle over thirteen inches wide and the impress in the mud an inch deep. The hunters followed the trail of the serpent up to the mouth of the tunnel, where they held a caucus and decided to return to Minersville and send to Shenandoah for 'Rattlesnake Tom,' an old man who had for years earned a living by killing snakes for their oil. David W. Williams saw the serpent. His story is very wonderful, and without indoring it we copy a part of it. "The snake came out of a 'cave-in' above the mouth of the Mayflower tunnel and coiled itself on a little plateau near by. He says it is about thirty-five feet long, nearly two feet thick and covered with black, red and green scales, each of which is as large as the palm of a man's hand. Its head is adorned with a yellow crest and its eyes are large and fiery. When Williams first saw the snake he, for safety, clambered up Sugarman's old breaker, fifty yards away, and from that structure looked down on the monster. Its head was held erect, and Williams insists that its hissing could have been heard a quarter of a mile. A few minutes after the big snake made its appearance a perfect ball of rattlesnakes came rolling out of the tunnel. This strange ball was composed of some thirty or forty rattlers, each measuring from three to five feet in length, and so twisted and twined and locked together that it appeared as though they would never be able to separate themselves. They got apart, however, with remarkable celerity and quickly ranged themselves in a twenty-foot circle, in the centre of which, with head erect, glaring eyes and rising crest, was coiled the 'king snake,' as people here call it. The perfect silence which lasted a moment or two after the circle was formed was broken by a rattling chorus, in which every tail was used vigorously. This strange music had a wonderful effect on the king snake. Its eyes became frightfully enlarged, the yellow crest swelled to double its former size, while its head and that portion of the body that was upright swayed to and fro in perfect time with the rattling. The most remarkable thing was that every snake stopped rattling at the same instant.

RELIGIOUS MISCELLANY.

The Methodist Church is not careful of 'days and new moons.' Dr. Kelley, in announcing Dr. Sumner's death, said it was on Ascension Day. Bishop Keener proceeded, as 'an appropriate subject,' to preach on the Ascension. It was not even the week of Ascension!—Richmond Advocate.

—Be attentive to strangers. If you are settled in a church, keep a supply of hymn-books and Bibles, and hand them to those who are strangers. Extend your hand to the stranger at the close of the service. Invite him to come again and occupy your pew. Offer to make him acquainted with your pastor. It is no excuse for you to say 'that you do not know him.' That is the very reason for speaking to him in church.—Richmond Christian Advocate.

—Bishop Green, of Mississippi, who has been presiding over a council of the Episcopal Church at Vicksburg, is eighty-four years old and has been a preacher for sixty-two years. He is now and has been for thirteen years past the Chancellor of the University of the South, and is the sole survivor of the ten Southern Bishops who founded that institution in 1830. His mental faculties are still remarkably vigorous and active for one of his age.

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—Let us not be too hard upon the semi-barbarous Russian peasantry. It is not very long historically, since the Congregationalists, the progenitors of the Advance and the Christian Union, tied a Quaker lady to the cross by the neck of her dress through the streets of Boston, her agonized husband trying to interpose himself between her bleeding back and the executioner's lash. The forefathers of the Advance and Christian Union also compelled the Baptists to hold their close-communication in secret, and padlocked a church which they had surreptitiously built.—Interior.

—Rev. Dr. William J. Broadus, an old Baptist parson, famous in Virginia, once visited a plantation where the darkey who met him at the gate asked him which horn he would have his horse put in. "Have you two horns?" asked the doctor. "Yes, sah," replied the darkey, "dars ole barn, and Mars Wales has jes build a new one." "Where do you usually put the horse of clergymen who come to see your master?" "Well, sah, if dey's Methodist or Baptist, we gen'ally put 'em in de ole barn, but if dey's 'Piscopals we puts 'em in de new one." "Well, sah, you can put my horse in the new barn in a Baptist, but my horse is an Episcopalian."

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Summer Complaints

At this season, various diseases of the bowels are prevalent, and many lives are lost through lack of knowledge of a safe and sure remedy. PERRY DAVIS' PAIN KILLER is a sure cure for Diarrhoea, Dysentery, Cholera, Cholera Morbus, Summer Complaint, etc., and is perfectly safe.

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